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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: BID SCHEDULE AND FUNDING COMMITMENTS FOR IFB  
NO. CA-90-X771-A, 220 TRANSIT BUSES**

**ISSUE**

As directed by Mayor Riordan in his motion to the MTA Board on January 10, 1997, last month staff issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for 220 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses.

The original bid schedule for this procurement was as follows:

June 5, 1997 Request for Equals and Submission of Questions  
June 19, 1997 Response to Questions  
June 26, 1997 Appeals to the Equals process  
July 3, 1997 Response to Appeals  
July 10, 1997 Submission of Protests to FTA  
July 17, 1997 Bid Opening

During the Pre-Bid Conference on May 22, 1997, several potential bus bidders requested changes to the bid schedule. North American Bus Industries requested an additional two week extension of the deadline for submission of requests for equals. In addition, New Flyer, another potential bidder, has submitted a written request for a two week extension of the date for receipt of bids.

Staff reviewed these requests and has modified the bid schedule as follows:

June 12, 1997 Request for Equals and Submission of Questions  
June 26, 1997 Response to Questions  
July 3, 1997 Appeals to the Equals process  
July 10, 1997 Response to Appeals  
July 24, 1997 Submission of Protests to FTA  
July 31, 1997 Bid Opening