

**Motion, Director Roberts**  
**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**August 19, 2004**

Last March, the Board staff budget group recommended a peer review to evaluate the Office of the Inspector General. Peer review is acknowledged industry-wide as a valuable resource to strengthen and enhance institutional effectiveness.

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has provided this service for many years. With Board approval, and through coordination by APTA and the MTA, the subject matter experts will convene here at the agency and conduct an intensive review of the issues to be addressed. Upon the conclusion of the review, the peer review panel will provide a verbal summary of findings and recommendations to the Board, and will subsequently formalize those findings and recommendations into a written report. The peer review and reports are provided on a confidential basis.

The requesting agency assumes the travel and incidental expenses for all members of the peer review panel as well as an APTA administrative fee of \$4500. The average cost, including travel and incidental expenses for the panel, is approximately \$10,000; considerably less than the cost of hiring a consultant, who may or may not possess subject expertise.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the MTA Board authorize their staff to immediately coordinate with APTA to commence a peer review of the MTA Inspector General's Office; and upon completion of the review, authorize the CEO to make payment of approximately \$10,000 to APTA from Board contingency funds.

