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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF WEDDINGTON PARK WALL

ISSUE

On August 23, 2001, the MTA Board passed a motion by Director Zev Yaroslavsky directing MTA staff to work with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks staff to carry out actions necessary to develop a final landscaping plan for South Weddington Park. The plan includes a solid barrier wall between the park and the 101 Freeway to help mitigate the impacts of the new Universal Metro Red Line Station access road and reconfiguration of the freeway entrance on the adjacent residential community. The Board directed staff to report on the status of this action in thirty days. The status is as follows:

- At their September 19, 2001, meeting, the City of Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commission approved, in concept, a proposal for MTA to place a barrier wall on the South Weddington Park property. The Board directed staff to work with MTA staff to develop the design and to consult with the Cultural Affairs Commission before returning to the Board for final approval.
- A Request for Proposal has been issued to Inca Design Engineers to design the barrier wall and all modifications to the irrigation, landscape, and drainage. Their proposal is expected by the first week in October, 2001.

NEXT STEPS

- Begin the environmental clearance process for the landscaping plan and wall construction. This will be accomplished by staff filing a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Court Clerk.
- Prepare and submit procurement documents for construction of the barrier wall to the MTA Board for approval.
- Conduct negotiations with the contractor for the work.