



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 18, 2004**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF TWO HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AND FY05 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT TWO HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS TOTALING \$2.3 MILLION AND AMEND FY05 BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Accept security grants for a total of \$2.3 million:
  - 1. \$1.5 million from the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS),
  - 2. \$795,280 from the state DHS
  
- B. Amend the FY05 budget to reflect the increase in revenues and expenditures.

**ISSUE**

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has been awarded two Department of Homeland Security grants, one for \$1.5 million from the federal government and the other for \$795,280 from the state, to fund specified improvements in support of the regional Metro bus and rail system (Attachment A). As Metro's regional transportation system is a critical infrastructure, Metro and the federal and state governments are funding essential security enhancements, which were identified in a series of security assessments by the FTA and other governmental entities.

The security enhancements funded by these grants will enable continuation of the joint effort between Metro and federal, state and local governments to enhance homeland security.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Acceptance of the two Homeland Security grants is consistent with the adopted security policy.

## **OPTIONS**

No other options were considered.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this action will authorize staff to amend the FY05 capital and operating budgets to increase both revenues and expenditures. The FY05 budget contains \$3.2 million in capital project #3909122 entitled Homeland Security. This action will increase the FY05 amount and the life of project budget by \$1.7 million from \$3.2 million to \$4.9 million.

The remainder of the Homeland Security funds are budgeted in the Enterprise fund in cost center 2610 Operations Security. The FY05 budget of \$1.1 million will increase by \$800,000 to \$1.9 million.

No additional FTEs will be required to implement any actions funded by the grants.

## **DISCUSSION**

Subsequent to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and in light of the need to ensure the highest level of transit system security, Metro, the FTA and other government entities conducted a series of security assessments of the Metro system and other large transit systems throughout the nation. The results of this effort provided a basis for the Federal Department of Homeland Security to develop a grant-funding strategy to address the most critical security needs of the transit industry.

The Federal grant will fund enhanced security awareness training of Metro security officers and contract private security guards and also fund a public--focused program addressing security awareness similar to others coming into use by other large transit agencies. The State grant will be used for the purchase of equipment including monitors and closed-circuit televisions for better monitoring of activities at bus facilities, explosives detection dogs, smoke-defeating escape hoods for use by employees at the Gateway building, and to develop awareness training videos to be used by first responders to incidents involving both CNG vehicles and facilities and on the subway.

These grants supplement previous awards which were already accepted by the Board and a portion of which are included in the FY05 budget. Included in the FY05 budget is \$4.3 million of a \$4.577 million multipurpose Federal DHS grant and a \$50,000 FTA grant, which funded multi-agency anti-terrorism drills; both were received in FY04. Remaining funds from the \$4.577 million grant will continue to be utilized for system enhancements through November 2005; the \$50,000 grant was exhausted in FY04.

## **NEXT STEPS**

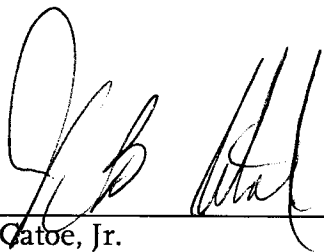
Staff will continue to pursue receipt by the agency of grant funds, which will enable implementation of further security enhancements.

Further, will continue to provide confidential briefings to Board members on the specifics of the projects and security enhancements to be funded by the grants.

**ATTACHMENT**

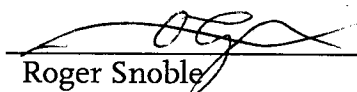
A. Listing of Items to be Funded by DHS Grants

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Items to be Funded by State and Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Grants**

State DHS Grant--\$795,820

<i>Millions</i>	
\$0.2	First responder training videos
0.1	Explosives detection dogs
0.1	Smoke-defeating escape hoods
0.3	Monitors and CCTVs for bus facilities
<u>0.1</u>	BOC communications enhancements
<u>\$0.8</u>	Total

Federal DHS Grant-\$1,500,000

\$ 0.7	Training program addressing enhanced security awareness for Metro security officers and private security guards
<u>0.8</u>	Training program addressing public-focused security awareness on the transit system
<u>\$ 1.5</u>	Total

