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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JAMES L. de la LOZA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL
ORGANIZATIONS

ISSUE

This report is prepared in response to the October 1997 Board action that requires the CEO or designee to report quarterly to the Board on the status and progress of regional external organizations on which MTA is represented by Board members or elected-official appointees. Board members may request that any item described in this report be brought forward for discussion at a future Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

Attachment A is the Quarterly Report on Regional External Organizations: Fiscal Year 2000-01 1st Quarter ending September 30, 2000. As a regional transportation agency, MTA participates on the boards of nine organizations.

The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

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Countywide Planning

Attachments

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Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

1st Quarter: ending September 30, 2000

<p>ORGANIZATION: 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Carol Inge Patricia Chen (213) 922-3056 (213) 922-3041</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER: MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Larry Zarian/.....Francine Oschin Richard Riordan/.....Nathan Brogin Hal Bernson/.....James Ledford</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. Mission: Plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions SCRRA staff will return to the Board in October with a report concerning allocation of the costs for programs which were previously funded through the interest generated by the lease/lease-back proceeds.</p>	<p>MTA Position * Support/Monitor</p>
<p>Issue Payment of Judgement in the Unocal Case</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) On September 8, the SCRRA Board authorized payment of approximately \$6 million to Unocal, and established a reserve to pay for approximately \$1 million in legal expenses associated with the 1995 construction accident at the Norwalk Metrolink Station. The fund source was identified as the proceeds of the 1996 and 1998 rolling stock lease/lease-back transactions. This was the only source of funding available at SCRRA which was not committed to another specific use.</p>	<p>MTA and the other member agencies will continue to budget for a sustained level of rehabilitation and renovation. The trend is for the need to grow over time, thus SCRRA's expenditures are anticipated to surpass the requirements of the Maintenance of Effort Requirement.</p>
<p>Resolution for Maintenance of Effort of Capital Funding</p>	<p>On September 8, the SCRRA Board approved a resolution pledging to maintain the level of effort [funding] for capital maintenance. The resolution is required for recipients of Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP, a.k.a. Governor's Initiative) funds. A similar requirement will also apply under the Passenger Rail Improvement Safety and Modernization Program (PRISM), a proposed state funding program for Capital Refurbishment which SCRRA staff are working with other passenger rail agencies in California to forward through the legislative process.</p>	<p>S</p>

