



**FTA QUARTERLY REVIEW
BRIEFING BOOK**

March 30, 2001

Submitted By:

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AGENDA

FTA NEW STARTS PROJECTS QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Tuesday, June 12, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.

Union Station Conference Room - 3rd Floor

MEETING

PRESENTER

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III. OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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V. PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

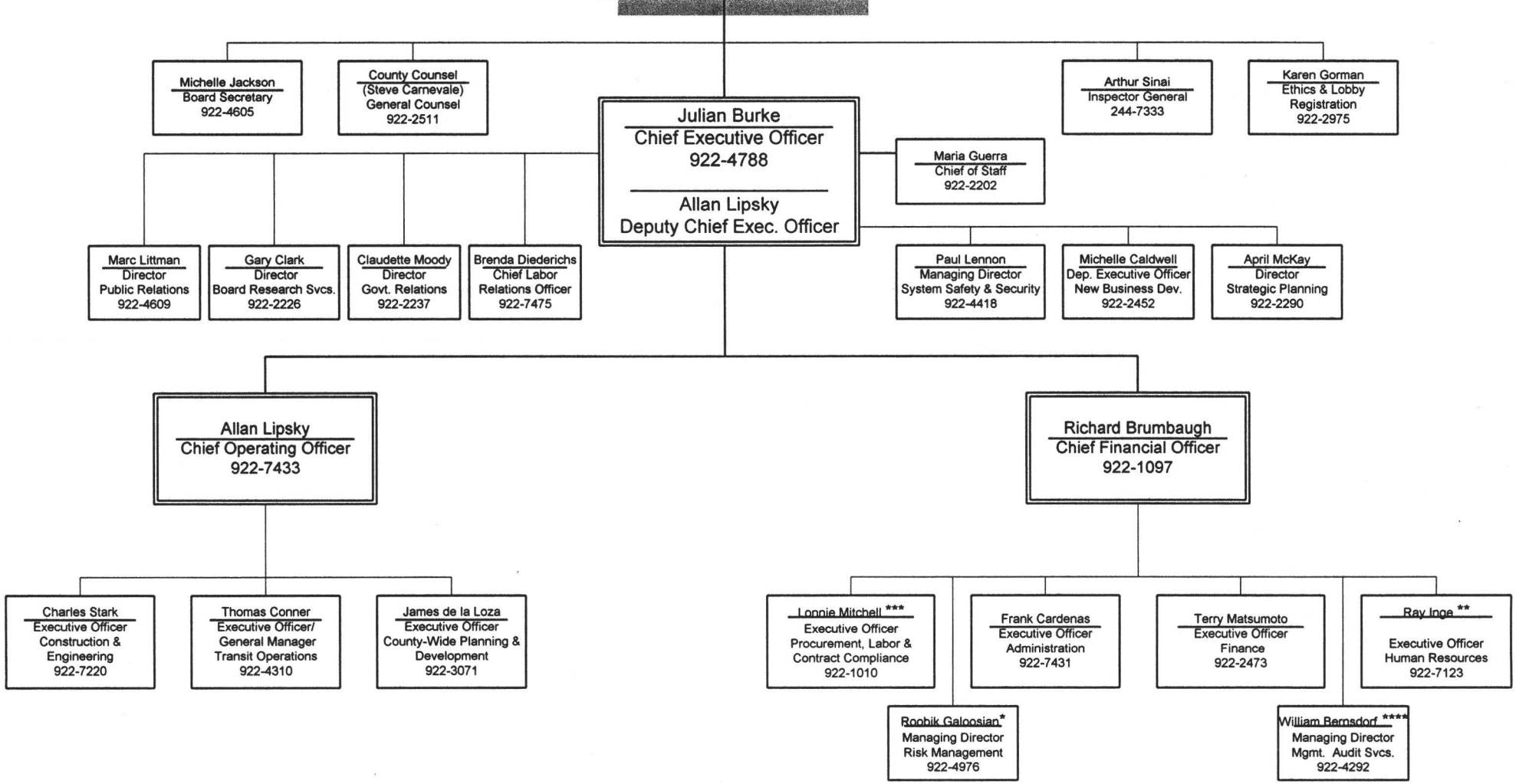
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Wednesday, August 15, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.

Gateway Conference Room - 3rd Floor

LACMTA MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION CHART

MTA
Board of Directors



Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Management Organization Chart
as of April 1, 2001
Published by Human Resources Dept
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Key:
* Acting or Interim
** Affirmative Action Officer reports directly to the Office of the CEO.
*** Labor and Contract Compliance Officer reports directly to the Office of the CEO.
**** Internal Audit reports directly to the Office of the CEO.



**2000-01 LEGISLATIVE
MATRIX**

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
2001/02 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
as of April 16, 2001**

	LOCAL	
PROPOSALS/ACTIONS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
L.A. City Council Motion – Chandler Boulevard	On February 14, 2001, Los Angeles City Councilmember Joel Wachs introduced a motion urging the MTA to consider Oxnard Street as the preferred choice for future east-west mass transit in lieu of Chandler Boulevard.	Referred to City Transportation Committee. No specific date set, although deliberations could be as early as mid-April.
San Fernando Valley Transportation Zone	On August 26, 1998, the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion to explore the feasibility of creating a transportation zone in the San Fernando Valley.	<p>On December 12, 2000, the Los Angeles City Council approved the extension of the San Fernando Valley Interim Joint Powers Authority (IJPA) from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2001.</p> <p>On February 14, 2001, the Los Angeles City Council approved a LADOT report which includes the IJPA report stating that a transportation zone in the valley remains feasible.</p> <p>On March 5, 2001, the IJPA approved an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to complete the zone application process. The MTA will provide \$100,000 to fund the application and the City of Los Angeles and SCAG will fund the \$150,000 balance.</p>

