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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: MTA APPOINTS NEW FEDERAL LOBBYISTS

ISSUE

Please be advised that effective January 13, 2004 our contract with Patton Boggs was terminated. Our new federal lobbyists for the MTA are Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. (Van Scoyoc) and Cliff Madison Government Relations, Inc. (Cliff Madison). The contract with Van Scoyoc was effective January 14, 2004 and the Cliff Madison contract was effective January 1, 2004.

These firms have been retained to work in conjunction with the MTA Board of Directors and MTA staff to develop a legislative strategy to implement the MTA's program. The firms at the direction of MTA will pursue the goals and objectives in the Calendar Year 2004 Legislative Program as adopted by the Board of Directors. The primary focus of the Legislative Program is to secure funding in the FY05 appropriations bills, enhance the MTA's role in crafting the reauthorization of TEA-21, and securing, without delay, a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (MGLEE).