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**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 15, 2009**

**SUBJECT: FLYAWAY BUS SERVICE BETWEEN UNION STATION AND
LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY
PERMIT/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a new three year Right of Entry Permit/Hold Harmless Agreement (the "New Agreement") with Los Angeles World Airports ("LAWA"), which New Agreement will allow LAWA to continue to use portions of Patsaouras Transit Plaza (the "Transit Plaza"), the Union Station Gateway ("USG") parking garage and Terminal 31 to support LAWA's operation of its FlyAway-branded bus service ("FlyAway Service") between Union Station and Los Angeles International Airport ("LAX").

RATIONALE

In January 2006, the Board approved a three year nonrenewable Right of Entry Permit/Hold Harmless Agreement (the "Previous Agreement") providing for similar service. The Previous Agreement is set to expire and, as LAWA desires to continue to operate its FlyAway Service at Union Station, the New Agreement is proposed.

The FlyAway provides a direct bus service link between Union Station and all arrival and departure terminals, thus reducing freeway trips to and from LAX. FlyAway Service at Union Station is one of several similar locations LAWA operates and intends to expand throughout the County over the next few years.

By situating at Union Station, FlyAway Service provides easy connections to the Metro Red and Gold Lines, Metro bus service, and Metrolink and Amtrak rail service. FlyAway service patrons either make use of transit connections, park in the USG parking garage at the garage's standard parking rates, or are dropped off/picked up on the Transit Plaza in the area frontage on the East Portal.

In a manner similar to the Previous Agreement, the New Agreement provides LAWA with exclusive use of the kiosk located at the southerly end of the Transit Plaza for selling FlyAway Service bus tickets, providing FlyAway Service information, and monitoring FlyAway Service-related activities on the Transit Plaza. The New Agreement also provides LAWA with non-exclusive use of the following areas:

- Berth #9 on the Transit Plaza, situated adjacent to the kiosk, for boarding and alighting of FlyAway Service buses;
- The area located in and around the kiosk as a waiting area for FlyAway Service patrons;
- That portion of the Transit Plaza fronting on the East Portal for use as a vehicular drop off/pick up area for FlyAway Service patrons;
- Terminal 31 for the purpose of laying over no more than two (2) FlyAway Service buses awaiting access to Berth #9; and
- Access to the USG parking garage for FlyAway Service-related parking.

The term of the New Agreement will be three years, and is subject to termination by either party upon ninety days notice.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding for maintenance of the utility operation of the kiosk and other plaza improvements are included in the FY09 budget in Project #610061, Owned Property, Cost Center 6510. These costs are offset by revenues earned from LAWA (\$1,000 per year) and parking revenue from FlyAway patrons.

Since this is a multi-year agreement, the Project Manager and the Chief, Real Property Management and Development will be responsible for budgeting future years.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could reject the recommendation, but this alternative is not recommended as the continued success of the FlyAway Service at Union Station provides important congestion relief and convenient service to both Metro and LAWA patrons.

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