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<p>Interim West San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone</p>	<p>In March 2001, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments recommended a nine-city area and unincorporated communities still served by the MTA, to approve a joint powers agreement for the Interim West San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone. The cities and the County are being asked to provide \$150,000, out of a total \$400,000, to help fund phase 2 of a study to evaluate the feasibility of the zone. The balance of the funding will be provided by the COG.</p>	<p>On Tuesday, April 3, the City of San Gabriel voted to approve the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and provide funding for the Interim West San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone. The City of South Pasadena voted approval on Wednesday, April 4. Monterey Park, Pasadena and Sierra Madre have previously voted approval, and Rosemead voted to receive and file the matter. Montebello and San Marino are scheduled to consider the JPA later in the month. The City of Alhambra and County of Los Angeles have not scheduled the dates when this will be discussed.</p>
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STATE ASSEMBLY

BILL/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	MTA POSITION	STATUS
<p>AB 33 (Romero)</p> <p>Re-introduced by Author as SB 1195.</p>	<p>Creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Labor Relations Trust Fund in the State Treasury upon receiving notice of a strike or lockout. Any funding for MTA's programs, projects and services during a work stoppage would need to be approved by the State Auditor.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>03/05/01 Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Labor and Employment.</p>
<p>AB 629 (Oropeza)</p>	<p>This is a spot bill that makes declarative statements about the MTA relating to governance, responsibility, operational priorities, and traffic congestion in Los Angeles County.</p>	<p>Neutral-Work with Author, unless amended to conflict with previously adopted policies.</p>	<p>02/22/01 Introduced</p>
<p>AB 630 (Oropeza)</p>	<p>This is a spot bill relating to MTA calling on the agency to achieve optimal transport service for the movement of goods and people on a countywide basis.</p>	<p>Neutral-Work with Author, unless amended to conflict with previously adopted policies.</p>	<p>03/08/01 To Assembly Committee on Transportation. Hearing is set for 04/30/01.</p>
<p>AB 974 (Calderon)</p>	<p>Measure sponsored by municipal operators in Los Angeles County and addresses funding allocations by the MTA. This bill was introduced last year as AB 2643.</p>	<p>No position taken. Staff was directed to negotiate with the municipal operators for 30 days on this funding issue and report back at the April Board meeting.</p>	<p>03/12/01 To Assembly Committee on Transportation.</p> <p>Consideration deferred by author, pending progress of a local resolution.</p>

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AB 1039 (Oropeza)	This bill would remove the \$1million cap in TDA funds that SCAG receives from the county transportation commissions.	Oppose	03/12/01 To Assembly Committee on Transportation. Pulled by author, 2 year bill.
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STATE SENATE

BILL/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	MTA POSITION	STATUS
SB 18 (Alarcon) LA 01/29/01	Changes the composition of the MTA Board of Directors to provide that six of the 13-member board be directly elected.	Oppose	01/29/01 Read on Senate Floor and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Transportation. Hearing is set for 04/17/01. 04/06/01 Pulled by author.
SB 618 (Margett)	This bill repeals the authority of Caltrans to rank soundwall projects.	Work with Author, unless bill is not amended to reflect previously adopted policies.	03/07/01 To Senate Committee on Transportation.
SB 651 (Margett)	This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in statute relating to the structure of the MTA Board.	Neutral-Work with Author, unless amended to conflict with previously adopted policies.	03/07/01 To Senate Committee on Rules.
SB 1195 (Romero)	Creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Labor Relations Trust Fund in the State Treasury upon receiving notice of a strike or lockout. Any funding for MTA's programs, projects and services during a work stoppage would need to be approved by the State Auditor.	Oppose-Based on MTA Board prior opposition to identical bill AB 33.	03/27/01 to Senate Transportation Committee. Hearing is set for 04/17/01. 04/10/01 Pulled by author.

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FEDERAL

BILLS/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
FY 2001 TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS		
FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Request	<p>The MTA has submitted the following FY 2002 Appropriations request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50.1 million in Section 5309 New Starts Discretionary Funding; • \$11.9 million in Section 5309 New Starts – Discretionary Funding for the Eastside and Mid-City Transit Corridors; • \$10 million in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Related Discretionary Funding (<i>The MTA is requesting that \$3.5 million be appropriated for Metro Rapid Bus Stations and \$6.5 million be appropriated for the procurement of Metro Rapid Buses and to enhance the Bus Signal Priority System.</i>); • \$1 million in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Funding; • \$2 million in Reverse Commute/Jobs Access Program Funding. 	<p>MTA staff will submit testimony to the House Appropriations Committee by March 29, 2001 and to the Senate Appropriations Committee before April 6, 2001.</p> <p>MTA staff has submitted testimony.</p>

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KEY LEGAL ACTIONS



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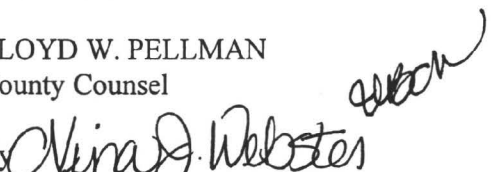
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Very truly yours,

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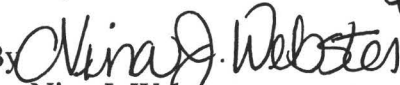
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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
 Status of Key Legal Actions Related to Federally Funded MTA Projects
 Date as of March 31, 2001

