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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

SUBJECT: FY 2017 FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE PROPOSITION 1B SECURITY PROJECTS

ACTION: APPROVE PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION AND RELATED ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING programming of up to $13.557 million from fiscal year (FY) 2017 federal Department of Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and state Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program (Prop 1B Transit Security) funds that are available for eligible capital and operating transit security projects, as shown in Attachment A; and

B. ADOPTING the required FY 2017 resolution, as shown in Attachment B, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute any actions necessary for obtaining state financial assistance that the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) may provide.

ISSUE

The Board of Directors must approve the programming of $13.557 million in federal and state transit security grant funding for the eligible capital and operating projects, before we can begin to draw down such funding according to grant guidance. The funding will be applied towards construction of the Metro Security Emergency Operations Center, referred to as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the grant. In addition, it will implement actions to address vulnerabilities at operating and maintenance facilities, including during special events, emerging threats and heightened states of alert.

DISCUSSION

In June 2017, the Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of $88 million nationwide through the Transit Security Grant Program for projects that directly support transportation infrastructure security activities through a competitive application process. Metro applied for funds and was awarded $675,000 in Homeland Security grants. In October 2016, the State Controller's Office also notified Metro that it was allocated $12.882 million under the FY 2017 state Proposition 1B Transit Security Program for eligible transit system safety, security and disaster response capital

projects. The Board of Directors must approve the programming of $13.557 million combined for eligible capital and operating projects, before Metro is permitted to draw down funds according to grant guidelines.

Federal TSGP Funding

Federal TSGP funding may be used for protecting critical infrastructure within our transit system from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and severe disruption within the greater Los Angeles region. Since 2004, we have received an estimated $66 million in federal transit security funds. These grants have been used to harden subway security, enhance bus facility surveillance, operate random patrols throughout the transit system, and provide terrorist awareness training for the majority of the transit staff. The $675,000 available in FY 2017 TSGP funding is recommended to be programmed for transit security activities shown in Attachment A. These FY 2017 TSGP federal funds must be encumbered and expended by August 31, 2020, and we anticipate expending the entire grant amount by end of FY 2019, but possibly sooner if needed.

State Proposition 1B Funding

In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B (Prop 1B), which authorized $19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified transportation purposes, including transit modernization and transit safety and security improvements. Under Prop 1B, the state established the $600 million, Transit Security Program (also referred to as the California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF)). An annual allocation of $16.1 million was approved for Metro for 10 years. In previous years, we have programmed, applied for, and received a total of $145 million for Metro security and safety projects. The $12.882 million available in FY 2017 Prop 1B Transit Security funding is recommended to be programmed for the project shown in Attachment A. Presently, the project is funded with seven years of Prop 1B grant allocations and approximately $98 million was approved in prior years. This final allocation amount of $12.822 million was less than planned due to lower than expected bond proceeds being received by the state. This had caused a revenue shortfall in the EOC's funding plan that was assumed in the approved Life of Project Budget. Staff has identified remaining balances from past year Prop 1B grant-funded transit security projects that came in under budget that can be transferred to the EOC project to help fill the funding gap. But staff will need to identify other local fund sources to complete the current funding plan as noted in Attachment C or determine whether the project cost can be reduced. FY 2017 Transit Security state bond funds must be encumbered and expended by March 31, 2019.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The implementation of these federal and state funded transit security projects will improve safety. In particular, the state funding will be allocated towards the building of the new Emergency Operation Center, which would allow continued operations and a safer system for our employees and patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No expenses for the projects listed in Attachment A are included in the FY 2018 Budget; however, $675,000 of funding will be identified for current fiscal year use through the annual mid-year budget process for FY18. The remaining funds of $12.882 million for the Prop 1B-funded project will be included in future year budgets. As this is a multi-year project, Cost Center 2610 will be accountable

for budgeting for costs required in future years. Given that the final year allocation of Prop 1B funds was less than planned, staff will develop a plan to address the $1.8 million funding gap noted in Attachment C.

Impact to Bus and Rail Operating and Capital Budget

The funds programmed by this action will be identified via the mid-year budget process and come from federal and state transit security funds to finance the eligible operating and capital projects shown in Attachment A. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operations.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board of Directors may choose not to program funding or approve the related resolution. We do not recommend these options because without Board approval, we cannot access the $13.557 million in available federal and state transit security funds for the needed transit security projects shown in Attachment A.

NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, we will process the necessary documents with the appropriate awarding agency to secure up to $13.557 million in transit security funds available. We also will work to ensure timely implementation of the project and monitor grant compliance activities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - FY 2017 TSGP and Prop 1B Project List
Attachment B - Governing Body Resolution
Attachment C - Transit Security Project Funding Tables

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ATTACHMENT A

PROGRAM $13.6 Million

FY 2017 Department of Homeland Security - Transit Security Grant Program ($000)

Project	Total
Sustainment of Specialized Law Enforcement Teams, to prevent and mitigate current and/or potential threat of terrorism Rapid increase (surge) of law enforcement presence and response for peak and non-peak operational periods. The funding will allow law enforcement and their specialized teams such as Threat Interdiction Units, Special Policing Unit, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau and Los Angeles Strategic Extraction and Restoration Program to increase the number of officers to conduct operations for special events and emerging threats or heightened states of alert received from the intelligence community that impact the Metro System.	**$675**
Total Programming Request	**= $675**

Fiscal Year 2017 Prop 1B California Transit Security Grant Program ($000)

Project	Total
Metro Emergency Operations Center The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) project will provide and offsite EOC for Metro.	**$12.882**
Total Programming Request	**= $12.882**

ATTACHMENT B

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Board Resolution

For FY 2016-17 California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including, but not limited to, funding made available for capital projects that provide increased protection against security and safety threats, and for capital expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators to develop disaster response transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) administers such funds deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account under the California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is eligible to receive CTSGP funds; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will apply for FY2016-17 CTSGP funds in an amount up to $12,882,441 for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) project that will support the purpose of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 by completing construction of a new EOC in order to improve Metro's ability to coordinate and respond to emergencies affecting operations of the transportation system due to terrorist threats/attacks, civil disturbance or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority recognizes that it is responsible for compliance with all Cal OES CTSGP grant assurances, and state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, laws governing the use of bond funds; and

WHEREAS, Cal OES requires Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to complete and submit a Governing Body Resolution for the purposes of identifying agent(s) authorized to act on behalf of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to execute actions necessary to obtain CTSGP funds from Cal OES and ensure continued compliance with Cal OES CTSGP assurances, and state and federal laws.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT PHILLIP A. WASHINGTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services under the CTSGP.

Passed and approved this 30th day of November, 2017.

Certification

I, Michele Jackson, duly appointed and Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on the 30th day of November, 2017.

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MICHELE JACKSON
Board Secretary

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(Date)

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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ATTACHMENT C

TRANSIT SECURITY PROJECT FUNDING TABLES

Specialized Law Enforcement Team Sustainment

Project Cost $	$675,000
Cost Type	Estimated Cost

Revenue

Funding Source	Type	Amount	Status
Federal	Homeland Security - TSGP	$675,000	Approved
Total Revenue		**$675,000**	

Emergency Operations Center

Project Cost $	$112,700,000
Cost Type	LOP

Revenue

Funding Source	Type	Amount	Status
State	Prop 1B – Prior Year Awards	$97,984,445	Approved
State	Prop 1B – FY17 Award	$12,882,441	Approved
Local	Metro Local	$1,833,114	Planned
Total Revenue		**$112,700,000**	