



MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MTA Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles

August 23, 2001

Called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Directors Present:

John Fasana, Chair
Michael Antonovich
Hal Bernson
Paul Hudson
Don Knabe
Gloria Molina
Pam O'Connor
Beatrice Proo
Allison Yoh
Robert Sassaman, Ex Officio

Chief Executive Officer - Julian Burke
Board Secretary - Michele Jackson
Ethics Officer - Karen Gorman
Inspector General - Arthur Sinai
General Counsel - County Counsel

NOTE: Members voting are reflected on the attached “RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS” matrix.

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items 2, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 25

REMOVED Item 20 From Consent Calendar
NOTED Committee Authority Items: 8, 9 and 23

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR **Minutes** of Regular Board Meeting held July 26, 2001 and Special Board Meeting held August 15, 2001.

3. RECEIVED Chief Executive Officer’s Report

CEO Burke reported that John Catoe will be joining the MTA on October 1, 2001, as Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Reported on like kind exchange defeased lease with Agilent Technologies.

CEO Burke announced the receipt of the State Controller’s Audit report. Copies will be made available to members of the Board tomorrow.

4. RECEIVED Chair’s Report

Neil Bjornsen and Jim Seale, Citizens Advisory Council, made a brief statement on their group’s work. They also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to DA McClain, MTA staff.

Chair Fasana stated his goals for the up-coming year.

5. ADOPTED the Smart Card Technology for the **Universal Fare System** (UFS) and directed staff proceed to “Best and Final Offers” limited to Smart Card Technology.

7. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) to Contract No. C2327, **LA River Bridge Widening** at Lankershim Boulevard, with Brutoco Engineering and Construction, Inc. to provide funding for pending and potential changes that are within the Board delegated authority, in the amount of \$405,500, increasing the total current AFE amount from \$6,097,218 to \$6,502,718.

8. APPROVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE AUTHORITY execution of Change Order No. 15 to Contract No. B642, Public Address System with SESCO, Incorporated for **deletion of the Mid-City Extension work on Metro Red Line Segment 3**, in the credit amount of \$203,809, decreasing the total contract value from \$1,649,197 to \$1,445,388.

9. APPROVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE AUTHORITY award of a two-year Time and Material contract to Anil Verma Associates Inc. under Contract No. MQ055 for **structural inspection services**, a Capital Improvement Project (CIP), for an amount not to exceed \$823,582, for a total contract value of \$823,582.

10. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:
 - A. execution of Change Order No. 26 to Contract Work Order (CWO) No. 1 for Contract No. MC047, with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Hatch Mott MacDonald, Inc., ACG Environments, a Joint Venture (JMA), to provide continued Construction Management (CM) Services for Segment 3 for an amount not to exceed \$1,929,569, increasing the total contract value from \$64,540,267 to \$66,469,836; and

 - B. an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) to Contract No. MC047 to provide funding for this Change Order in the amount of \$1,929,569 increasing the current Contract Segment 3 AFE amount from \$65,010,119 to \$66,939,688.

11. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

C. an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) for Contract Nos. PM022 with URS Corp. and PM023 with Carter and Burgess, Inc. in the amount of \$316,172 to provide funding for **Project Management Assistance Support for Capital Improvement Projects and Other Project PMA Support** for the period of September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, increasing the current AFE amount from \$700,000 to \$1,016,172; and

D. negotiation and issuance of specific Contract Work Orders (CWOs) under this contract for PMA services within the increased AFE amount of \$316,172.

16. ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the **Disposition of Surplus Real Property policy** to provide consistent guidelines for identifying, approving, advertising and selling surplus properties.

17. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR funding and executing one-year contracts, with options to renew for one additional year, for **Medical, Dental, Life, and Long Term Disability benefits** with the following vendors, effective January 1, 2002, for a total estimated expenditure of \$14,518,000 for calendar year 2002.

<u>Provider/Benefits</u>	<u>Benefit</u> Type	<u>MTA</u> <u>Costs</u>	<u>PTSC</u> <u>Costs</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Costs</u>
Blue Cross of California (PPO)	Medical	\$597,000	\$3,906,000	\$4,503,000
Blue Cross (HMO)	Medical	95,000	1,974,000	2,069,000
Kaiser Permanente (HMO)	Medical	208,000	3,346,000	3,554,000
Vision Service Plan	Medical	20,000	188,000	208,000
Value Options	Medical	16,000	99,000	115,000
Waive Medical (Company Paid)	Flex	-0-	157,000	157,000
Subtotal Medical		\$ 936,000	\$9,670,000	\$10,606,000
Delta Dental (PPO)	Dental	94,000	949,000	1,043,000
Dental Health Services (DHMO)	Dental	10,000	125,000	135,000
Deltacare (DHMO)	Dental	4,000	99,000	103,000
Waive Dental (Company Paid)	Flex	-0-	20,000	20,000