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER	GRANT NUMBER	NARRATIVE	CASE STATUS
Beauchamp, Larry, et al. v. LACMTA, et al.	CV 8 0402 CNB (BQRx)	ALL	Plaintiffs, disabled bus patrons, allege MTA and its contractor, Ryder/ATE, violated the ADA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act by failing to maintain bus wheelchair lifts and related equipment. Plaintiffs seek damages and an injunction requiring full and equal access.	The court ordered the injunctive relief agreed to by MTA and plaintiffs. Damage claims of individual plaintiffs pending resolution.
Engineering Management Consultant ("EMC") v. MTA	BC207617	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642 and CA-90-X575, CA-03-0392	Breach of contract case. EMC, the designer for the subway system, is suing MTA alleging breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and requesting declaratory relief on certain contract issues. MTA cross-complained for, among other things, breach of contract by EMC.	Complaint served 03/25/99. Currently in Discovery. Cross-complaint filed 5/99. Status conference 09/11/01. Trial Date set for 01/28/02.
Gerlinger (MTA) v. Parsons Dillingham	BC150298, etc.	MOS-1 and CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642	Qui Tam action. Concerns allegations of overbilling by MTA's construction Manager, Parsons-Dillingham ("PD"). County Counsel joined as prosecuting Authority for MTA. MTA has also filed its own lawsuit (BC 179027) against PD for breach of contract, fraud and accounting.	Pending Discovery; Final status conference 04/09/01; Trial date set 05/07/01
MTA v. Parson Dillingham	BC179027	MOS-1 and CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642	In a related case, MTA filed suit against Parsons Dillingham for fraud and breach of contract in the performance of construction management services.	

Flores v. Access Service Inc., MTA, <u>et al.</u>	CV00-12188	ALL	Western Law Center for Disability Rights filed suit against Access Services Inc., the paratransit provider in Los Angeles County, alleging failure to provide comparable paratransit service in violation of the ADA. Previously Plaintiffs filed similar claims with FTA's OCR and OCR found no violation of the ADA.	Discovery
Gonzalez, <u>et al.</u> v. MTA, et al.	CV96-2785JMI	ALL	<p>Plaintiffs. MTA employees allege that the MTA Drug Policy's designation of their positions, pursuant to FTA Regulations, as safety sensitive subject to random testing, violates the US and CA Constitutions. On a motion by the MTA, the District Court dismissed the case, holding random testing of safety sensitive employees was constitutional. The 9th Circuit reversed and remanded the case for further action concluding that more information was necessary before a determination could be made as to whether the FTA Regulations had properly classified the positions. Since Plaintiffs' allegations shifted from a challenge to the MTA's Policy to a challenge to the underlying FTA Regulations, the FTA and DOT were joined as parties.</p>	Summary Judgment motions to be heard 04/23/01.
Gonzalez, <u>et al.</u> v. MTA, et al.	CV97-5833JMI	ALL	<p>In a second action, Plaintiff alleges she was discriminated and retaliated against and constructively discharged in violation of Title VII and the ADA because the MTA did not accommodate her religious beliefs and her disability, that she not be subjected to random drug testing. The MTA filed a motion to dismiss asserting, among other defenses, that the doctrine of res judicata barred the action. The District Court agreed and dismissed the action. Plaintiff appealed. Since this case had been dismissed pursuant the doctrine of res judicata, which no longer applies since the first case was remanded, parties agreed it also should be remanded and the District Court should consider the MTA's other grounds for dismissal. The Ninth Circuit agreed and remanded this case to District Court.</p>	MTA Motion to Dismiss granted 12/04/00. Plaintiffs appealed; Plaintiff's brief due 04/16/01.

Hanneken v. MTA;	BC116625	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642;	<p>These cases involve owners, merchants and tenants who claimed damages caused by MTA construction. All of the property owners in the Hollywood area where the most significant subsidence occurred (6500 Block) have been settled by the MTA's insurance carrier. The remaining cases are being negotiated by the MTA's insurance carrier. Runyon Canyon property owners (<u>Weber</u>) claim a diminution in property values because of the presence of the Red Line Tunnels beneath their properties. The Hollywood Edgemont cases have settled or been dismissed. Nhut Dang case have either been settled or defense verdicts obtained; Universal Hyundai cases have been settled or dismissed with the exception of 6 (car dealerships that will be arbitrated in 2001.)</p>	Partially Settled.
Universal Hyundai v. MTA;	BC142385	CA-90-X575, CA-03-0392;		
Nhut Dang v. MTA;	BC153683	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642;		
Hollywood Edgemont v. MTA;	BC148113	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642;		
Weber v. MTA	BC163711	CA-90-X575, CA-03-0392		
Labor/Community Strategy Center v. MTA	CV94-5936TJH	ALL	<p>On October 28, 1996, Federal Judge Terry Hatter approved a Consent Decree reached between the Authority and the class action plaintiffs. The Consent Decree provides for the Authority to: (i) reduce its load factor targets (i.e. the number of people who stand on the bus), (ii) expand bus service improvements by making available a net of 102 additional buses, (iii) implement a pilot project, followed by a Five Year Plan, to facilitate access to County-wide jobs, education and health centers, (iv) not increase cash fares for two years and pass fares for three years beginning December 1, 1996, after which the Authority may raise fares subject to certain conditions of the Consent Decree and (v) introduce a weekly pass and an off-peak discount fare on selected lines.</p>	<p>SETTLED. Parties in dispute over MTA's load factor compliance. MTA has obtained a stay and appealed district court order re load factor compliance to immediately obtain 248 buses on temporary basis. Oral argument heard May 2, 2000. Awaiting decision of 9th Circuit.</p>

LACMTA v. Neoplan	BC232584	ALL	MTA filed suit in June, 2000 against Neoplan, Cummins Engine Co., Cummins Distributing, Inc., et al. alleging breach of contract, negligence, etc. arising out of deficiencies in over 600 buses supplied to MTA since 1995. The deficiencies have occurred in the series 4500, 4700, 6300 and 6700 buses. Deficiencies principally involve the power train. Defendants requested and obtained a change of venue to Orange County, California.	Discovery
MTA v. Argonaut; Argonaut v. MTA	BC171636 BC156601	MOS-1, CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642, CA- 90-X575, CA-03- 0392	MTA is in litigation with its carrier to determine the number of deductibles owed for Argonaut's insurance coverage on the Red Line Project. MTA alleges bad faith by Argonaut in administering MTA's insurance coverage on the Red Line.	First phase of the trial set for October 2001.
Obayashi v. MTA	EC024692	CA-90-X575, CA- 03-0392	Obayashi, contractor for the Red Line tunnel between Universal City and North Hollywood stations, claims breach of contract for work performed on contract C331. MTA has cross complained alleging breach of contract and violation of False Claims Act.	Discovery Stage; Trial date vacated
Tutor-Saliba-Perini v. MTA	BC123559 BC132998	CA-03-0341, CA-90-X642	These cases have been brought by Tutor-Saliba-Perini, the prime contractor for construction of the Normandie and Western stations, against the MTA for breach of contract. MTA has cross-complained against Tutor-Saliba for several causes of action including false claims.	Trial 05/14/01

