FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE **OCTOBER 16, 2003**

FISCAL YEAR 2003 SALES TAX UPDATE

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Receive and file report on sales tax revenues for fiscal year 2003.

ISSUE

SUBJECT:

The largest single source of MTA funds comes from Proposition A, Proposition C and Transportation Development Act (TDA) sales tax. Sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2003 represents over 60% or \$1.4 billion of our total budgeted revenues. This report discusses the actual versus budgeted status of sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2003.

DISCUSSION

This report shows combined fiscal year-to-date Proposition A, C and TDA sales tax revenues earned for the year ended June 30, 2003. State Board of Equalization final data are routinely available approximately three months in arrears.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the actual earnings were \$56.4 million or 4.3% higher than the same period last year. Revenues for the year were \$24.1 million or 1.8% higher than budget.

The following tables detail the quarterly FY03 increases over FY02 and FY03 actual earnings versus the FY03 Budget.

(dollars in millions)

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|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|------|
| Period | FY02 Actual | | FY03 Actual | | Growth % | Growth | |
| Jul – Sep | \$ | 327.8 | \$ | 338.4 | 3.2% | \$ | 10.5 |
| Oct – Dec | | 342.8 | | 352.4 | 2.8% | | 9.6 |
| Jan - Mar | | 328.9 | | 342.0 | 3.4% | | 13.1 |
| Apr - June | | 320.8 | | 344.0 | 7.2% | | 23.2 |
| Total | \$ | 1,320.4 | \$ | 1,376.8 | 4.3% | \$ | 56.4 |

| Period | FY03 | FY03 Actual | Growth | Growth | |
|------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------|--|
| | Budget | | % | | |
| Jul – Sep | \$ 331.2 | \$ 338.4 | 2.2% | \$ 7.1 | |
| Oct – Dec | 346.4 | 352.4 | 1.7% | 6.0 | |
| Jan - Mar | 339.5 | 342.0 | 0.7% | 2.5 | |
| Apr - June | 335.5 | 344.0 | 2.5% | 8.5 | |
| Total | \$ 1,352.7 | \$ 1,376.8 | 1.8% | \$ 24.1 | |

NEXT STEPS

We will continue to report on sales taxes quarterly with the next report due in January 2004.

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