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<p>Issue Fare Policy Modification to mitigate Performance Issues</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) On September 8, the SCRRA Board authorized staff to offer discounted fares to passengers on two Metrolink lines. On the Riverside Line, passengers purchasing a November monthly pass will be able to use it for both November and December on the Riverside Line only to compensate passengers for very poor on-time performance while SCRRA looks into solutions for congestion and mechanical failure on this shared freight line. On the Ventura County Line, October 2000 fares for passengers traveling north/west of Northridge will be discounted by one to two zones, or approximately 20% to 25%, to compensate passengers for the inconvenience of a service discontinuity due to construction between Chatsworth and Simi Valley. Bus service only will be provided between Oxnard and Chatsworth. Total system ridership declined 4% in September over the previous month. The decline is thought to be related to the MTA transportation strike. Ridership has increased on the Ventura Line and Burbank turns. These services operate in areas which are normally also served by MTA buses. Ridership has declined on all other lines (except IEOC). The reason appears to be the lack of connecting transit (typically from the Metrolink destination station), making the Metrolink trip unfeasible. SCRRA has contracted with a private operator to provide bus service to Red Line stations from Union Station west to Alvarado/Westlake, with funding from the MTA strike contingency fund.</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions N/A</p>
<p>Impact of MTA Transportation Strike</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>NA</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 2) Southern California Intercity Rail Group Joint Powers Board (SCIRG)</p>		<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Patricia Chen PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-3041</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Joint Powers Authority made up of RCTC, SANDAG, SLOCOG, SBCAG, and SCAG. SCIRG will work to advance an integrated and cost-effective network of all Southern California rail services, including Amtrak, Metrolink, Coaster, and future high speed rail services with the goal of optimizing and expanding the availability of travel by rail throughout the region.</p>		<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES: N/A</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Reconsideration of Participation in SCIRG</p>	<p>MTA staff has reexamined its participation in SCIRG and informed the MTA Board on September 15, 2000, via a Board Box information item, that it does not anticipate renewing participation in SCIRG unless a majority of other SCRRRA member agencies participates.</p>	<p>MTA staff will continue to monitor intercity rail issues and pursue cooperative funding and service improvement efforts with other Southern California passenger rail operations, planning, and programming agencies, either informally or through an alternative cooperative structure.</p>
		<p align="right">MTA Position * S</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 3) Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Patricia Chen PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-3041</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NCTD and Caltrans (Ex officio members include: SCAG, SANDAG, VCTC, and SBCAPC). The organization's mission is the following: Provide efficient, effective inter-city rail services in the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail corridor. Specifics: Coordinate capital improvements along the corridor; develop capital program to secure funding from the State and the Federal governments; coordinate and conduct a legislative and lobbying program at the federal and state level for LOSSAN corridor issues, especially those that give voice to funding needs and funding inequities.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Vacant/Vacant</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions) Robert Arthur informed MTA staff that he is not available to serve on LOSSAN at this time. The alternate position is also currently vacant.</p>
<p>MTA Representation on LOSSAN</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions LOSSAN may apply for or administer one or more federal grants to improve passenger rail infrastructure within Los Angeles County in the near future. MTA may need to appoint a representative to take action on grant documents.</p>
	<p>Position * NA</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 4) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim PHONE NUMBER: (213) 922-2817</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: Beatrice LaPisto-Kirtley (Alternate: Vacant)</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: MSRC is an independent entity created by State law which allocates about \$12 million annually in AB 2766 discretionary funds from a portion of an annual \$4 DMV surcharge. This revenue is used to fund programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. MTA represents its interests and those of LA County jurisdictions.</p> <p>The MSRC is composed of eight member agencies: MTA, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Southern California Rideshare (regional rideshare agency).</p>		
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>FY 2000-01 work program</p>	<p>In July, the MSRC adopted its \$14.5 million draft work program and released RFPs in September. Eligible categories included alternative fuel transit buses, heavy-duty trucks, bicycle programs, voluntary ridesharing, and AB 2766 subvention match program for cities.</p>	<p>Proposals will be evaluated and ranked after the October 5, 2000 deadline. Awards will be made in November, with contracts in place in early 2001.</p>
<p>MTA Proposal for MSRC Funds</p>	<p>MTA staff submitted two proposals for MSRC funding: \$4 million in funding for alternative fuel buses and \$300,000 to expand its current Rideshare 2000 incentive program for first-time carpoolers and transit users.</p>	<p>MTA's proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the MSRC. Awards will be made in November, with contracts in place in early 2001.</p>
<p>MSRC Staff</p>	<p>Recruited a new Contracts Administrator, Phil Yenovkian, and a staff assistant, Matthew MacKenzie, to fill two vacated positions that help administer the MSRC's AB 2766 program.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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ORGANIZATION:	LEAD MTA STAFF: PHONE NUMBER: Michelle E. Smith (213) 922-3057	
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	MTA REPRESENTATIVES: Yvonne Burke Don Knabe	
Issue	Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions
5) Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Alameda Corridor Program Budget	<p>ACTA is responsible for managing the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor program. ACTA is composed of the following member agencies: MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles.</p> <p>On June 8, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved ACTA's revised program budget for the period covering July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003. The revised budget increased by \$31.7 million for a total of \$2,462,922. The increase is largely due to increases in expenditures (e.g., general, administrative, professional services, engineering, construction claims reserve) offset by increases in interest earnings and miscellaneous income (plus decreases in right of way, construction and debt service costs). The Board also approved the budget for FY 2001.</p>	None NA
Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps	<p>On April 20, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved the establishment of the Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps to train and employ corridor residents for support work adjacent to the Alameda Corridor Project. The Governing Board authorized the CEO to enter into a third party agreement with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach and Los Angeles to establish the Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and future employment of corridor residents.
Alameda Corridor Business Outreach Program	<p>On March 9, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved ACTA's contribution to the 4th year funding for the Alameda Corridor Business Outreach Program (ACBOP) in the amount of \$90,000 for an 18 month period beginning June 20, 2000 through November 30, 2001. ACBOP provides services for local DBE firms that include capacity building, construction, and regional economic opportunity support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-Year Annual Progress and Financial Report • Quarterly Report on the status of the Job Training and Development Program.
Alameda Corridor Audit Plan	<p>On February 10, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved the annual Audit Plan and responses to the Business Risk Assessment report from KPMG. Much of the audit plan is devoted to review of administrative controls to assure that ACTA's internal activities are properly structured and that there is adequate control. The ad hoc Oversight/Audit Advisory Committee found the annual Audit Plan to be acceptable.</p>	None NA

