

Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99633

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To request Board approval to: 1) modify existing construction and engineering contracts, including the issuance of new or expanding current Engineering Consultants tasks in FY07 and beyond, or to initiate and award new contracts as required for up to \$7,000,000, as appropriated by the U.S. Congress; 2) Continue funding for the two positions approved in last year's Security grant funds. These two positions will support all Security program projects and will be terminated at the end of the Security Program.

DESCRIPTION

As a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 an extensive review of WMATA's security program was conducted. This review resulted in the development of a series of initiatives to enhance the security of Metrorail and Metrobus. The appropriation for FY06 is \$7,000,000. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), requires that regional coordination bodies, including the Regional Transit Security Working Group, the Senior Policy Group and the National Capital Region (NCR) Chief Administrative Officers Committee, determine how the regional money will be utilized. Use of these funds are described below.

1) \$3,000,000 - The FY06 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Fire Chief project is a multi-year project to provide reliable, trunked system access for emergency responders in all below-grade portions of the Metrorail system. In the District, the interconnection to D.C. 800 MHz aboveground trunked radio systems utilizes a single antenna site and is interconnected via fiber optic cable to the underground Metrorail system. Should this sole interconnection fail, the entire Washington, DC 800 MHz trunked radio system below ground would go silent. This funding will be used to procure a second donor antenna. In addition, funding will be used to continue installation of the new amplifiers to eliminate a frequent point of failure and to provide remote monitoring capability for all tunnel amplifiers in the system. Remote status monitoring will be installed to insure that system managers are always aware of system status which provides for proactive management. Future year DHS UASI program grants will fund the replacement of additional tunnel amplifiers and implementation, integration and installation and testing of a second antenna for the District. The overall

cost of this project is estimated to be \$13 million; with this additional \$3 million the total project funding to date amounts to \$6,672,000.

2) \$4,000,000 - The FY06 UASI funds another critical feature towards completion of the first floor of the new primary Operations Control Center (OCC) at the Carmen Turner Facility. These funds will be used to procure essential equipment necessary to outfit the OCC for Rail/Bus Operations and Police Dispatch.

To facilitate the most expeditious implementation of these items, programmatic approval is being sought to modify existing contracts or to enter into new contracts as necessary.

FUNDING IMPACT

Award of project is subject to receipt of funds. Budget amount includes Project Management, Project Administration and other administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval to: 1) modify existing construction and engineering contracts, including the issuance of new or expanding current Engineering Consultants tasks in FY07 and beyond, or to initiate and award new contracts as required for up to \$7,000,000, as appropriated by the U.S. Congress; 2) Continue funding for the two positions approved in last years Security grant funds. These two positions will support all Security program projects and will be terminated at the end of the Security Program.