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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: LINDA BOHLINGER,
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PAY CITY OF LOS ANGELES INVOICES
FOR PROVIDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES ON
MTA-OWNED INACTIVE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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RECOMMENDATION

Consider the Interim Chief Executive Officer's report containing a recommendation for the Board to approve the payment of City of Los Angeles invoices totaling \$304,633 for providing weed abatement and trash removal services for MTA owned inactive rights-of-way and parcel properties under an existing Master Cooperative Agreement.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

This action allowed rail properties that are owned or controlled by MTA to be kept free of vegetation, trash and debris in compliance with local municipal ordinances.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funds for this action are available within the Board approved FY 1997 Operations Department Budget.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

No other alternatives were considered because this work has already been completed.

BACKGROUND

The MTA owns approximately 200 miles of inactive rail rights-of-way (ROWs) which were purchased for future rail transit expansion. The ROWs require regular maintenance services such as weed abatement and trash and debris removal to comply with local municipal ordinances. In July 1994, Trans-American Intermodal Inc., and Building Maintenance Specialists (BMS) were each awarded three-year contracts to maintain portions of the ROWs. In addition, the services of the City of

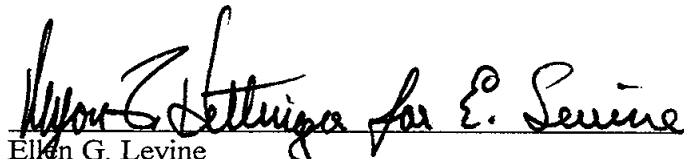
Los Angeles Lot Cleaning Division were utilized at times when the maintenance requirements exceeded the capacity of the two contractors.

On October 13, 1995, the contract with BMS was terminated for default. The amount of maintenance work needed clearly exceeded the capacity of the remaining contractor. Faced with the threat that trash accumulation on MTA ROWs posed to public safety and to avoid violating local fire codes to control vegetation growth, the MTA expanded the use of the City of Los Angeles Lot Cleaning Division forces to provide the needed maintenance services. The MTA has an existing Master Cooperative Agreement to use the City's maintenance services.

The BMS contract amount was \$799,443 for the period October 1, 1994 through June 30, 1997. Of this amount, BMS had been paid \$264,587 when their contract was terminated. The \$304,633 to be paid to the City and the \$246,587 paid to BMS total \$569,220. Since this amount did not exceed the total cost of the work BMS was to have performed, their performance bond was not invoked.

The City of Los Angeles performed these maintenance services at competitive rates and to the satisfaction of the MTA. Staff recommends the payment of the unpaid balance of \$304,633 that is owed to the City.

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