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 5) Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA)</p>		<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: PHONE NUMBER: Michelle E. Smith (213) 922-3057</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: ACTA is responsible for managing the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor program. ACTA is composed of the following member agencies: MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles.</p>		<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES: Yvonne Burke Don Knabe</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Alameda Corridor-Mid Corridor Construction-Status</p>	<p>The mid corridor construction consists of building a 33 foot deep trench for freight trains. Construction of the mid Corridor by-pass track and storage tracks are currently underway. The by-pass track work includes construction of a temporary rail line east of the existing tracks and the future trench. By-pass traffic management plans are being developed for review by the corridor cities. The Mid-Corridor project design submittals for 60%, and 100% are underway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Corridor trench under construction • Completion of all Mid-Corridor project design submittals for 60% and 100%. • Continuous construction activities.
<p>South End Construction-Status</p>	<p>Multiple construction projects are underway including the Henry Ford Grade Separation Project, the Compton Creek project and a number of County of LA and City of Carson Ports Access Demonstration Projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous construction activities.
<p>North End Construction-Status</p>	<p>Multiple construction projects are underway including the Redondo Junction Grade Separation Project, structures construction (bridges and box culvert) and underground utility relocations at Santa Fe Avenue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous construction activities.
<p>Alameda Corridor Risk Management</p>	<p>On November 18, 1999 the Governing Board approved and authorized implementation of the Charter for an Ad Hoc Oversight Audit Advisory Committee. The Audit Advisory Committee will provide a forum for monitoring and discussing internal and external audit matters. The committee is comprised of three members of the Governing Board representing the POLA, POLB and MTA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous oversight activities by the committee.
<p>Corridor Cities-Construction Impact Mitigation Measures</p>	<p>Construction impact mitigation measures are in process and ongoing. Direct traffic management plans for the segment of the project in Compton is under review. ACTA will report on-going construction relations activities at monthly Engineering Review Panel meetings. ACTA's website will contain notices, detours and other project related activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each stage of construction ACTA, in conjunction with the local agency, will develop a traffic management plan for each project segment/phase.

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 6) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Douglas Kim -- General RTAC Cosette Stark -- Rideshare/SB 836 PHONE: (213) 922-2817/(213) 922-2822</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: RTAC provides member agencies with a forum to discuss legislative mandates of mutual interest as set forth in AB 1246. RTAC addresses issues facilitates identification, coordination, and resolution of transportation and air quality issues affecting member agencies. This includes SB 836, 1998 legislation which provided \$3 million for implementation of MTA's Regional Rideshare Program (i.e., Rideshare 2000 and Club Metro). RTAC is composed of eight voting members: MTA, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Imperial County, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and Caltrans. The five Southern California air districts are ex-officio members.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES: Vacant</p>
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions Meeting scheduled Friday, December 8</p>
	<p>MTA Position* NA</p>

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 7) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: PHONE NUMBER: Douglas Kim (213)922-2817</p>	
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: TCC is a policy advisory committee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on all regional matters pertaining to the movement of goods and people. TCC reviews the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and makes recommendations to the Regional Council. The TCC also provides recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and administrative guidelines affecting planning and capital improvement programs for transportation and utilities.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES: John Fasana (SGVCOG) Hal Bernson (City of Los Angeles) Jenny Oropeza (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Vacant</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>2001 RTP</p>	<p>SCAG continued its outreach efforts that will help produce the Draft 2001 RTP. From July-September, TCC held several workshops to discuss critical policy issues that must be resolved before a Draft RTP can be prepared, including finance, aviation, and air quality concerns. TCC agreed to pursue new funding alternatives that will produce \$40 billion in new revenue for new regional investments through 2025.</p>	<p>Draft 2001 RTP will be released in mid-November. Following several months of public comment, the final RTP is scheduled for adoption in April 2001.</p>
<p>Maglev Proposal to Federal Railroad Administration</p>	<p>SCAG's Maglev project was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration for TEA-21 funding consideration. The project would provide high-speed ground transportation service between LAX, Downtown L.A, San Gabriel Valley, Ontario Airport, and March Air Force Base. Once a business plan is accepted by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), a Joint Powers Authority including CHSRA, airports, and key cities would be formed to issue a franchise to private participants, to design, build, and operate the system, as well as obtain environmental clearance.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>2000 RTIP</p>	<p>In September, the TCC approved the 2000 RTIP and certified that the program conforms with federal air quality regulations. This will ensure continued federal funding for the region's transportation projects.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>1999 State of the Commute report</p>	<p>In September, the TCC approved the release of the 1999 State of the Commute report, which collects information on commuters' travel behavior and attitudes about traffic congestion, transit, HOV facilities, etc.</p>	<p>NA</p>
		<p>MTA Position *</p> <p>N</p>

