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**FROM: JAMES L. de la LOZA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**COUNTYWIDE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

**ISSUE**

This report is prepared in response to the October 1997 Board action that requires the CEO or designee to report quarterly to the Board on the status and progress of regional external organizations on which MTA is represented by Board members or elected-official appointees. Board members may request that any item described in this report be brought forward for discussion at a future Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

Attachment A is the Quarterly Report on Regional External Organizations: Fiscal Year 2001-02 2nd Quarter ending December 31, 2001. As a regional transportation agency, MTA participates on the boards of eight organizations.

The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

Attachment

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## Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS *2nd Quarter, ending December 31, 2001*

<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen	
		<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> The Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. Mission: Plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Larry Zarian/.....James Ledford Don Knabe/.....Nathan Brogin Hal Bernson/.....Francine Oschin	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
SCRRA Board Strategic Work Session	SCRRA's Board convened a strategic work session members on Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13, 2001. Technical advisory committee members and key SCRRA staff also participated in the session. Subgroups met to discuss agency values, challenges, and untapped resources. Facilitator Doug Eadie also shared information on government board organizational trends, such as board size and the role of members in agency outreach.  SCRRA's Executive Committee convened on December 14 <sup>th</sup> to discuss the facilitator's report. The report contains recommended changes in the committee structure to facilitate implementation of key goals from the work session. Also discussed was the potential rescheduling of committee and board meetings so that items can be acted upon at committee and board meetings falling within the same month.	A subgroup of board chair alumni is planned for further discussion of the committee structure.	NA
Hosting the 2005 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Commuter Rail Conference	At the December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2001 Board meeting, SCRRA voted to host the 2005 APTA Commuter Rail Conference. Board members discussed obtaining sponsors, and an event coordination consultant to help with the financial and workload impact of the conference.	N/A	S
Initiation of Peak-Hour Service on the Riverside-Fullerton-L.A. Line	Due to delays in delivery of rolling stock, the new peak-hour service on the Riverside-Fullerton-L.A. Line has been deferred to May, 2002.	The new service will follow the same alignment as the Orange County Line between L.A. Union Station and Fullerton. From Fullerton it will follow the Burlington Northern Santa Fe right-of-way to West Corona, Riverside-La Sierra, and Downtown Riverside. The new service will also stop at stations planned for Buena Park, Yorba Linda, North Main/Corona, and Van Buren/Riverside when they are complete	S

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Potential Closure of Santa Clarita Metrolink Station	In early August 2001 the developer-owner of the land underlying the Santa Clarita Metrolink Station sent a 30-day notice evicting the City of Santa Clarita from the station by August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2001. This action is part of larger ongoing negotiations between the City of Santa Clarita and the developer regarding the schedule for mitigation of hazardous waste and the pace of development of properties adjacent to the station.  The temporary injunction against the developer which the City obtained on September 24 <sup>th</sup> is still in place, and continuing to hold off possible eviction. The City Attorney is continuing communication with the property owner regarding lease terms for the station.	SCRRA expects the City of Santa Clarita to take the necessary actions to keep the station open.	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 2) Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Nalini Ahuja Patricia Chen <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3088 (213) 922-3041	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NTCB, SANDAG, SBCAG, SLOCOG, VCTC, and Caltrans (with SCAG as an ex-officio member). The organization's mission is the following: Provide efficient, effective inter-city rail services in the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail corridor. Specifics: Coordinate capital improvements along the corridor; develop a capital program to secure funding from state and federal governments; coordinate and conduct a legislative and lobbying program at the federal and state level for LOSSAN corridor issues, especially those that give voice to funding needs and funding inequities.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Beatrice Proo Jacki Bacharach	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
LOSSAN JPA Amendments	The LOSSAN Board voted to amend the LOSSAN JPA at their December 7, 2001 meeting. The JPA, as amended, includes the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments as voting members, consistent with the geographical reach of the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service for which LOSSAN provides technical and capital support. The MTA Board approved the amendment and updated By-Laws in November, 2001, and MTA staff executed the amendment in December, 2001.	N/A	S

