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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE
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FROM: JOHN B. CATOE, JR.
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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MASTER'S ORDER RE: NEW SERVICE PLAN

On April 14, 2005, Metro received an order from the Special Master regarding the Consent Decree New Service Plan. Staff is presently in the process of reviewing and interpreting the order, however, the primary requirements appear to be as follows:

- A minimum of 134 new buses are to be added to the Metro Rapid network;
- An imposition of limits on the amount of local service that can be reallocated to Metro Rapid service;
- Service may not be reduced in other areas of the bus system to meet the Order;
- Metro must maintain the present level of resources allocated to the Pilot Project;

Executive management will be meeting on Monday to determine the financial, legal and operational implications of the Special Master's Order, as well as possible approaches to meet the order. Additionally, we will be agendaizing this matter for closed session at the upcoming Committee meetings to discuss the implications of this order in greater detail.

Since 1996 Metro has spent more than \$1 billion to comply with the Consent Decree and added more than 1.6 million annual bus service hours, which have not resulted in a corresponding increase in demand. The Special Master's order notwithstanding, I believe Metro has fully complied with the Consent Decree.