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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

SUBJECT: METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

ACTION: EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide field officer and dispatch support for grant-funded Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) beats for three years in an amount not-to-exceed \$387,512.

RATIONALE

Metro, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) manages the largest fleet of tow and service trucks in the country. This service is known as the Los Angeles County Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP). A fleet of 152 Metro-funded tow trucks assists over 315,000 stranded motorists a year. These trucks provide service along 41 beats on over 450 miles of Los Angeles County freeways.

The role of the CHP in this partnership has been to provide the following services:

- Vehicle Dispatch
- Driver training
- Vehicle inspections
- Field enforcement

In December 2005, Metro received a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) for two new Freeway Service Patrol beats. The grant includes funds for operations, supervision, and dispatching on these beats for a period of three years. The operating contracts for these two new beats (Beats 36 and 42) were approved at the May 2006 Board meeting and service began on August 1, 2006. Beat 36 provides service on the I-5 from Roxford St to Lake Hughes Rd. and Beat 42 provides service on the I-210 from Fair Oaks Ave to the I-5 Junction to Roxford St.

The CHP estimated the cost of supervision and dispatch on these beats for three-years to be \$387,512. The MSRC approved this amount as part of the grant and will not require Metro

to contribute any matching funds. Approval of this agreement will allow Metro to distribute these funds to the CHP.

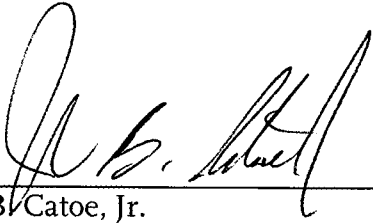
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$120,000 for this service is included in the FY07 budget under cost center 3352, Project 300070, Freeway Service Patrol. Since this is a multi-year contract, the cost center manager and Deputy Chief Executive Officer will be accountable for budgeting the cost in future years.

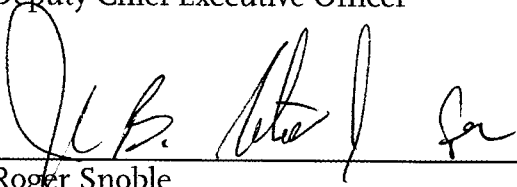
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may decide not to approve the resources for CHP support on the grant-funded beats. This is not recommended as the additional beats added with the grant will cause the CHP to incur additional dispatch and supervision costs. Also, these grant funds have no matching requirement and will be wholly reimbursed to Metro by the MSRC.

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