

Status of the Universal Fare System Monthly Update



June 20, 2001

MTA Operations Committee

The proposal period has been extended to July 5, 2001

- To protect the integrity of the procurement process, MTA staff has been reminded by County Counsel to refrain from further discussion on the current procurement.

The new schedule represents a 35 days extension:

- ▶ Evaluation will complete by late Summer 2001
- ▶ Negotiations and Clarifications will occur during late Summer - early Fall
- ▶ BAFO & Contractor selection recommendation will occur Fall
- ▶ Contract Award in December Board cycle is anticipated, pending negotiation with proposers
- ▶ NTP in December 2001 / January 2002

MTA has continued meeting with stakeholders

- ▶ A UFS update was provided at the General Managers meeting on May 31
- ▶ Executive Leadership Team was briefed on the status of the business planning activities during June 4th – 13th.
- ▶ Members of the UFS Management Association (“Money Committee”) met on June 7 to discuss clearing house computer, interagency agreements, and were briefed on the UFS business plan status.
- ▶ The MTA Union leadership was briefed on the UFS project June 19

Additional outreach continues with other potential internal and external “stakeholders”

- ▶ On-going outreach with LA County Department of Public Social Services
- ▶ The Los Angeles City Visitors & Convention Bureau
- ▶ Pasadena Blue Line Authority; LADOT, and other city and county departments
- ▶ Internally, coordination with BRT, Eastside Extension, Metro Rapid Bus, MTA Marketing, etc. has been on-going.

Outlook

Magnetic - Smart Card Analysis and the UFS Business Plan is underway

- ▶ MTA stakeholder departments (Transit Operations, Revenue/Finance, Countywide Planning, Construction, Administration) provided in-put to market analysis
- ▶ Analysis of the smart card option, as well as the Business Plan with fare policy implications and implementation plan will be presented to the Board over the next several months.
- ▶ The Business Plan will address cost implications associated with new fare collection technology, review market penetration data based on policy alternatives, and the potential impacts to regional multi-operator fare collection systems.

Next Steps

- ▶ Continue UFS Money Committee meetings
- ▶ Return to Board with progress on Business Planning
- ▶ Close proposal period and begin evaluation process