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SUBJECT: EXPEDITE CHINATOWN AERIAL STRUCTURE
CONSTRUCTION ON THE PASADENA BLUE LINE

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RECOMMENDATION

Implement a plan to expedite construction of the Chinatown aerial structure by seven months by authorizing staff to:

- a) Negotiate with the EMC under Contract E0070 to produce two contract packages instead of one for construction of the Chinatown aerial structure; and
- b) Negotiate with the Managers of Transit Construction (MTC) under Contract MC013 for managing two construction contracts for the completion of the Chinatown aerial structure instead of one.

Within Construction Committee Authority: Yes No

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

Approval of this plan will accelerate the completion of the Chinatown structure by seven months with no net increase to project cost.

BUDGET IMPACT

The funds for this action are available within the Board-approved project budget of \$803,868,500. This recommended action does not impact the MTA Fiscal Year Budget or the Sources of Funds, either in the Fiscal Year or over the life of the project. The funds for this action are included in the budget for Fiscal Year 1996.

Potential for Cost Recovery: Yes No

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board has the option to withhold authorization. Disapproval of this schedule improvement plan will delay the construction start date of the Chinatown aerial structure by an estimated seven months.

BACKGROUND

The MTA Board approved a cost reduction plan at its February 28, 1996 meeting which included the consolidation of construction packages from 43 to 20. In developing the cost reduction plan, the Chinatown station and aerial structure were combined into one contract package. However, due to continued coordination of the station's final design with the community, staff is recommending that the MTA proceed with two contracts for the Chinatown station and aerial structure. This approach will mitigate the potential schedule delay associated with the time required to resolve community issues. Under the staff's proposed plan, the aerial superstructure will be awarded under one contract while the station's platform, canopy, and other finishes will be awarded under a later one. This approach will accelerate the construction start date for the Chinatown aerial superstructure by seven months while affording the MTA and Chinatown community the time required to address community concerns regarding the station.

The proposed approach will require contract changes to the scope of works for the EMC and MTC contracts. These change will be processed in accordance with MTA Board-approved change control procedure. The additional costs to these Consultants and the MTA will be offset by the escalation cost savings associated with starting construction seven months earlier. There will be no change to the EMC's Chinatown section design team due to this effort.

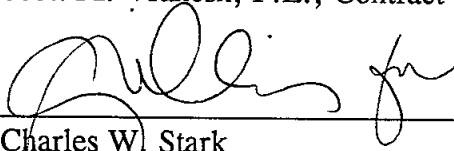
SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Implementation of the schedule recovery plan will not impact the MTA's Pasadena Blue Line M/WBE participation program.

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