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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF A SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN
FOR FY1999-2004

ISSUE

An MTA Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is being developed for FY 1999-2004. The plan will set the direction for Bus and Rail service development activities over the next five years and establish a framework for prioritizing and managing system investments.

BACKGROUND

Until 1996, transit agencies receiving state and federal funding were required to develop a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). The last MTA SRTP was prepared in 1996. Since that time there have been a number of changes. These include the implementation of the Consent Decree, interest in creating additional transportation zones, rail demobilization and the analysis of regional transit alternatives. Although no longer a legal requirement, an SRTP is needed as a tool for managing new and emerging commitments of the MTA.

An SRTP is a strategic service plan for the agency that will be updated each year concurrent with the budget. The SRTP will guide the transition from the current operation to the long range vision. Key elements include: an assessment of existing conditions and opportunities, a five year financial plan, a service development strategy, service policies, a recommended service plan and a capital improvement plan. This plan will complement the Restructuring Plan that was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

MTA Short Range Planning Process

