



INTEROFFICE
MEMORANDUM

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TO: MTA Board Members, Alternates

FROM: Jim Smart *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Transit Radio System Project

The Daily News has inquired about the status of the Transit Radio System project. As you know, the former RTD Board awarded a \$15.5 million contract to General Railway System in July 1988 to design the system and to purchase 1,000 radios, base station equipment for five MTA sites, a mainframe computer connected to 19 dispatch consoles and terminals at each bus division, as well as software. The system's main advantages were to be able to electronically track the exact location of any bus, provide greater passenger safety through quicker emergency response and better fleet management.

The project has been the subject of change orders, claims and delays. The original contract due date was in 1990. Thus far, the MTA has paid \$9 million to the contractor. Most of these monies were paid for hardware connected with the project.

The integrated system test is scheduled for August. If successful, the radios will be installed.