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
QUARTERLY REPORT**

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April 19, 2001

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RE: MTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION QUARTERLY REPORT

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The following is a summary status report and discussion of efforts to control the workers' compensation costs at the MTA in the third quarter of fiscal year 2001.

DISCUSSION

Average monthly new claims (230) were higher than the previous quarter (183) but lower than the same period last year (241). Significantly, the percentage of claims that involve lost time decreased to 58% from 68% last quarter and 73% for the same period last year.

Average monthly payments decreased by 3% from last quarter. Although medical payments increased indemnity payments, benefits paid to the injured workers, decreased by 11% from last quarter and 3% from same period last year.

Breakdown of Indemnity, Medical and Expense Payments

Average Monthly Payments (thousands)	December through February 01	September through November 00	December through February 00
Indemnity	\$ 1,925	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,990
Medical	1609	1,531	1,453
Allocated expenses	719	670	627
Total	\$ 4,253	\$ 4,371	\$ 4,070

The number of employees out on temporary disability decreased to 419, from 434 reported last quarter—a decrease of 3.5%. The Transitional Duty Program (TDP) is designed to expedite return-to-work on a modified duty basis. TDP was implemented in January 1999 and since then 1,099 employees have participated in the program. Of those, 655 have returned to their normal duties. TDP participants are returning to normal duties 47% faster than anticipated by their treating physicians. As of February 28, 2001, temporary disability savings totaled \$2,138,789. A significant number of employees (40%) return to long-term leave from TDP. We are re-evaluating the program to find ways to reduce that number.

Recognition Programs

As reported previously, Bus Operations Maintenance Division 3 had a lost time-free 4th quarter in fiscal year 2000. On February 1, Risk Management presented a plaque to Maintenance Manager Milo Victoria to mark the achievement and transformed the maintenance garage into a banquet hall with a Bar-B-Cue meal for all employees.

On March 31, at the second annual recognition banquet we recognized bus and train operators and mechanics whose records qualify them as “best of the best”. To qualify, these employees must meet stringent criteria including safe work habits and excellent customer service. 40 bus operators, 7 train operators and 5 mechanics received awards ranging from specially designed jackets and recognition plaques to gift certificates for repeat qualifiers.

Self-insured claims

The number of open self-insured claims decreased to 2,386. Last quarter we reported that PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) conducted an independent audit of Travelers' claims handling practices. PwC identified opportunities for improvements and recommended that the MTA and Travelers enhance their coordinated claims management activities. We have analyzed their recommendations and are working with Travelers to implement them. Some of the significant areas identified for improvement include:

- Medical management, including methods to increase utilization of the physician network;
- Disability management, including utilizing the transitional duty program;
- Litigation management, including methods to reduce litigation and the control of defense costs;
- Reserve reviews to determine if any component of a claim has been resolved so that the case reserves can be reduced where appropriate.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Travelers SIU has 8 investigators assigned to MTA. These investigators receive referrals from the Claims Department, MTA personnel, or through their own methods of profiling of potential fraudulent claimants and vendors. The investigations may result in fraud referrals to the local District Attorney for criminal prosecution, denial of claim, or validating the alleged injury.

In the months of December 2000 through February 2001, SIU received a total of 137 referrals. 54 referrals were to determine whether the injuries were arising out of employment or in the course of employment to determine compensability. 83 were for surveillance, activity checks, or in response to courtesy calls to check extent of claimants' injuries. Of the 83 referrals for surveillance, 25 were on self-insured files.

Since September 1998, SIU has received a total of 1,167 referrals. 463 of these were to determine whether the injuries were arising out of employment or in the course of employment to determine compensability. The remaining 704 were for surveillance, activity checks, or in response to courtesy calls to check extent of claimants' injuries.

To date, 13 cases have been referred to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution. Of these, 2 cases were rejected, 2 were prosecuted and 9 are still pending. SIU is also investigating 11 medical providers, 1 pharmacy, 2 chiropractors and 2 attorneys for possible fraud referrals to the District Attorney.

In January, a bus operator was terminated for "gross misconduct" following an investigation by Travelers that revealed the employee had perjured himself in a deposition regarding his ability to work following his industrial injury.

On March 9, the LAPD Transit Group detectives arrested and booked a bus operator for eight counts of felony Workers' Compensation Fraud and one count of filing a false police report. This was the end result of an investigation starting in late December of 2000 concerning an alleged robbery at gunpoint. Travelers assisted the detectives in the filing at the District Attorney's office.

Agency-wide Focus

Last quarter, we reported that Transit Operations, Systems Safety, Risk Management and Labor Relations with oversight provided by the Office of the CEO, have developed a comprehensive action plan to address workers compensation at the agency. The plan aggressively attacks workers compensation issues from all possible avenues.

The four major goals of the plan are the following:

1. Improve work place safety
2. Reduce the number of new injuries
3. Reduce time lost as a result of injuries and,
4. Reduce the cost of claims.

The plan establishes performance goals for each operating unit with specific goals for reducing injuries, lost days, traffic accidents and the associated costs.

We have begun implementation of the plan and will eventually hire a safety consultant to assist us to reach our goals. We will update you on progress toward meeting the goals each quarter as part of this report.

