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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF *BOARD POLICIES*

ISSUE

We are pleased to inform you of our recently completed *Board Policies*, which is a compendium of briefs that summarizes many important Board decisions and the historical contexts in which they arose. It is intended to provide policymakers and executives with useful, easily accessible information that they can use to make timely and well-informed decisions. It offers concise descriptions in a simple format, with references to related items for further reading. It also includes an appendix of Board adopted motions from 1993 to June 2003.

BACKGROUND

This is the first time that a document like this has been published. Unlike other documents—*Long Range Transportation Plan, Short Range Transportation Plan, Regional Transit Plan, Annual Budget* and *MTA Administrative Code*—this one is broadly constructed, covering many areas of Board decision making. For this reason, it is an excellent companion.

Board Policies includes policies that have been adopted by the Board through its August 2003 meeting. To make certain this document continues to be relevant, we will annually update it with Board adopted policies from the preceding fiscal year. The next hardcopy will add policies adopted from September 2003 through June 2004. As new policies are adopted, we plan to update the document on the MTA Research Center's website.

We hope that you will find *Board Policies* helpful, and we welcome any comments that you may have regarding improvements.

NEXT STEPS

The next hard copy edition of *Board Policies* will be distributed to Board members in July/August 2004.