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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
JULY 19, 2007**

**SUBJECT: METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL**

**ACTION: EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY  
PATROL TO SUPPORT THE METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL  
PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide field officer and dispatch support to the Los Angeles County Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) during FY08 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

**RATIONALE**

Metro, in partnership with CHP and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), operates and manages the largest FSP program in the nation. CHP's role in this partnership is to provide dispatch, field enforcement and operator training services. CHP receives an initial annual funding allocation from the State in support of these duties; however, as it has been historically, state funding is not sufficient to effectively meet the needs of the Metro FSP program. Therefore, Metro has had to use its own funding to augment the state funding to CHP.

The recommended Metro provided funding for CHP for FY08 remains consistent with the FY07 allocation of \$800,000. CHP's FY08 staffing allocation remains the same from FY07; however, there has been an increase in the total CHP costs to support the Metro FSP program. This increase is attributed to an increase in salary and benefit costs negotiated by CHP's bargaining units. The cost of the increase for FY08 is being covered by an increase in the state funding for CHP and an increased allocation of CHP costs to the existing Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) grant funds.

CHP support is important as the Metro FSP program has grown over the past few years to incorporate increased midday and weekend service, new FSP beats, and the introduction of the I-710 Big Rig Tow demonstration project. CHP's role is required to ensure the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Metro FSP program and to ensure the best possible service is being provided to the motoring public.

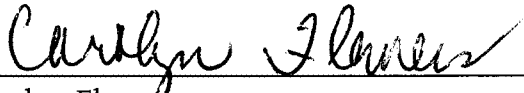
## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The funding of \$800,000 for this agreement with CHP to support FSP is included in the FY08 budget under cost center 3352, Freeway Service Patrol under project 300070, Freeway Service Patrol and line item 50320, Contract Services. In FY07, the total budget for CHP support was \$800,000.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**


Metro may decide to not approve the execution of this agreement. This alternative is not recommended as it would decrease the amount of resources provided by the CHP in support of FSP, which would negatively impact the operation and effectiveness of the FSP program.

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