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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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Los Angeles County
Metropolitan
Transportation
Authority

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF LEASED RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

ACTION: APPROVE TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RADIO DIVISION.

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RECOMMENDATION

Terminate Contract LAT-038-93 with the County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, Radio Division for leased radio communication services for the Metro Freeway Service Patrol program as these services are no longer cost effective.

RATIONALE

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MTA contracts for leased radio communication services with the County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, Radio Division. The communication services provides for voice and data communication at the 450 MHz UHF band. The 450 MHz system provides communication services between the CHP dispatch center and the FSP tow truck operators in Los Angeles County.

In an effort to reduce operating costs and increase the level of service for the FSP program, the MTA Board approved the award of an MTA owned 900 MHz system for the Metro Freeway Service Patrol. The 900 MHz communication system has been implemented and provides communications between field and the CHP dispatch center for the entire County of Los Angeles County except for the Antelope Valley region which still relies on the 450 MHz system.

MTA staff will recommend the purchase of additional 900 MHz equipment to expand the coverage in the Antelope Valley region of Los Angeles County. Since there are only three FSP beats which now rely on the 450 MHz system, it is recommended that the leased communications services contract be terminated and that FSP temporarily operate via cellular telephone until the additional 900 MHz equipment is operational.

Maintaining both the 450 MHz leased system and the 900 MHz MTA-owned system would increase on-going operating costs to the FSP budget. Termination of the leased communication services contract is expected to reduce operating expenses for the FSP program by approximately \$60,000 per month.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no penalties attributed to termination of this contract.

Contract Award Amount:	\$4,562,497
Amount Spent to date (as of 10/97):	<u>\$2,784,658</u>
Anticipated FSP Program Savings:	\$1,777,839


PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

Contract LAT-038-93 contains a provision allowing for termination for the convenience of the MTA. The provision requires the MTA to provide notice of termination and requires that the County discontinue services as directed in the notice, but no later than 30 days after receipt of the notice. Notice has been provided to the County providing that termination is contingent on Board action.

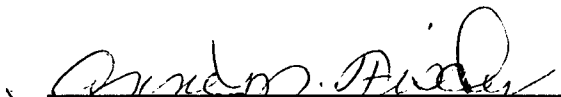
SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

There is no Small Business Participation impact expected by the termination of this contract.

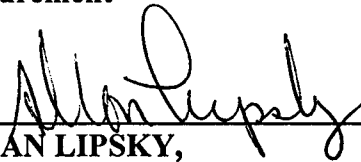
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