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Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: F

REGIONAL TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

CONSULTANT SELECTION

I am pleased to announce that we have selected Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., to manage and direct the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis from this point forward to its completion. In addition to submitting an excellent management plan, Booz-Allen has provided transportation technology, management, and operations services to clients across the country and worldwide; is able to provide experienced staff to complete this study over the next three months; has significant local knowledge of Los Angeles County transportation issues; and has hands-on working knowledge of MTA internal and external processes. This gives Booz-Allen the combination of skills, resources and knowledge needed to insure that the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis is completed within the required time frame.

Booz-Allen is available to start work immediately. Mr. Doug Carter will be the project manager and Mr. Eric Olson, P.E., will be the deputy project manager. Mr. Carter has more than eighteen years of experience in the transit industry and has worked for the MTA on several projects including the Transit Service Delivery and Fares Workout Team and the Subregional Governance of MTA Bus Services. Mr. Olson has fourteen years of transportation experience in highway and transit planning, engineering and construction management and has provided project management and program oversight services on domestic and international assignments.

Due to the shortened time frame available to retain a consultant team and to complete the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis, it was necessary to bring on a large, full service consulting team with the resources immediately available to provide a wide range of technical, analytical and strategic skills. After seeking advice from a number of transportation professionals, we identified three firms that were internationally recognized in providing the kinds of services and large scale resources that we required. We conducted a competitive procurement process targeted to our revised needs.

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Written proposals were reviewed by MTA technical and management staff and subsequently by an evaluation committee consisting of myself, Sharon Landers, Allan Lipsky, and Jim de la Loza. Based on staff analysis and our evaluation committee's discussions and review of the submissions, the committee members were unanimous in selecting Booz-Allen's proposal as the most advantageous to MTA to perform the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis work.

One of the consultant's first tasks will be to work with MTA staff to prepare a revised briefing schedule and complete presentation materials so that we can begin to share with you the technical work that is currently underway. I will let you know as soon as we have scheduled a new date for our first Board member briefing.