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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (OHS) GRANT AND FY06 BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACTION: AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT STATE OHS GRANT TOTTALLING \$3.3 MILLION AND AMEND FY06 BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Accept a grant from the California Office of Homeland Security totaling \$3,327,500 from the FY2005 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), and
- B. Amend the FY06 budget to add \$1,853,900 ~~\$2,048,900~~ to reflect the increase in revenues and expenditures to be funded with the above-mentioned federal grant.

ISSUE

The California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) recently received approval from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training to award \$3,327,500 to Metro from the FY2005 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). This grant will directly support Metro's risk-based Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP) and the Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS).

Metro is one of three members of the newly formed Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG) created pursuant to DHS grant requirements in order for member agencies to receive FY2005 TSGP funding. The other two members are the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA or Metrolink) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). The first task of the RTSWG was production of an RTSS consistent with federal directives. Upon completion of the RTSS the RTSWG received a total net award of \$6,765,750; the portion awarded to Metro is the aforementioned \$3,327,500. Funds will be used to enhance security on both rail and bus lines.

Specifically the grant will fund efforts to augment rail security at the Los Angeles Union Station complex, including funding for overtime for sworn personnel of Metro's contract law enforcement provider, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), working additional hours in the complex; installation of barricades in the complex parking structure; and installation of closed-circuit cameras throughout the complex. Red Line message signs will also be upgraded and additional security enhancements put in place at the Rail Operations Center.

Bus security improvements will include multi-agency disaster drills performed in concert with OCTA; installation of closed-circuit camera systems at bus divisions; security kiosks for the Orange Line and other selected bus divisions; and enhancements for the LASD data network.

The funds expiration date of this grant is December 31, 2007. The funding agency has indicated that there will be no time extensions granted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$2,048,900 will be placed in the FY06 budget in cost center 2610, Transit Security, \$77,600 in project 300044, Red Line Operations and \$625,000 in project 204060, FY06 Rail Capital Security Projects; and \$150,000 in project 300011, Bus Operations, and \$1,001,300 ~~\$1,196,300~~ in project 202206, FY06 Bus Capital Security Projects. The remaining funding of \$1,473,600 ~~\$1,278,600~~ will be budgeted in FY07.

The Homeland Security grant does not allow labor charges against the grant, therefore, all Metro employees working on this project will charge their time to bus and rail administrative projects.

Since this is a multi-year project, the cost center manager and Executive Officer will be accountable for budgeting the cost in future years.

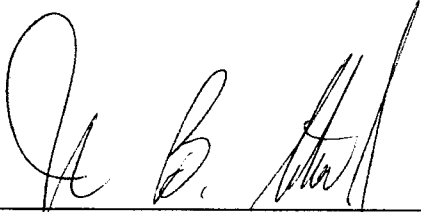
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None. Metro has been in consultation with the State for some months on terms and conditions of this grant, resulting in its recent award to the agency.

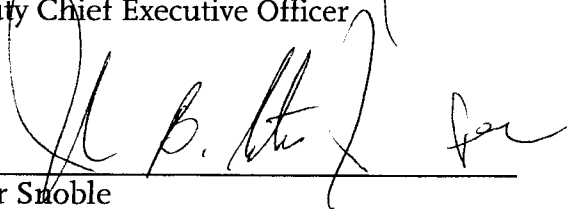
NEXT STEPS

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

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