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Los Angeles County
Metropolitan
Transportation
Authority

TO: MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: CONTRACT COST GROWTH ANALYSIS BY CHANGE
TYPE**

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ISSUE

Receive and file the attached analysis and reports which summarize and compare the current Board delegation of authority limits of the LACMTA with other transit and public works agencies.

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BACKGROUND

Staff compiled the attached charts titled "COMPARATIVE CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY LEVELS - CONSTRUCTION/PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS" and "COMPARATIVE CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY LEVELS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS" in response to a request from Directory Abernethy. Draft charts were provided to Director Abernethy on September 19, 1995.

The data was obtained by telephone contact with representatives of the agencies listed.

COMPARATIVE CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY LEVELS
CONSTRUCTION / PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS
 (Maximum change order value authorization allowed without Board approval)
 AS OF August 1995

AGENCY	DELEGATED TO:	AUTHORITY LEVEL
TRANSIT AGENCIES		
British Columbia	Project Director	\$1,000,000
WMATA (Wash D.C.)	General Manager	\$200,000
Miami	Executive Director	\$75,000
Seattle	Contracting Officer	Unlimited up to defined contingency amount
Boston	General Manager	\$100,000 up to 10% of contract
Los Angeles MTA	E.O. Construction Division	\$200,000 up to Authorized For Expenditure (AFE) amount*
MARTA (Atlanta)	General Manager	Unlimited above \$200,000
Corps of Engineers	Area Engineer	Varies per contract up to \$50,000
CalTrans	Project Manager	Unlimited up to defined contingency amount
New York MTA	Project Manager	\$250,000 cumulative or 15% of contract value
DART (Dallas)	Contracting Officer	Up to \$100,000
Pittsburgh - Port Authority	Division or Executive Director	Up to 10% of the contract value
BART - Bay Area Rapid Transit District		
Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Project Manager	\$25,000 (all changes reviewed by Board of Public Works)
OTHER AGENCIES		
City of Long Beach	Project Manager	Up to 25% of contract value
City of Los Angeles	Project Manager	\$25,000
City of Compton	Project Manager	\$25,000

* AFE is generally 10 to 15% of contract award value

COMPARATIVE CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY LEVELS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
(Maximum change order value authorization allowed without Board approval)
AS OF August 1995

AGENCY	DELEGATED TO:	AUTHORITY LEVEL
TRANSIT AGENCIES		
British Columbia	Project Director	\$???
WMATA (Wash D.C.)	General Manager	\$200,000
Miami	Procurement Director	\$25,000
Seattle	Contracting Officer	\$ Up to defined contingency (usually 10%)
Boston	General Manager	\$250,000 up to 10% of contract
Los Angeles MTA	Executive Officer - Construction Division	\$200,000 up to Authorized For Expenditure (AFE) amount*
MARTA (Atlanta)	General Manager	\$25,000
Corps of Engineers	Area Engineer	Varies per contract up to \$50,000
CalTrans	Project Manager	\$???
New York MTA	Project Manager	\$20,000 individually, to cumulative 15% of contract value
DART (Dallas)	Contracting Officer	up to \$100,000
Pittsburgh - Port Authority	Division or Executive Director	Up to 10% of contract value
BART - Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Procurement Department Manager	\$50,000 up to 10% of total contract value
Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Project Manager	\$???
OTHER AGENCIES		
City of Long Beach	Project Manager	\$???
City of Los Angeles	Project Manager	\$???
City of Compton	Project Manager	\$???

* AFE includes a change allowance based on a standard table related to the unexpended contract value.