



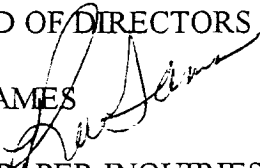
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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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**SUBJECT:** NEWSPAPER INQUIRIES RE: TRANSIT POLICE & AB 273

The Los Angeles Times and the Daily News are both preparing articles to run tomorrow on the Executive Management Committee's decision to explore a possible merger of MTA Transit Police Department and the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department.

The newspapers were informed that:

- MTA Transit Police have 371 sworn officers, 63 security guards and 55 civilian support staff. In the first four months of FY 1996, 32 officers have left for other agencies.
- A dozen MTA officers have left for the Whittier Police Department, and several others have gone to the Inglewood Police Department.
- The Transit Police budget is about \$33 million a year, making it the 10th largest police agency in the state.

Also for your information, the Kuykendahl bill is scheduled to be heard before the Assembly Appropriations Committee tomorrow.