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MEMO TO: MTA BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
FROM: FRANKLIN E. WHITE *FW*
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY DOWNEY AND
FTA ADMINISTRATOR LINTON

Yesterday, after several days of discussion, Chairman Zarian, Stan Phernambucq, and myself went to Washington, D.C. and met with DOT Deputy Secretary Mort Downey, and FTA Administrator Gordon Linton to discuss the MTA's construction recovery plan. The meeting was generally positive as the DOT/FTA reaffirmed their commitment to completing the Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3 project and stated their request to have all aspects of the MTA's construction recovery plan in place by October 1, 1995. Mr. Linton's letter was sent to you this morning under separate cover.

The MTA's construction recovery plan stated we would transfer, then hire, permanent MTA personnel in quality assurance and safety control. The transition has not occurred as fast as we would like. As we noted in one instance, an individual turned down a 25 percent pay increase to fill a safety management position. Currently, 19 of 30 quality assurance and safety control positions are committed, which represents over 60 percent of the positions. We are confident all positions will be permanently filled by October 1. The remaining 11 positions are currently filled by the transferred employees and are under intense recruitment.

We also briefed the DOT/FTA regarding the new Construction Manager for the North Hollywood Segment 3 project. We stated that the MTA would revise our construction recovery plan with a revised draft Project Management Plan by August 31, 1995, with final FTA approval anticipated by October 1.

Lastly, Mr. Linton stated he would inform Congress of the Administration's continued support for the Red Line project and his desire to have the MTA's construction recovery plan finalized by October 1. The MTA must continue its efforts to convince Congress to retain the House funding mark of \$125 million for Segment 3 when the Conference Committee meets after the Labor Day recess. Your continued support toward that goal is imperative.