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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: LINDA BOHLINGER, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD - METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

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RECOMMENDATION

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Reject the Metro Freeway Service Patrol procurement for Beats 15, 19 and 26.

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Re-procure these beats using a sealed bid process rather than the RFP process.

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Extend current contracts on Beats 15, 19 and 26 during the re-procurement process through December 31st, 1997.

<u>Beat #</u>	<u>Towing Contractor</u>	<u>Extensions</u>	<u>Term</u>
15	Kenny's Auto	\$108,000	August 1 st to Dec. 31 st , 1997
19	Frank Scotto	\$170,000	August 28 th to Dec. 31 st , 1997
26	Frank Scotto	\$111,000	August 21 st to Dec. 31 st , 1997

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

The Metro Freeway Service Patrol helps improve mobility on freeways throughout the Los Angeles area by reducing response time to clear incidents. Traffic congestion, air pollution, vehicle fuel consumption and accidents are significantly reduced as a result.

BUDGET IMPACT

The contract extension recommendations are within levels allocated in the budget. The Metro Freeway Service Patrol program is funded from Caltrans State Budget Change Proposal funds and Proposition C-25% Highway-Related funds.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

In making this recommendation, staff considered the following alternatives:

1. Award Beats 15, 19 and 26 according to the source selection team recommendations.
2. Reject all proposals and resolicit the procurement using a revised procurement process.

Initially, staff recommended the first alternative. Multiple protests were filed in this procurement which resulted in a thorough analysis of all of the participants. Although the protests were found to have no merit, this analysis revealed that the criteria in the Request for Proposal (RFP) were imprecise and may have resulted in ambiguity during the evaluation process.

Therefore, staff recommends resolving potential ambiguities through re-procurement with a sealed bid process rather than an RFP.

BACKGROUND

At its May 28, 1997 meeting, the Operations Committee, voted to carry over the recommendation for contract awards to their next meeting pending a thorough investigation of protests. The Committee also recommended extension of existing contracts on Beats 15, 19 and 26 for 30 days. The investigation was conducted as discussed above resulting in a revised staff recommendation.

DBE PARTICIPATION

The Metro Freeway Service Patrol program has 25% MBE and 5% WBE goals for the entire program. The recommendation to extend current contracts will not impact the program's current achievement which substantially exceeds the goals.

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