Workers' Compensation Coverage Renewal

The Travelers program will expire on August 31, 2001. Aon Risk Services is marketing the coverage for the period beginning September 1, 2001. After receiving quotes in April, the proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the qualifications of the firms, proposed services and premiums. We will analyze the cost/benefit of the best insurance proposals compared to a self-insured program.

On a parallel track, an RFP has been issued for claims administration services to prepare for the possibility of returning to self-insurance. Staff will make a recommendation to the Board in July for the new program.



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**ADVANCED LAND
ACQUISITION PROGRAM**



**ADVANCED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM (ALAP) PARCELS
METRO RAIL PROJECT - MOS-2 and MOS-3
CA-90-0022**

STATUS REPORT AS OF 3/31/01

**Parcel A1-250/Wilshire Vermont Station
Wilshire/Western Station**

Staff issued a joint MTA/CRA RFP for development of Wilshire/Western. Staff also issued an RFP for an independent joint development of Wilshire/Vermont. Submittals were received on Wilshire/Western and are presently being reviewed. Staff anticipates recommending to the Board to pursue an Exclusive Negotiations Agreement with one of the respondents. The Wilshire/Vermont RFP was cancelled and a new RFP will be issued very soon. The new RFP will require that all submittals incorporate a middle school. Respondents have the alternative to propose building the middle school on an alternative site, if they control that site.

B-102 and B-103 - Temple Beaudry

A scope of work is being prepared for the Programming and Design Phase of the new cash counting facility. A Request for Proposals will be issued during the 3rd or 4th quarter of FY01 for the Programming and Design phase portion of the project.

A1-300 and A2-301 - Wilshire/Crenshaw

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/EIR) for the Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor Study is currently being prepared. The DEIS/EIR is evaluating an exclusive bus lane along Wilshire Boulevard between the Wilshire/Western Metro Red Line Station and downtown Santa Monica. The bus rapid transit project could include a transit station and public parking at Wilshire/Crenshaw. The results of the DEIS/EIR are scheduled to be presented to the MTA Board in April 2001. In the interim, the site will continue to be leased to the Los Angeles Unified School District on a month-to-month interim basis.

A2-362 - Wilshire/La Brea

The corridor study discussed above includes the Wilshire/LaBrea site as a potential station for the busway alternative. FTA previously concurred with MTA's decision to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for joint development of this parcel. Once a decision is made regarding the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Project, a consultant will be retained to study this site to determine the feasibility of a joint development project.

**Parcels A4-755, A4-765, A4-767, A4-772, A4-774, A4-761 - Universal City Station
C4-815 - North Hollywood Station**

An RFP for development of the North Hollywood Station site was issued during the quarter. The deadline for responses is May 7, 2001.

An RFP offering the Universal City Station will be prepared at a later date.

**LACMTA EXCESS REAL PROPERTY
METRO RAIL PROJECT - MOS-1
CA-03-0130**

1. Parcels A1-015, A1-016,

Parcels A1-015 and A1-016 are designated as a temporary soil storage site in support various construction projects. It is used to store excavated soils pending environmental testing from operational divisions and the rail construction projects. The parcels will also be used for this purpose during pending new transit projects and are expected to continue to be used in support of MTA operations.

2. Parcel A1-209, A1-211, A1-220, A1-221/225, A1-222 and A1-224 - Alvarado Station

On October 26, 2000, the MTA Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with The Macleod Partnership for development of the MTA property at the Wilshire/Alvarado station. The ENA was negotiated and signed by the developer on March 30, 2001. A good faith deposit and negotiation schedule was received by MTA from the Developer subsequent to the signing of the ENA. The MTA and Developer will have six months to negotiate and execute a Joint Development Agreement (JDA). Once the JDA has been executed, the Developer will begin final design.

**TRANSIT OPERATIONS
PERFORMANCE REPORT**



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***TRANSIT OPERATIONS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

Presented to

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April 18, 2001

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TRANSIT OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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MTA State of the Bus System Report

- ◆ **First Annual “State of the Bus System” report published.**
 - ◆ **Available in hardcopy and on the MTA internet site: www.mta.net**
- ◆ **Summary of Performance and Customer Satisfaction indicators**
- ◆ **Challenges – Moving Forward**
- ◆ **Consent Decree**
- ◆ **Future Bus Improvements**



Performance Highlights

February 2001

- ◆ **Bus On-Time Pull-out % remained just below the goal at 99.27%.**
- ◆ **Bus In-Service On Time Performance continued to improved as “Running Hot” also improved slightly.**
- ◆ **Load Factor compliance remains at a high level.**



Performance Highlights

- ◆ **Rail On-Time Pullouts for Light Rail increased slightly while Heavy Rail OTP increased from 98.46% to 99.46%, exceeding the goal for February.**
- ◆ **Light Rail In-Service On Time Performance remained above goal for a 3rd consecutive month while Heavy Rail increased from 98.56% in January to 99.29% exceeding the goal for February.**



Performance Highlights

- ◆ **Reported Crime – Reported non-vandalism crime for all modes increased in February as a result of a focused enforcement program by both the LAPD and LASD. Reported vandalism decreased for all modes during this period.**
- ◆ **Customer Complaints – Customer complaints decreased in February. The complaint rate for the largest contractor improved substantially, but remains higher than the complaint rate for MTA operated service.**

How You Doin'?

