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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MAY 19, 1999

SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL FARE SYSTEM STATUS REPORT

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file status report on Universal Fare System (UFS).

ISSUE

The Board has requested a bi-monthly update on the UFS Project.

DISCUSSION

Project overview

The UFS project is a coordinated set of specifications, procurement requirements and operating agreements that will enable seamless inter-modal and inter-agency electronic fare collection throughout Los Angeles County. During the next three fiscal years, MTA and other operators will procure and operate compatible systems as a regional initiative to improve transit travel speeds, increase transit ridership, and increase fare revenues. In addition, the UFS system will be integrated with the MTA's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS).

Funding status

Funding of \$93.3 million committed by the MTA Board for the regional UFS program has been included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Since this is a multi-year, multi-agency project, each participating agency has the responsibility to budget fare revenue equipment replacement and to obtain UFS enhancement funding each year.

Municipal operators anticipate expending \$2.8 million of their \$17.5 million TIP funds for FY 00 UFS costs; MTA staff has proposed \$16.3 million for inclusion in the FY 00 MTA budget in cost center 4610, Countywide Transit Programs, under project 200225, Universal Fare System Capital Improvement Project.

UFS components are being funded with Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds. MTA staff and other participating agencies are confirming with the responsible federal agencies that the UFS systemwide enhancements will be determined as an eligible use.

Procurement status

MTA staff had intended to administratively award a two-phased contract for development of UFS farebox, rail ticket vending machines (TVMs) and shuttle specifications in April 1999. However, during negotiations the scope was expanded to incorporate two peer reviews and development of specifications for the modification of SCRRRA ticket vending machines. The expanded scope required that the Board award the contract.

Staff also has negotiated a revision of the consultant scope of work to simultaneously produce Phases I and II. The delay in procurement of the specification consultant services has delayed issuance of the RFPs for equipment procurements to November 1999.

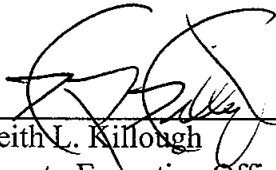
Staff has initiated discussions with GFI-Genfare to incorporate the firm's Metrocard components and operating system into the UFS. Staff intends to return to the Board in July with a procurement strategy for the GFI Metrocard components to ensure integration with the farebox and TVM specifications.

NEXT STEPS

- Complete Procurement of Specification Consultant services - May 1999
- Clarify eligibility of UFS for CMAQ funding - June 1999
- Complete negotiations with GFI-Genfare for UFS Metrocard components / software - July 1999
- Clarify UFS management structure / procurement strategies - August 1999

- Complete draft specifications for UFS Farebox and TVMs - September 1999
- Complete agency peer review of Specifications - October 1999
- Issue RFPs for UFS equipment - November 1999
- Award contracts for UFS equipment - June 2000

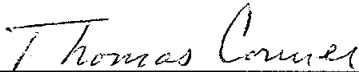
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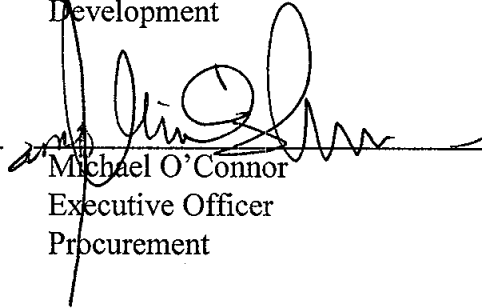
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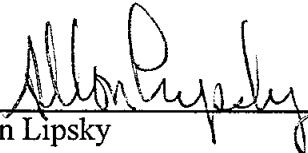
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