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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ROGER SNOBLE 
SUBJECT: MOTION BEFORE THE LA CITY COUNCIL

Attached please find a copy of a motion that will be introduced and considered at the Tuesday, July 2, 2002 regularly scheduled Los Angeles City Council meeting. The motion requests the following:

That the City Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor, communicate to the MTA that a reduction in uniform officers does not respond to today's urgent need for increased public safety in the City;

That the LAPD continue dialogue with the LASD to ensure proposals respect existing jurisdictional boundaries;

That the LAPD continue discussions with the MTA and provide security services in a decentralized manner to the greatest extent possible and assist the MTA in developing a mutually beneficial security service contract; and

That the Council supports the addition of a Security Chief at MTA and the examination of a capital program on MTA's transit system.

John Catoe will be meeting with Councilmember Bernson and the Mayor's staff prior to the Council meeting to discuss MTA's concerns. If you should have any questions regarding this motion, please call me at 213-922-6888.

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July 3, 2002



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXECUTIVE STAFF

FROM: ROGER SNOBLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

SUBJECT: ABSENCE FROM THE OFFICE

I will be out of the office on vacation from Friday, July 5th through
July 15th

During my absence John Catoe will be acting on my behalf with
full signature authority. John can reach at (213) 922-6800.



JULY 10, 2002

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: JOHN B. CATOE, JR
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: LAWSUIT REGARDING MTA HIRING GUIDELINES

I held a news conference at Gateway today following this morning's announcement of a lawsuit that alleges MTA fails to adequately screen bus operators for criminal backgrounds. The lawsuit stems from a guilty plea earlier this year by a former operator who molested a 15-year old boy while on duty in June 2001. Nine years prior to his employment by RTD, the former operator was charged with armed robbery. The charge was later reduced to a misdemeanor and was subsequently expunged from his record which precluded the RTD from rejecting his application for employment in 1989.

During the news conference I announced new hiring guidelines for bus/rail operators and all other safety-sensitive positions. The guidelines include the automatic disqualification for employment of anyone charged with a felony and certain other specified misdemeanor crimes. A prospective employee whose felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors as the result of a plea bargain would also face immediate disqualification for employment. Prior guidelines allowed for employment provided that offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, were not committed within specific time frames. The time frames were established based on the severity of specific crimes.

The new guidelines cannot be retroactive, however, they will apply to any current employee who commits any felony or misdemeanor crimes outlined in the policy.



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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: MATTHEW RAYMOND, CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER *MR*

SUBJECT: METRO MOTION CABLE TELEVISION PROGRAM

Many L.A. County residents are not aware of the full scope of MTA's responsibilities and programs. MTA, in conjunction with the City of Santa Monica's CityTV, has produced the first in a series of 30-minute cable television programs intended to increase awareness of MTA's responsibilities and operations and to encourage viewers to try public transit.

Titled "Metro Motion," the series will cover countywide transportation topics and focus on a broad range of MTA programs and projects. The first show, which debuts July 16, will feature stories on Metro Rapid, the HOV system, EZpass and other topics and an interview with Board member Pam O'Connor with focus on the Westside and South Bay.

The Metro Motion series will include three additional shows to be produced at approximately three-month intervals. The next show is expected to include an interview with Board member Frank Roberts and will include focus on North County issues and projects.

Metro Motion will air on CityTV in Santa Monica and Channel 36 in Los Angeles on the following dates: July 16, 2002, at 8:30 p.m., July 20, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., July 25, 2002, at 9:30 p.m. and July 28, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

Following these airings, this first installment of Metro Motion will be made available to other cable systems throughout Los Angeles County.