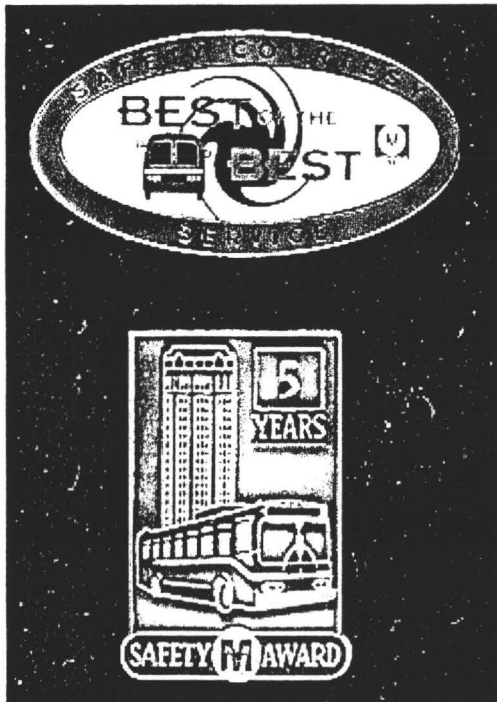
- ◆ **The new performance awareness and incentive program “How You Doin’” was kicked off in February, based on January performance.**
- ◆ **The program includes monthly and quarterly awards based on team performance, a feedback communication element and a suggestion award element.**
- ◆ **Division 6 was acknowledged as the Outstanding Maintenance Division for the month of March.**
- ◆ **Division 8 was acknowledged as the Outstanding Transportation Division for the month of March.**
- ◆ **For Rail, the Red Line won the award for Outstanding Rail Line for the month of March.**



How You Doin'?

- ◆ **Division 9 was acknowledged as the Outstanding Maintenance Division for the first quarter.**
- ◆ **Division 3 was acknowledged as the Outstanding Transportation Division for the first quarter.**
- ◆ **Division 1 was acknowledged as the most improved Transportation Division of the quarter.**
- ◆ **Div 15 was acknowledged as the most improved Maintenance Division of the quarter.**
- ◆ **For Rail, the Green Line won the award for Outstanding Rail Line of the first quarter.**

Best of the Best Recognition Program



- ◆ To qualify as “Best of the Best,” operators must have recorded no customer complaints, no lost-time injuries, no traffic accidents and no long-term leaves for the past five years. Mechanic selectees must have had perfect attendance, no lost-time injuries and no disciplinary actions for the past five years.
- ◆ Each honoree receives a commemorative plaque and pin and a bomber jacket with “Best of the Best” logo. Operators who earned their second honor will receive a gold Seiko railroad-approved watch engraved with the program logo.



Best of the Best Recognition Program

- ◆ **Forty-three (43) Metro Bus operators were named to this year's honors list.**
- ◆ **Twenty-two (22) of those operators earned the "Best of the Best" distinction for the second year.**
- ◆ **Five (5) Metro Rail operators and Five (5) mechanics were chosen for the award for the first time.**
- ◆ **7 employees received "Extra Mile" awards for their acts of courage, selflessness or extraordinary service.**



Mechanics

Enrique Tovar
 Ike Allison
 To Chau
 Francisco Guzman
 Ted Loyo

Train operators

Ronald Armijo
 William Jarvis
 Lewis Hawkins
 Robert Rodriguez
 Frederick Bagwell

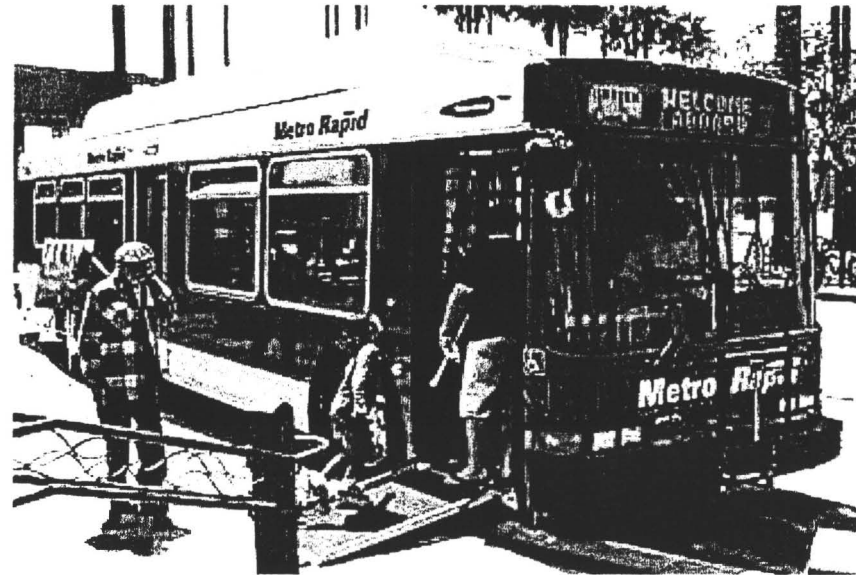
Bus operators

Gabriel Benitez	Reginald Harris	Encarnacion Cabrera	Yuko Sao
Robert Spears	Pete Avila	Sergio Chavez	Johnny Hardwick
Joe Barbosa	Rodolfo Cortez	Richard Munoz	Mario Villegas
Gregory Brown	Steven Kushner	Daniel Saldana	Earl Weingartner
Luis Caceres	Albert Gallardo	Barron Simon	Teresa Gray
Leopoldo Cuevas	Raymond Guinn	Mario Cancio	Francisco Sanabria
Rick Brown	Bobby Johnson	Carlos Iglesias	Khanh Trinh
Cecil Escalante	Ignacio Landa	Latonia Martinez	Robert Wageman
Cheryl Faheem-Horne,	Richard Lopez	Robert Richards	Edmundo Poblano
Delfino Rodriguez	George Novelo	Frank Aguilar	David Singer
Margaret Sifuentes	Pedro Perez	Gene Freeman	

