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SUBJECT: NEW HOMELAND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

ISSUE

On Thursday, May 20, 2004, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) held a teleconference with all railroad and rail-transit operators to announce the "new measures to expand security for rail passengers" that will take effect Sunday, May 23, 2004.

DISCUSSION

Following are TSA required measures for rail system operators and Metro's current status for each:

- Rail-owners must designate "coordinators" to enhance security-related communications with TSA.

This requirement is already in place.

- Passengers and employees will be asked to report unattended property or suspicious behavior.

This requirement is already in place and being expanded upon.

- At certain locations, rail operators will be required to remove trash receptacles, except for clear plastic, or explosion-containing/directing trash containers.

Metro has purchased one-hundred (100) explosion-containing/directing trash-receptacles, under the current \$4.577 million Department of Homeland

Security (DHS)/Office for Domestic Preparedness grant.

- When needed, canine explosive teams may be utilized to screen baggage, terminals and trains.

Metro already has this capability through our LASD contract and if necessary, through the use of Mutual Aid agreements, LASD could call upon other agencies in L. A. County for this resource. An additional canine-unit will be assigned this year.

- Facilities inspections will be conducted by rail operators for suspicious or unattended items.

All Metro operators/supervisors are currently performing inspections.

- Rail operators will ensure that security is at appropriate levels and is consistent with DHS established threat levels.

Our security exceeds the security levels required by DHS.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will keep the Board informed of any new updates regarding Homeland Security requirements.