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 3) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Douglas Kim (213) 922-2817
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> MSRC is an independent entity created by State law, which allocates about \$12 million annually in AB 2766 discretionary funds from a portion of an annual \$4 DMV surcharge. This revenue is used to fund programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. MTA represents its interests and those of LA County jurisdictions.  The MSRC is composed of eight member agencies: MTA, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Southern California Rideshare (regional rideshare agency).		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Beatrice LaPisto-Kirtley / Margaret Clark	
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FY 2001-02 Annual Work Program	<p>On October 25, 2001, the MSRC approved \$15.3 million in funding for projects under its FY 2001-02 Work Program. This includes funding for the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transportation Control Measures (\$1.13 million) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Bicycle Mapping System (\$400,000);</li> <li>• Regional Guaranteed Ride Home Program (\$189,200);</li> <li>• Corridor Commuter Vanpool Demonstration Program (\$450,300);</li> <li>• Commuter Rail Station Rideshare Incentive Program (\$96,982);</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Clean Fuels Programs (\$14 million) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Match Program for Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Fueling Stations (\$2 million);</li> <li>• CNG School Bus Buydown Program (\$2 million);</li> <li>• Heavy-Duty Alternative Fuel Vehicles (\$4,138,133);</li> <li>• Transit Buses (\$3,360,114);</li> <li>• Retrofitting Diesel Trucks with Particulate Traps (\$1 million);</li> <li>• Buydown Program for alternative fuel vehicles (\$3,000 incentive for CNG light-duty vehicles and \$500 for gasoline/electric hybrid vehicles) (\$1.5 million)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>✓</p>	Contracts for successful bidders will be executed over the next six months. Additional funding may be allocated for Rideshare to Rails projects under the re-release of that RFP.	N
MTA Funding Awards	On October 25, 2001, MTA was awarded \$2,336,708 to help offset the capital cost of purchasing 210 CNG buses.	MTA will execute a contract with MSRC within the next three months	N

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Local Government Match Program	On November 1, 2001, MSRC released a solicitation to local governments, who are able to receive matching funds for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and refueling stations. Up to \$2 million in matching funds will be allocated to local governments throughout the region on a first-come, first-served basis.	On March 28, 2002, the MSRC will consider awarding funding to local governments for their alternative fuel projects on a first-come, first-served basis.	N
Rideshare to Rails RFP	On October 25, 2001, the MSRC voted to re-release an RFP that solicits proposals to reduce parking impacts at key rail stations. Up to \$225,000 was reserved for projects in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange counties for such programs.	Following the close of the proposal period on January 15, 2002, the MSRC will consider proposals at its January 24, 2002 meeting.	N
Diesel Particulate Trap Program	On October 1, 2001, the MSRC released a solicitation for applications to retrofit existing diesel vehicles with state-certified particulate traps. Fleets are able to request funding to retrofit diesel vehicles with particulate traps. MSRC will pay for up to \$8,000 per trap along with a \$500 incentive per bus to offset the higher cost of low-sulfur diesel.	On January 24, 2002, the MSRC will consider awarding funding for qualifying fleets.	N
FY 2002-03 Annual Work Program	N/A	In February, the MSRC will begin to develop funding priorities for its FY 2002-03 Work Program. This will be followed by development of solicitations that would be released by mid-2002.	N

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Michelle E. Smith (213) 922-3057
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> ACTA is responsible for managing the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor program. ACTA is composed of the following member agencies: MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Yvonne Burke Don Knabe	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Alameda Corridor Program – Overall Status	Construction activities are continuing at a rapid pace at the North End, Mid-Corridor and South End of the project. Twenty of the twenty-one construction contracts representing more than 98% of the total construction dollars for the program have been awarded (9 contracts are underway and 11 are complete). ACTA will advertise the last contract in September 2001. Revenue operations for the corridor are scheduled to begin in April 2002. All construction activities will be completed by December 2002.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACTA Governing Board approval and acceptance of the Alameda Corridor Program.</li> </ul>	NA
Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps	On September 13, 2001, the Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps presented a status report (quarterly) to the Alameda Corridor Governing Board on the Conservation Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the program.</li> </ul>	NA
Alameda Corridor Business Outreach Program (ACBOP)	On September 13, 2001, the Tutor Saliba Team (TST) presented a status report (quarterly) to the Alameda Corridor Governing Board on the Job Training and Development Program (JTDP) covering April 1 through June 30, 2001. ACBOP staff gave an update on the ACTA DBE program and objectives for 2001-2002.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the program.</li> </ul>	NA
Alameda Corridor-Mid Corridor Construction-Status	<p>The mid-corridor construction consists of building a 33- foot deep and 50- foot wide trench for freight trains. Construction of the mid-corridor by-pass track and storage tracks is currently underway. Over nine miles of the ten-mile long trench are excavated and all 30 bridges are in service.</p> <p>Obtain resolution of outstanding items of work (i.e., punch-list items) with corridor cities and railroad companies to complete the remaining construction activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the mid-corridor construction.</li> </ul>	NA
South End Construction-Status	Multiple construction projects are underway including the Henry Ford Grade Separation Project and a number of County of LA and City of Carson Ports Access Demonstration Projects (PADP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the Henry Ford Grade separation by April 2002.</li> <li>• Continuous construction activities on the County and PADP projects.</li> <li>• Completion of punch-list items.</li> </ul>	NA