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ORGANIZATION: 8) Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium (FCBC)		LEAD MTA STAFF: PHONE NUMBER:	Eck Chaiboonma (213) 922-3014
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1. Improving bus service through the Fuel Cell-Powered ATTB, 2. Improving air quality through zero to low-emission Fuel Cell-Powered ATTB, 3. Capturing economic benefits from fuel cell manufacturing, 4. Creating new high technology jobs		MTA REPRESENTATIVES:	
Issue	Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)	6-Month Projected Actions	MTA Position*
Amend the Bylaws	Approved staff recommendation to amend the Bylaws of the Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium to add the office of Vice Chairperson. Approved - August 16, 2000.	Legal Counsel to amend the Bylaws.	N
Appoint Vice Chairperson	Appointed Councilman John Fasana as Vice Chairperson of the Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium. Approved-August 16, 2000.		N
Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and State of California	Approved staff recommendation to request funding from FEMA and State of California to equip the Advanced Transit Vehicle (ATV) power system to serve as emergency electric generator during disaster period such as an earthquake. Approved on August 16, 2000.	Staff to submit progress report to the board.	N
Ratify staff administrative action to award a contract for \$15,000 to Dr. Adrian Bejan	Ratify staff administrative action to award a contract for \$15,000 to Dr. Adrian Bejan to review the ATTB energy system design, including heat management system and provide a recommendation to improve energy efficiency design system for the Advanced Transit Vehicle. Approved-August 16, 2000.	Report and recommendations to be completed by November 2000.	N
Deobligate \$45,000 from SriSoft Corp. and award contract to UC Davis and Dr. Marshall Miller	Approved staff recommendation to deobligate \$45,000 from SriSoft Corporation and award additional contract for \$16,000 to UC Davis and ratify a contract for \$20,000 with Dr. Marshall Miller to complete the fuel cell computer simulation program. Approved-August 16, 2000.	The fuel cell computer simulation program is expected to be completed by December 2000.	N
Issuance of the Fuel Cell Request for Industry Information	Approved staff recommendation to issue the request for industry information for fuel cell power systems. Approved-August 16, 2000.	Information, suggestions and comments receive from fuel cell manufacturers will be incorporated into Request for Proposal.	N

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<p>ORGANIZATION: 9) Access Services, Incorporated (ASI)</p>	<p>LEAD MTA STAFF: Jim McLaughlin Scott Greene (213) 922-2806 (213) 922-2802</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBER:</p>
<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Access Services is the provider of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit in Los Angeles County and serves as a mobility facilitator for persons with disabilities and specialized transportation needs.</p>	<p>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: ASI recently established ex-officio membership for MTA to the ASI Board; MTA response pending.</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</p>	<p>6-Month Projected Actions</p>
<p>Revised Scheduling Policy</p>	<p>Effective September 1, 2000, Access Paratransit implemented a revised Ready Access scheduling policy allowing riders to request a trip anytime between 45 minutes and 24 hours before the desired pick-up time. The previous policy limited Ready Access reservations to no more than 12 hours in advance. The ASI Board approved the new policy on June 19, 2000.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Impacts of 32-day MTA Strike</p>	<p>Demand on Access Paratransit increased 30% during the strike. The number of trips provided increased 20 to 25%. Access Services extended temporary eligibility to LACTOA card holders (indicates eligibility for half-fare).</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>American Public Transportation Association (APTA) award</p>	<p>ASI won the Public Transportation System Outstanding Achievement Award for the year 2000 among all medium-sized public transit systems (carrying one to four million trips per year). Access Services accepted the award on September 26 at the APTA annual meeting.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Free Fare on Fixed Route Transit for the ADA Eligible.</p>	<p>ASI sought to gain free fare on accessible fixed route transit for all ASI riders and their Personal Care Attendants (PCA). The MTA Board approved a two-year demonstration in June 2000 that became effective 9/1/00. ASI reports that transit systems operated by the Cities of Glendale and Monterey Park agreed to extend free fares to ASI riders and their PCAs.</p>	<p>ASI staff will continue to conduct briefings regarding expansion of the free fare program to member cities who operate public transit.</p>
		<p>MTA Position * Support/Monitor</p>
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		<p>Support/Monitor</p>

11/2/2000 *S = Support, O = Oppose, N = Neutral, NA = Not Applicable, and U = Undecided