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SUBJECT: METRO RED LINE - SEGMENT 3, EAST SIDE EXTENSION
BOYLE RANCH MARKET (PARCEL ED-131)

ISSUE

The MTA Board of Directors adopted a motion by MTA Director Richard Alatorre directing staff to explore the means for providing job training or other employment opportunities for the Boyle Ranch Market employees during the market's relocation period. The motion also directed staff to report back on these efforts and on staff efforts to help the market relocate.

Subsequent to the motion, staff held meetings with the following agencies:

East Los Angeles Service Center
Employment Development Department
City of Los Angeles
East Los Angeles One Stop Career Center
County of Los Angeles
East Los Angeles Occupation Center
Rapid Response, City of Los Angeles
East Los Angeles Skill Center
Chicana Service Action Center
Jobs for the Future

Each of these agencies have programs specifically directed at workers who have suffered a work layoff or to employers and employees in anticipation of work layoffs. They offer employment assistance, assessment and counseling services, and training programs.

Staff, based on the aforementioned meetings with these organization, believes that the appropriate role for the MTA is to be a facilitator in bringing these services to the Boyle Ranch Market employees in the event they lose their jobs.

As a first step in that direction, a community meeting was held by MTA staff on April 24, 1997. Each of the above listed agencies, as well as the MTA's Career Development and Training Center, was represented at this community meeting. The services provided by these agencies were described and representatives remained after the meeting to meet with individuals. More than 3,000 flyers advertising the event were distributed to the community and at various community events. The Boyle Ranch Market employees were provided the flyers specifically.

If the Boyle Ranch Market employees do lose their jobs, MTA staff will do their best to direct them to appropriate service agencies.

A settlement has been tentatively reached with the owners of the market. If approved, the settlement will permit the market to continue to exist for a longer period of time. This would increase the likelihood that the owners can relocate with little or no down time.

MTA relocation consultants have provided many possible relocation sites to the owners. While none are in the immediate area of the existing store, some of the sites are close enough to use the same labor supply. However, the replacement site selection rests solely with the market owners.

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