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North End Construction-Status	Multiple construction projects are underway (including structures construction such as bridges and box culvert and underground utility work). Santa Fe Avenue was opened to traffic in late May. Redondo Junction structure was completed and is open to traffic. Segments of the new Washington Boulevard structure are open to traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of all construction activities at the north end.</li> </ul>	NA
Alameda Corridor Risk Management	On November 18, 1999, the Governing Board approved and authorized implementation of the Charter for an Ad Hoc Oversight/Audit Advisory Committee. The Audit Advisory Committee will provide a forum for monitoring and discussing internal and external audit matters. The committee is comprised of three members of the Governing Board representing the POLA, POLB and MTA. Don Knabe and Thomas Warren were appointed as new members to the Ad Hoc Oversight/Audit Advisory Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of the program.</li> </ul>	NA
Corridor Cities-Construction Impact Mitigation Measures	Construction impact mitigation measures are in process and ongoing. Direct traffic management plans for the segment of the project in Compton is under review. ACTA will report on-going construction related activities at monthly Engineering Review Panel meetings. ACTA's website will contain notices, detours and other project related activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of the program.</li> </ul>	NA



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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE:</b>	Douglas Kim -- General RTAC Cosette Stark – Rideshare/SB 836 (213) 922-2817/(213) 922-2822
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> RTAC provides member agencies with a forum to discuss legislative mandates of mutual interest as set forth in AB 1246. RTAC addresses issues, facilitates identification, coordination, and resolution of transportation and air quality issues affecting member agencies. This includes SB 836, 1998 legislation which provided \$3 million for implementation of MTA's Regional Rideshare Program (i.e., Rideshare 2000 and Club Metro).  RTAC is composed of six voting members: MTA, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and Caltrans. The five Southern California air districts, Imperial Valley Association of Governments, and Ventura County Transportation Commission are ex-officio members.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Beatrice Proo	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Membership	In October 2001, Beatrice Proo was appointed by Chair John Fasana as the MTA's representative on the RTAC.	N/A	N
Arbor Vitae interchange project	On October 26, 2001, the RTAC met to discuss the Arbor Vitae interchange project on the I-405, which was deleted from SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program. RTAC recommended that: 1) SCAG's TCC and Regional Council reconsider the Arbor Vitae project; 2) SCAG develop a policy to define "Baseline Project" in the RTP; and 3) RTAC and CTCs continue to work with SCAG to avoid planning and programming conflicts in the future. These recommendations were forwarded for consideration by SCAG's Regional Council on December 13, 2001.	SCAG will propose an amendment to the 2001 RTP in January that reinstates the Arbor Vitae project in their plans. If this occurs, the project will once again be eligible for federal funds	S
Administration of RTAC	N/a	In 2002, MTA will be responsible for administering the RTAC program.	N
AB 1246 Process	Member agencies began to discuss transferring AB 1246 consultation responsibilities to a forum other than RTAC.	Discussions will continue on transferring AB 1246 consultation responsibilities to another forum	N

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 6) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Douglas Kim (213) 922-2817
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> TCC is a policy advisory committee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on all regional matters pertaining to the movement of goods and people. TCC reviews the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and makes recommendations to the Regional Council. The TCC also provides recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and administrative guidelines affecting planning and capital improvement programs for transportation and utilities.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> John Fasana (SGVCOG) Hal Bernson (City of Los Angeles) Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica) Beatrice Proo (City of Pico Rivera) MTA Seat: Vacant	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position *</b>
Status of Arbor Vitae Interchange Project in SCAG's RTP and RTIP	Following earlier decisions to remove the Arbor Vitae interchange improvements from the 2001 RTP and RTIP, SCAG's Regional Council and TCC met on December 13, 2001 to reconsider its decision. Based upon recommendations from the Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC), the Regional Council voted to reconsider the project at an upcoming meeting in 2002. It directed SCAG staff to prepare a public notice identifying the proposed amendment to the 2001 RTP and undergo the interagency consultation process.	MTA and SCAG staff will coordinate and ensure the proper process is followed prior to SCAG Regional Council reconsideration of the project in March. MTA will coordinate interagency consultation with the RTAC in January or February 2002.	S
2004 Regional Transportation Plan	On December 13, 2001, the TCC was updated on the initial work being done to plan for the 2004 update of the RTP.	SCAG task forces will meet in early 2002 to begin development of recommendations that will feed into the Draft 2004 RTP	N