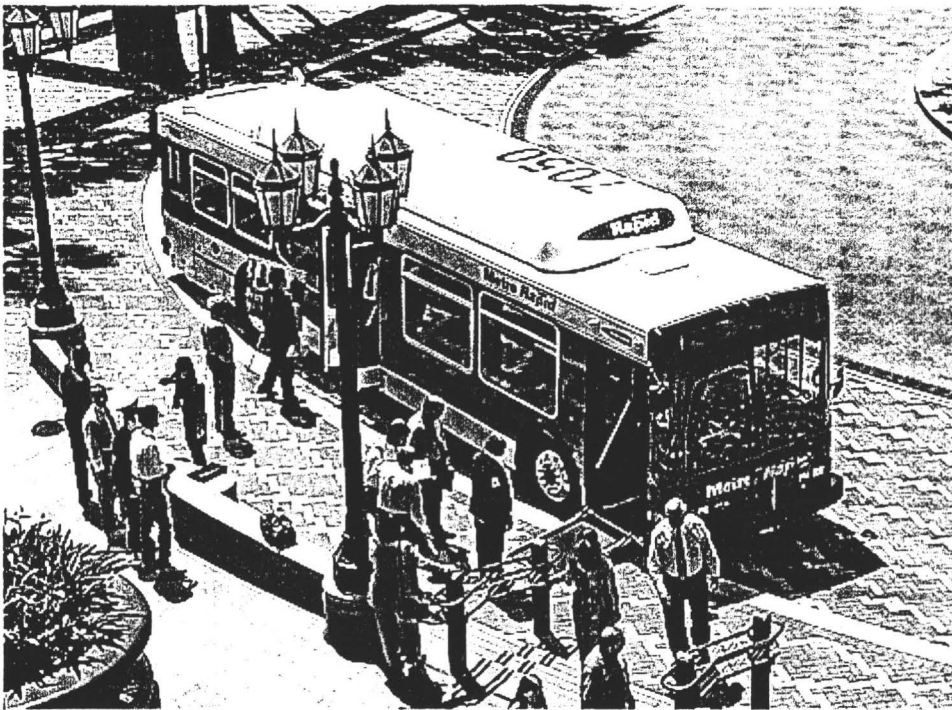
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Bus Procurement Update

- ◆ During March 2001, MTA accepted a total of 60 New Flyer buses. To date, 29 of these buses had been accepted, prepared and released for revenue service.
- ◆ New Flyer has requested a contract extension which is being reviewed by staff.
- ◆ North American Bus Industries (NABI) has shipped the first three buses in their 215 bus option order. They expect to deliver 15 or more of these low floor CNG buses per week by mid-April, and to complete this delivery in early Summer.



Bus Procurement Update



- ◆ **MTA contractors Coach USA and First Transit have accepted 90 of the 115 buses ordered to cover contracted bus service. To date, 69 of these buses from Orion, El Dorado and Thomas Bus Company have been put into revenue service.**
- ◆ **As directed by the MTA Board in January 2001, staff is preparing an RFP for 30 advanced high-capacity lightweight transit buses for release by April 30, 2001.**

Status of Division 1 Expansion

- ◆ **Discussions have been initiated on design of an integrated auto parking and bus parking facility**
- ◆ **Economic participation proposals are being developed**
- ◆ **Both the recommended design and economic proposals will be brought back to the Board for consideration**

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Next Bus Display

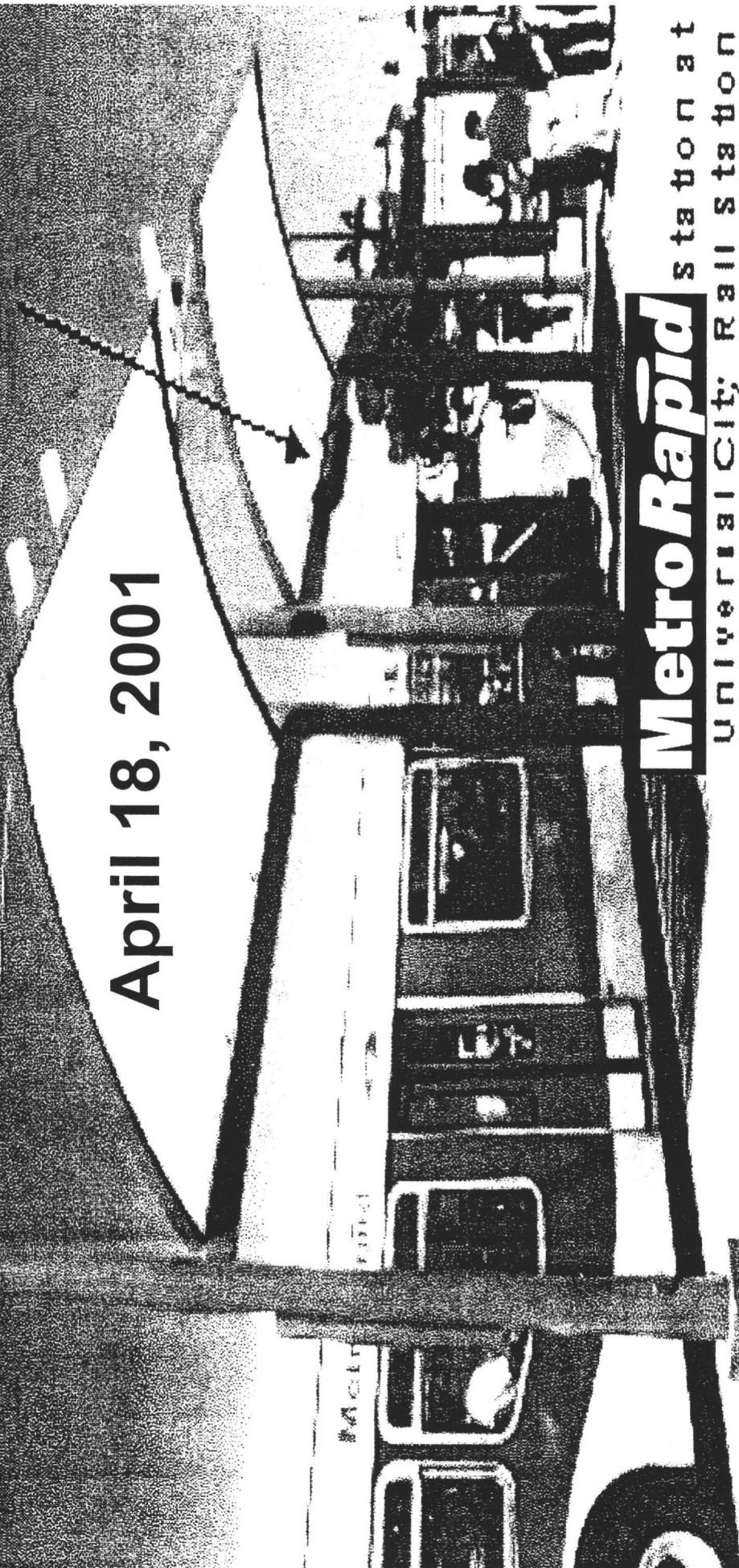
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Metro Rapid

