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SUBJECT: MTA FEATURED IN PUBLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM ON
SAFETY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION

DISCUSSION

MTA's efforts to improve safety and reduce Workers' Compensation costs were recently featured in a public television hour-long news magazine program. "California Connected" is a weekly program that airs on local PBS stations throughout the state. A video copy of the March 25, 2004 show is attached for your review.

The episode examined the rising cost of Workers' Compensation premiums in California and covered issues such as how to fix the system, the costs of Workers' Compensation for California employers, and employer and employee perspectives. The show featured MTA's Safety's First Program, self-insured and self-administered Workers' Compensation claims program, and fraud reduction program as potential claims and cost-reducing approaches.

Members of the "California Connected" team filmed the segment in February and interviewed Chief Financial Officer Richard Brumbaugh, Division 3 Transportation Manager Dan Frawley, senior investigator Roy Romero of the Special Investigations Unit, and TCU union leader Ray Huffer. A brief discussion with bus operators during their break at a division is also included.

ATTACHMENT

A. "California Connected" Video