

MOTION BY DIRECTORS BURKE AND YAROSLAVSKY

At its August Board meeting, the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority appointed Rick Thorpe as its Interim Chief Executive Officer. This appointment was made with the understanding that Mr. Thorpe would continue with all of his current duties at the MTA, including completion of the Orange Line and the Eastside Light Rail project. While Mr. Thorpe has been managing the Exposition Light Rail project at the MTA in conjunction with all of his other projects, the appointment was necessary to give Mr. Thorpe the legal authority to proceed with the procurement of the construction contract on the authority's behalf and be the official "public face" for the organization.

It is recognized that Mr. Thorpe will continue to work on all major MTA construction projects (such as the Eastside Light Rail Line and the Orange Line) in addition to the Exposition Light Rail project and will maintain responsibility for the cost, schedule, safety and quality of these projects.

It is also anticipated in the coming months that MTA staff who have been working on the Exposition Light Rail project may be loaned or seconded to the Exposition Construction Authority so they can continue their work on this project. As a result, it is important for the MTA to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority which enables MTA staff to continue working on this project, details reimbursement of MTA staff time and costs and provides a framework for collaboration and cooperation between the agencies. Furthermore, a funding plan must be implemented by the MTA, which transfers funds budgeted for this project in FY 06 to the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority as soon as possible.

We therefore move that the CEO develop an MOU with the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority for Board approval no later than September 29th which enables MTA staff to work on the Exposition Light Rail project, provides for reimbursement to the MTA and implements a plan that transfers budgeted funds to the Authority as soon as possible.