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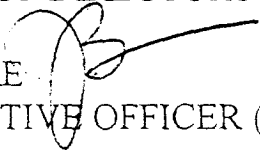
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TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JULIAN BURKE 
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SUBJECT: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRANSIT BUS
(ATTB) LETTER FOR APPROVAL

I have attached a copy of a letter to the Federal Transit Administration confirming the MTA Board's support for the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB) project. At the January 29, 1998 Board Meeting, several Board of Directors expressed their interest in this project and felt it was appropriate to convey this message once again to Mr. Gordon Linton, the Federal Transit Administrator.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



February 26, 1998

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Gordon J. Linton
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Dear Administrator Linton:

At the January 29, 1998 board meeting, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (MTA) Board of Directors once again reiterated its strong support for the Advanced Technology Transit Bus (ATTB). The MTA along with the County of Los Angeles and State of California has invested millions of dollars and countless hours towards the research and completion of the prototype vehicles. The board approved 100 ATTB's as part of the MTA's bus acquisition and we are moving forward on a strategy for procurement.

The MTA's involvement in the ATTB project began with its initiation in 1992. In 1996, Los Angeles was the site where U.S. Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and numerous elected officials presented the first prototype ATTB to the nation. The prototype was inspected and received the California Highway Patrol stamp of approval to begin road testing.

The ATTB project has the strong support of California Senator Barbara Boxer and the California delegation. With the leadership of Congress and the Administration, the project has been funded by Section 26 Planning and Research funds and Section 3 Bus discretionary funds from FTA since FY 1993. The MTA's FY 1998 funding for FY 1998 was \$10 million, consistent with the Administration's FY 1998 funding proposal. The allocation allowed completion of the prototype production and field testing of the ATTB vehicles.

The MTA is currently developing procurement specifications for the ATTB which will be submitted to FTA for review and approval. This month, the MTA will host three test vehicles.

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The MTA leads the country in the development of alternatively fueled public transit vehicles and has the largest clean air bus fleet in the nation. The taxpayers of L.A. County and California have an enormous investment in this project. On behalf of the MTA Board of Directors, I thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the MTA.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

By:
