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BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2002

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Metropolitan  
Transportation  
Authority

One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA  
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**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE CREATION OF POSITION WITH SWORN  
PEACE OFFICER STATUS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION**

### RECOMMENDATION

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to create the position of Chief of Transit Police with sworn peace officer status pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 30504 and California Penal Code Section 830.33.
- B. Adopt a Resolution to subject the Chief of Transit Police position to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program, agreeing to adhere to Sections 13510 and 13512 of the Penal Code.

### ISSUE

Membership in POST requires the agency to accept the requirements of Sections 13510 and 13512 of the Penal Code, which subject the agency to certain recruitment and training standards for peace officers. MTA will be required to maintain records for its sworn peace officers to POST standards and be subject to periodic compliance inspections. Additionally, MTA would agree to hire sworn personnel that have been POST trained.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

For the purpose of raising the level of competence of MTA top security personnel, MTA is requesting to participate in the California Commission on POST program and designate the Chief of Transit Police as a sworn peace officer. This individual plays a key role in ensuring that MTA's Security Policy and programs are implemented and adhered to. Therefore, the MTA Chief of Transit Police should have sworn peace officer status and be subject to the requirements of the California Commission on POST program.

The Security Policy adopted at the July 25, 2002 Board meeting states that the Chief of Transit Police is responsible for, but not limited to the following:

- managing contracted security services
- ensuring adequate community based manpower deployment

- maintaining oversight of all programs that enhance the actual and perceived security needs of customers, employees, and properties
- gathering intelligence; coordinating accessible data collection
- coordinating and working in conjunction with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies
- working with the FTA's transit security audit program and the DOT's Transportation Security Administration
- maintaining a proactive anti-terrorism program.

## **BACKGROUND**

MTA has the authority to hire a sworn peace officer under the Public Utilities Code Section 30504 and Penal Code Section 830.33. Inherent in a peace officer's position is the authority to carry a firearm.

The POST program is voluntary and incentive-based. Participating agencies agree to abide by the standards established by POST. The more than 580 agencies in the POST program are eligible to receive the Commission's services and benefits, such as job-related assessment tools, research into improved officer selection standards, management counseling, development of new training courses, reimbursement for training, and quality leadership training programs. It is important for the peace officer that fills this position to be able to maintain POST certification. Doing so will require that MTA become a member of the California Commission on POST program.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This action will have minimal impact to the FY03 budget. Any POST retraining or maintenance courses will be funded through the security department's training budget in Cost Center number 2610, System Security and Law Enforcement under Project 100001 General Overhead, Task 01.01, Line Item Number 50213 Training Program.

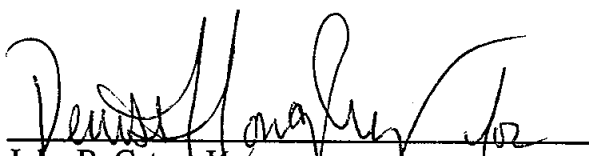
## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**


The alternative is to not seek membership in the California Commission on POST Program. Not becoming a member may reduce the level of standards when recruiting for a sworn peace officer position.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Peace Officer Standards and Training Resolution

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 13510 AND 13512 OF THE PENAL CODE RELATING TO THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PEACE OFFICERS.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13510 and 13512 of Chapter I, of Title 4, Part 4 of the Penal Code, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will adhere to the standards for recruitment and training established by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority does hereby approve of the Authority's participation in the California Commission on POST Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission and its representatives may make such inquiries as deemed appropriate by the Commission to ascertain that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Peace Officer personnel adhere to standards for recruitment and training established by the California Commission on POST.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on August 15, 2002.

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Michele Jackson  
MTA Board Secretary

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_