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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2006**

SUBJECT: METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

**ACTION: EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
PATROL TO SUPPORT THE METRO FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL
PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide field officer and dispatch support to the Los Angeles County Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) during FY07 in an amount not-to-exceed of \$800,000.

RATIONALE

The CHP, along with Caltrans, form a tri-agency partnership with Metro to provide the FSP program in Los Angeles County. The role of the CHP in this partnership has been to provide the following services:

- Dispatching of Vehicles
- Driver Training
- Vehicle Inspections
- Field Enforcement

Each year, a portion of the state funding earmarked for FSP is taken off-the-top by Caltrans to reimburse the CHP for its direct FSP costs. Due to budget constraints and the scope of the Metro FSP program, the Caltrans allocation to the CHP has not been able to cover their costs to provide the services outlined above. Metro has therefore used its own funding to augment the state funding to the CHP.

The recommended additional funding for CHP for FY07 is the same as the FY06 level. This funding should provide Metro the same level of services as in FY06.

The most recent update to the FY07 state budget includes additional funding for both FSP operations and CHP support services for FSP. Adoption of this added funding would direct more state funds for the CHP to support Metro FSP operations, which would mean that the funding agreement between Metro and the CHP would be less than the \$800,000 requested.

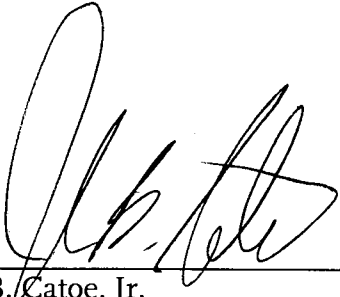
FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$800,000 for the agreement with CHP to support FSP service is included in the FY07 budget under cost center 3352, Project 300070, Freeway Service Patrol. The total budget for CHP support in FY06 is \$800,000.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Metro may decide not to approve the resources for CHP support to the FSP program. This is not recommended as the Board of Directors has advocated increases in FSP service in the past without specifically identifying outside agency funding needed to support the authorized expansion of the FSP program.

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