Subtotal Dental		\$108,000	\$1,193,000	\$1,301,000
ReliaStar	Life	660,000	1,251,000	1,911,000
Chubb Group of Insurance Co.	AD&D	5,000	140,000	145,000
ReliaStar	LTD	4,000	551,000	555,000
Subtotal Life, ADD, LTD		\$669,000	\$1,942,000	\$2,611,000
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE		<u>\$1,713,000</u>	<u>\$12,805,000</u>	<u>\$14,518,000</u>
LESS: Employee Contribution		(337,000)	(2,138,000)	(2,475,000)
TOTAL MTA/PTSC EXPENDITURE		<u>\$1,376,000</u>	<u>\$10,667,000</u>	<u>\$12,043,000</u>

18. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR **Fasana Motion:**

WHEREAS, Propositions A & C were passed with a division of funds to assist in the development of local and regional transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, Propositions A & C Local Return Program funds are distributed to cities and the County on a per capita basis for community transit programs and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinances and guidelines for Propositions A & C established maximum amounts at 5% and 1.5%, respectively for MTA's administration of these funds; and

WHEREAS, MTA currently claims the maximum amount of approximately \$35 million annually to administer local transportation funds, but does not clearly identify the use of these funds in the MTA annual budget or financial audit documents, as referenced in MTA's *Triennial Performance Audit*.

WHEREAS, the intent of Local Return Program funds is to improve cities and County public transit, paratransit, and the related transportation infrastructure.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that MTA staff report back to the Board in 30 days with a response to the aforementioned **findings raised in the FY1998-2000 Triennial Performance Audit**, accompanied with any necessary corrective policy measures.

20. APPROVED service modifications to the **Consent Decree Pilot Program**.

21. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR award of a nine-month, firm fixed-price Contract No. PS-4340-1003 to Tetra Tech, Inc. (formerly known as ASL Consulting Engineers) for preparation of **Noise Barrier Scope Summary Reports (NBSSR)**, including Environmental Documents, and Noise Study Reports for the Post 1989 MTA Retrofit Soundwalls, Phase I, Priority I projects and the Priority 2 test project on Rte. 134 in the City of Glendale for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

22. WITHDRAWN BY STAFF:
 - A. modifying **Line 445** in Downtown Los Angeles to operate via Los Angeles Street, 1st Street, Grand Avenue and Olive Street effective December 2, 2001; and
 - B. reducing express zone increments on Harbor Transitway Lines 444, 445, 446, 447 and 550 to a maximum of one express zone effective December 2, 2001.

23. APPROVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE AUTHORITY:
 - A. negotiation and execution of Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. MC056, Claims Support with PinnacleOne, to provide continued **claims, litigation and closeout support for Metro Red Line Segment 2 and Segment 3**, for an amount not to exceed \$1,054,880 increasing the Total Contract Value from \$5,113,521 to \$6,168,401, and
 - B. an increase in the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) to Contract No. MC056 to provide funding for Segment 2 and Segment 3 Claims Support in the amount of \$1,054,880, increasing the current AFE from \$5,134,573 to \$6,189,453.

24. WITHDRAWN - **Molina motion** directing the MTA to utilize the **design/build** model as the construction method of choice for the **Eastside Light Rail Project**.

25. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR **Yaroslavsky Motion**:

For the last few years, I have been working closely with the MTA and the community surrounding the Universal City Station to address concerns and issues that have been raised as a result of the construction of the Red Line to North Hollywood. Now that the project is almost completed, there are a couple of issues that still must be resolved.

The Island community near the **Universal City station** has been working closely with the MTA and their consultants to develop a **final landscaping plan that includes a solid barrier** between South Weddington Park and the 101 Freeway, to help mitigate the impacts of the new station access road and reconfiguration of the highway entrance on this residential community. The MTA has also worked closely with the City's Department of Recreation and Parks and Caltrans in the development of this plan to successfully address the concerns of the residents as well as the issues raised by these two agencies, including use of park property for the barrier.

It is important to make sure that the landscaping and barrier plans are finalized, designed and constructed before final construction is completed at the Universal City Station site. In order to move forward, the Department of Recreation and Parks needs to approve the proposed plan and the MTA has to authorize its consultants to design and construct the project within a very short time frame.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board signify its intent to move forward with the final landscape and barrier plan developed by the MTA and the community and direct MTA staff to work with Department of Recreation and Parks to approve the proposed plan at its September meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the MTA staff return in 30 days with a timetable for completion of the landscaping and barrier plan and provide the necessary information for the Board to give final authorization to move forward with the design and construction of this project.

26. APPROVED award of a 30-month, firm fixed-priced Contract No. PS-4340-0674, to National Engineering Technology Corporation (NET) for the **Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems Project (ITS Project)** in the amount of \$4,279,867.

27. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation G.C. § 54956.9(a):

1. Benefit Assessment District Case Nos. A1-001-97 and A1-005-95

APPROVED waiving Benefit Assessment District fees for properties located at 490 & 496 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, until further notice.

2. Torres v. MTA, Case No. BC 156379

No Report.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator – G.C. § 54957.6

Agency Negotiators:	Julian Burke and Brenda Diederichs
Employee Organizations:	AFSCME and Engineers and Architects Association

No Report.

28. APPROVED an increase of \$700,000 in MTA's one-third contribution for **Pacific Coast Highway Grade Separation Project** to a total maximum contribution of \$14.0 million.

RECEIVED public comment.

PREPARED BY: Rhodona Enright
Recording Secretary

Michele Jackson
Board Secretary