UNIVERSITY CITY RAIL STATION

Station at

Rail Station



**VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE
AGREEMENT**





April 30, 2001

Metropolitan
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Federal Transit Administration
Office of Civil Rights, Room 9102
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Swann:

Enclosed is the January-March 2001 update on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA). This update is provided in response to the October 1, 1999 letter from Leslie Rogers.

The update identifies every element identified in the VCA, and notes progress toward completion of each item. The update includes both a revised VCA Matrix, identifying projected completion dates for each item in each of the key stations identified in the MTA Compliance Plan and a page commenting of progress and/or revisions in the projected completion dates for each element of the Compliance Plan. In addition, the matrix and explanation include items added to the matrix and plan following FTA evaluations of MTA key rail stations. While there have been some plan and schedule modifications, MTA remains committed to ensuring that all of its key stations are in full compliance with the ADA by December 31, 2001.

If you have any questions about this update, please contact Ellen Blackman at (213) 922-2808.

Sincerely,

Jim McLaughlin, Director
Transit Planning

cc: Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator
Darrin Jourdan, Regional Civil Rights Officer

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MTA -- VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT MATRIX -- QUARTERLY UPDATE -- JANUARY - MARCH 2001

Key Station	Parking	Drop-Off	Accessible Route	Curb Ramps	Entrance (Signage)	Doors / Gates	Ramps	Ticketing / Fare Vending	Platforms	Elevators	Elevators: Emergency Communication	Telephones	Signage: Station Name
Union Station	Oct-98 (completed)				Jan-99 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		
Civic Center					Jun-00 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01	Dec-98 (completed)	
Pershing Square				Added Jan-99 (completed)	Jan-99 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		
Metro Center - Red Line				Nov-98 (completed)	Jun-00 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		
Westlake / MacArthur Park	Jun-00 (completed)				Dec-98 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		
Metro Center - Blue Line				Nov-98 (completed)	Jun-00 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		
Pico / Flower			Jun-01		Jan-99 (completed)		N/A	Sep-01					Jun-99 (completed)
Grand				Nov-98 (completed)	Jan-99 (completed)		N/A	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
Florence	Dec-01		March 01 (completed)	Added Oct-99 (completed)	Jan-99 (completed)		N/A	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
103rd			Jun-01	N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
Imperial Hwy	Jun-00 (completed)	Jun-00 (completed)	March 01 (completed)	N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		N/A	Sep-01	Dec-01	Apr-01	Apr-01		Jun-99 (completed)
Compton			March 01 (completed)	N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01					Jun-99 (completed)
Artesia	Jun-00 (completed)		March 01 (completed)	N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
Willow				N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
Anaheim				Nov-98 (completed)	Jan-99 (completed)		N/A	Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)
5th Street				N/A	Jan-99 (completed)		Dec-01	Sep-01					Jun-99 (completed)
Transit Mall			Jun-01	Nov-98 (completed)	Jan-99 (completed)			Sep-01	Dec-01				Jun-99 (completed)

NOTE: Changes from original VCA schedule in bold

**VCA PROGRESS UPDATE --
JANUARY - MARCH 2001 (EXPLANATIONS)**

ITEM	EXPLANATION	ORIGINAL DATES
Parking	Signs have been installed at Florence, Artesia, Imperial, and MacArther Park stations, and Florence station accessible parking spaces were re-striped. Staff is studying the slope of the ramps from the accessible parking at Florence, and anticipates completing modifications by December 2001.	Oct 1998 - Feb 1999
Drop-Off	Modification to curb lip at Imperial Station has been completed after a slight delay from the original March 2000 projection.	March 2000
Accessible Route	All track-gaps along accessible routes were surveyed. Four locations have been completed. All work on the non-compliant track-gaps in the three remaining should be completed by June 2001.	June 1999
Curb Ramps	Curb ramp tasks modified due to suspension of requirement for detectable warnings. Some curb ramps were determined to be non-compliant due to the slope (not identified in original VCA); letters have been sent to local jurisdictions when identified.	Nov 1998
Entrance (Signage)	Braille/raised letter signs have been installed at all station entrances. Final directional signs to accessible entrances were installed during spring 2000.	Dec 1998 - June 1999
Ramps	MTA surveyed all ramp slopes; those meeting definition of sloping sidewalks not subject to mid-point landing requirement have been removed from the list of the stations needing corrections. MTA is reviewing ways to make modifications of ramps to reduce slope to a sloping walkway. Staff plan to focus on the ramps with greatest slope first, and to review accessibility with disability community. Revised completion date for modifications of ramps: Dec 2001.	Aug 2001
Ticket Vending Machines	Contractor for TVM modifications has begun work on the revised graphics, including raised letter and Braille instructions. Installation in all key stations should be completed by September 2001.	Dec 1999
Platforms	MTA expects to complete all modifications to platforms, to reduce excessive platform-train gaps where identified, by December 2001.	Dec 2001
Elevators	In spite of a delay in releasing scope of work for Request For Bids, a contract was awarded in late 2000. As of March 2001, upgrades were 95% complete, with expected completion of remaining work by April 2001.	Aug 1999 - Dec 2000
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