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 7) Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium (FCBC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Eck Chaiboonma <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3014	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b>  1. Improving bus service through the Fuel Cell-Powered ATTB, 2. Improving air quality through zero to low-emission Fuel Cell-Powered ATTB, 3. Capturing economic benefits from fuel cell manufacturing, 4. Creating new high technology jobs		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Frank Roberts (Alternate: Vacant)	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
FCBC Board Meetings	The following actions were approved at the October 12, 2001 meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Appointed Mr. Paul Hudson as an alternate to Mayor Hahn</li> <li>2) Appointed John B. Catoe as the new FCBC President</li> <li>3) Appointed Mayor Frank Roberts as the MTA Board Representative</li> <li>4) Approved the transfer of ATTB #5 to Houston MTA for research and testing</li> <li>5) Approved the name change of the FCBC to the Advanced Transit Vehicle Consortium</li> </ol>	The FCBC plans to extend the contract with Dr. Arieli for another 12 months. This will support the FCBC in achieving their strategic goals of redirecting the agency toward a strong customer focus and facilitate the commercialization of the production variants of the ATTB prototypes in LA county and assure acceptance by the transit community and funding from FTA and Congress.	N

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 8) Access Services, Incorporated (ASI)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Jim McLaughlin Scott Greene	<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-2806 (213) 922-2802
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> Access Services is the provider of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit in Los Angeles County and serves as a mobility facilitator for persons with disabilities and specialized transportation needs		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Jim McLaughlin, Ex-Officio Member to the ASI Board	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
<u>Cost Containment</u> - ASI uses private companies to provide Access Paratransit. ASI selects the providers through a competitive bid process.	Demand for Access Paratransit is growing rapidly. Through the first five months of FY 02, ridership is up 23% over last year, causing ASI to project a \$10 to \$14 million shortfall in FY 03. Several modifications are under consideration to close the shortfall and to keep ASI subsidy requirements within the budget targets adopted by the MTA Board. ASI held a public hearing on the proposed modifications on November 7, 2001, followed by the ASI Board workshop on December 10, 2001.	ASI will hold a series of public meetings in February to review the service modification proposals. The ASI Community Advisory Committee is expected to take a position on the proposals at its February 14 meeting, and the ASI Board will take action by the end of February. The MTA Board will consider an Action Plan at its April meeting.	S
<u>Mobility Issues</u> – the ADA emphasizes non-discriminatory access to fixed-route transit services, with ADA paratransit acting as a safety net for people who cannot use fixed-route. Some ADA paratransit customers can use fixed-route transit some of the time.	Access Services and MTA continued to develop and implement strategies to improve mobility for Access Paratransit riders. After approval by the MTA Board in September 2001, MTA received applications on December 17 for new sub-regional paratransit projects expected to provide more cost-effective alternatives to Access Paratransit. In November and December, ASI provided accessible back-up services to the Metro Red Line while rail station elevators were out of service for routine maintenance. On November 1, the Glendale Beeline began to offer free rides to ADA eligible and their Personal Care Attendants (PCA). Glendale joined the free fare program in which the MTA, Foothill Transit, Norwalk, Azusa, and Monterey Park already participate.	Access Services will assist in the evaluation of applications for new sub-regional paratransit projects. Staff expects to make FY 03 funding recommendations to the MTA Board. The two agencies will continue to work collaboratively towards expanded mobility options for people with disabilities, for example by recruiting additional fixed-route systems to offer free fares to ADA eligible and their PCAs.	S
<u>Coordination Issues</u> – Access Services as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA)	ASI as the CTSA completed the SB 826 Social Service Transportation Inventory, which is conducted every four years. The MTA assisted in the outreach to encourage responses from local jurisdictions and health and human services providers.	MTA and ASI will work together to submit the required reports to Caltrans, including the SB 826 Social Service Transportation Inventory and the Action Plan update.	S

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<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> Access Services is the provider of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit in Los Angeles County and serves as a mobility facilitator for persons with disabilities and specialized transportation needs		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Jim McLaughlin, Ex-Officio Member to the ASI Board	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
<u>New ASI Board Members</u> – since February 2001, four new members joined the Board of Directors (three voting members and one ex-officio non-voting member from MTA).	During the quarter there were no changes to the ASI Board. Members of the ASI Board include Ms. Terri Slimmer of the City of West Hollywood (local transit systems appointee), Mr. Jeff Cressy (appointed by the County Commission on Disabilities), Mr. Gordon Anthony (appointed by the Board of Supervisors), Ms. Barbara Miyamoto (City of L.A.), Mr. Joel Ring (Independent Living Centers appointee), Mr. Andre Colaiace of Foothill Transit (appointed by the municipal operators), and Ms. Janice Heidt (appointed by the City Selection Committee). Mr. Jim McLaughlin of the MTA serves as an ex-officio non-voting member on the ASI Board.	The City of Los Angeles is expected to appoint a new representative to the ASI Board as Ms. Miyamoto had been appointed by the previous administration.	S