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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY
BOARD STAFF

FAREBOX

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Q: What is the average farebox recovery ratio of municipal operators?

The average farebox recovery ratio of municipal operators was 32.2%. The most recent data available from the Formula Allocation Plan operators is for FY95.

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Q: How many lines operate under the off-peak rate of 75 cents?

All MTA bus lines offer 75 cent cash fare between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Additionally, line 40/42/442 offers the 75 cent cash fare between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Q: Was analysis conducted to show the effects of an increase in fare on ridership?

Yes, MTA staff utilized its fare analysis model to determine the impact boarding and revenue of increased fares on each category of rider.

SUBSIDY

Q: What is the cost of the Metro Green, Blue, and Red Lines and explain the use of subsidies to cover expenditure? Include cost analysis of Red Line & Blue Line.

(\$ in millions)

	Green Line	Blue Line	Red Line
Total Expenses	\$21.7	\$37.4	\$33.8
Fares/System	4.3	7.1	7.8
Loss before Subsidy	17.4	30.3	26.0
<i>Subsidies</i>			
Prop A Discretionary	7.1	7.0	7.1
Prop C Discretionary	4.5	13.9	8.4
Prop C Security	.3	.8	.6
TDA Article 4	2.6	3.8	4.9
STA Population Share	2.9	4.8	4.6
Federal Grant for enhanced rail security	0	0	.4
Total Subsidies	17.4	30.3	26.0

TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Q: Consider the funding for a bus drying facility at RRC in order to accelerate the bus paint program.

In support of the agency's goal of implementing improvements to the bus fleet, Transit Operations will repaint 350 units during the fiscal year, a 40% increase from FY98 (250 units). The RRC can handle up to 500 buses without needing a drying booth.

Q: Where will the 22 mechanics within transit operations be deployed?

They will all be assigned to bus operating divisions. Two mechanics each will be assigned to Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15. One will be assigned to division 6, and three will be assigned to division 18.

Q: What are the transit ambassadors, their role and where is staff coming from?

Transit ambassadors will be assigned to high volume rail and bus locations. The ambassadors will facilitate the transfer from trains to buses, expedite bus loading, maintain schedule adherence, and answer questions. The new positions are an existing TCU classification and will be filled according to the labor agreement. The Service Director at the El Monte station has a similar function, directing buses to bus bays, but has little to no customer contact, and does not hold buses for transferring passengers.

Q: What will the agency do with the BREDA rail cars?

Upon arrival, the new rail cars will rotate among the Red Line fleet, leveraging warranty utility and reducing maintenance cost associated with the older fleet.

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