

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

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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 FY08 and beyond, or to initiate and award new contracts or modify existing contracts as required for up to \$10,144,000, 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 Metro'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 allocation to Metro from the FY06 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transit Grant Security Program (TSGP) and FY07 DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) is \$10,144,000.

Use of these funds is described below.

1) \$6,000,000 – The funding in conjunction with additional funding requested in the FY08 grants will be utilized to provide a redundant Comprehensive Radio Communication System (CRCS) at the Carmen Turner Facility. The CRCS is used by Bus, Rail, and Metro Police. The installation of a redundant CRCS at the Carmen Turner Facility will permit continuity of operation above ground in the event the JGB becomes unusable due to a catastrophic event.

2) \$484,000 – The funding will be utilized to install camera surveillance capability at two of Metro's bus garage facilities (Northern and Landover). Cameras and digital video recorders will be installed at each facility along with monitors that will be under the supervision of the Metro Transit Police Department.

3) \$1,760,000 – The funding will be utilized to purchase and install mainframe equipment/components for the PROTECT program. This equipment is required to make announcements at the stations from the OCC Public Address system and to record all activities in the OCC in the event of an incident investigation. Installation of a Public Address system, a recording system and a PROTECT system is required to relocate OCC to the Carmen Turner Facility (CTF).

4) \$1,900,000 – FY07 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 of Columbia, the interconnection to the District's 800MHz above-ground trunked-radio system 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 800MHz trunked-radio system below ground would go silent.

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

The grants for these projects have been approved and the projects will proceed with the receipt of funds. Budget amount includes Project Management, Project Administration and other administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATION

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