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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: LANKERSHIM BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION
ITEM #23 APRIL 29, 1999 BOARD MEETING

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At its April 29th meeting the Board of Directors will consider authorizing a commitment of \$1,275,000 for the cost of reconstruction of Lankershim Boulevard from Bluffside Drive to Chandler Boulevard in North Hollywood. For the reasons discussed below, I am prepared to recommend that the Board approve this commitment.

As I now understand the facts relevant to the issue, the current poor condition of Lankershim Boulevard is a result of several construction projects. Most significant, of course, was the MTA's pressure grouting operations to support the tunnel project. However, the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power recently completed main water line installations within this street. The City Department of Sanitation also performed sewer restoration work on Lankershim Boulevard. It was my understanding that since there were several agencies at work on the same street our staff (appropriately) attempted to negotiate a sharing of the cost of reconstruction. This is what led to my offer to the City to recommend that the MTA pay about one third of the reconstruction cost.

I now can find no evidence that agreement was ever reached with the City to share the reconstruction costs. Furthermore, it does not appear that the City has identified any funding for the project. Pursuing some sharing arrangement with the City or any of its agencies would certainly result in an extensive delay in completing the required work and might not save the MTA any money if the condition of Lankershim Boulevard is allowed to further deteriorate.

I am also interested in preserving our good relationship with the City in light of the other important issues we must resolve in the near future.

The \$1,275,000 which the City is requesting to cover the reconstruction cost can be funded within the Segment III project budget contingency. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board authorize me to take the necessary steps to fund this City project in an amount not to exceed \$1,275,000 so that the City Public Works Department can complete the Lankershim Boulevard reconstruction as quickly as possible.

cc: Councilman Ferraro