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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES
COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT (LACPD) FOR
GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND CLEANING OF MTA
BUSES AND INACTIVE RAIL RIGHTS OF WAY
(IRROW)

ISSUE

This program is funded through an MOU and is self renewing unless canceled by either party with proper notice. In preparation for Fiscal Year 2000 program funding, MTA will continue to utilize the services of the Los Angeles Probation Department for graffiti removal and the cleaning of MTA buses and inactive rail rights of way (IRROW) through an existing agreement.

BACKGROUND

The juvenile work programs are a contractual agreement between the MTA and LACPD, in which the Probation Department supplies supervised juvenile work crews to remove graffiti from, as well as clean, MTA buses and IRROW. The program is a cost effective means to assist in maintaining these facilities for the Authority. In September 1996, the Board of Directors approved the extension of this contract through June 1997, as well as three additional one year periods at an estimated annual cost not to exceed \$740,000. This extends the contract term until June 30, 2000. Although the Board of Directors approved \$740,000 per year, the department has only expended approximately one half of this amount over each of the past two years. This reduction in cost is due to the Probation Department's diverting juvenile work crews to LA County Flood Control channel clearance work, and scheduling juveniles to attend weekday educational classes as mandated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This Board approved contract has existed between the Authority and the LACPD since 1995 and has been renewed at the beginning of each fiscal year.

STATUS

The LACPD juvenile work crew program will continue to enhance bus cleanliness goals as set forth by the Board under the Quality Integration Program, now known as the Metro Clean Program. The Metro Clean Program has three components, bus

graffiti abatement, maintenance of MTA owned inactive rail rights-of-way (IRROW), and the bus stop cleaning program. The contract with the LACPD supports bus graffiti abatement at major off street bus terminals and allows for more responsive maintenance of high visibility IRROW.

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