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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
MAY 15, 2013****SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AGREEMENT****ACTION: EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
PATROL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE METRO
FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL PROGRAM****RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide services in support of the Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), Big Rig Service Patrol, and ExpressLanes FSP programs during FY14 in an amount not to exceed \$1,290,000.

ISSUE

The MTA in partnership with the CHP and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) operates and manages a variety of freeway programs designed to assist the motorists and improved mobility throughout the region. These programs include FSP, Big Rig Service Patrol, and ExpressLanes FSP projects. CHP's role in support of all three programs is to provide dispatch, field enforcement, inspections, operator training/certification services and incident management support. An annual funding agreement with CHP is needed to ensure that MTA is able to obtain the appropriate level of services from CHP.

DISCUSSION**Freeway and Big Rig Service Patrol**

CHP receives an annual funding allocation from the State to cover the cost of supporting the FSP and Big Rig programs; however, as it has been historically; state funding is not sufficient to meet the needs of the both programs in Los Angeles County. Therefore, it is necessary for MTA to augment the state funding to ensure that we maintain an effective level of CHP support to properly manage and operate the current FSP and Big Rig programs.

For FY14, staff negotiated with the CHP to maintain the contribution level for support services at \$990,000 for these two programs. This level of support is consistent with the amount provided during FY13 and is sufficient to support the current FSP and Big Rig programs. Included in this allocation is funding to support existing FSP and Big Rig operations, as well as the continued support for the 405 Widening Project, for which FSP provides additional daily support and coverage during extended freeway closures.

For FY14, Metro and Caltrans will fund the following CHP positions:

FSP Positions	Metro Funded	Caltrans Funded
CHP Officers	4	3
CHP Sergeant		1
Associate Governmental Program Analyst	1	
Public Safety Dispatchers		7.25
Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor		1

This agreement also provides additional funding of overtime support for FSP Supervision, 405 Widening Project Supervision/Dispatch, ExpressLanes Supervision/Dispatch/Training/Inspections

CHP support is important to maintaining the overall effectiveness of the FSP and Big Rig programs. CHP's role in field supervision, dispatching and training helps to ensure the overall quality of the programs and services provided to the motoring public. Listed below are a few of the activities, performed by CHP staff dedicated to the FSP program in calendar year 2012:

Activity	Quantity
Cursory Inspection (Driver & Vehicle Spot Inspection)	1,635
Staging Area Inspection (Start of Shift Inspection)	646
Annual Vehicle Inspection (Annual Vehicle Compliance & Safety Inspection)	403
In-Field Contact & Interviews with Drivers	6,874
Complaint Investigations	115
Total Fines Levied & Recovered from Contractors Due to CHP Activity	\$83,130

ExpressLanes

Beginning in October 2012, MTA began operation of the Metro ExpressLanes project along the I-110 freeway and in February 2013 began operating along the I-10 freeway. These fee-based lanes are designed to allow motorists to travel and maintain a minimum speed through the respective corridors during peak commuting periods. In support of the ExpressLanes project, MTA will be operating a dedicated tow operation designed to efficiently and effectively respond and resolve incidents on the

ExpressLanes. Similar to the FSP program, these tow vehicles will be responsible for supporting the prompt and efficient removal of incidents along the ExpressLanes and CHP will be responsible for field supervision, driver training/certification and inspections. Despite these similarities, the ExpressLanes tow service will be a dedicated, separate and distinct service from the FSP Program, primarily due to the operational requirements and capabilities. As a result, services will be needed from CHP to specifically support the ExpressLanes tow operations.

Staff has incorporated the ExpressLanes support requirements into the FSP and Big Rig support agreement for FY14. CHP has estimated cost of this support to be \$300,000 for FY14 based on the current schedule.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The FSP Program provides a vital service to assist motorists with disabled vehicles on the freeways of Los Angeles County. During FSP operating hours, drivers provide specific services to motorists with disabled vehicles to get them safely back on the road or tow them to a designated safe location off of the freeway. As a vital partner to the FSP program, the CHP provides important support to the program in form of driver training, field supervision, and dispatching. Without this additional funding, it would not be possible for CHP to maintain the current level of support and for the FSP program to continue to provide current service levels on L.A. County freeways. The FSP Program completes approximately 300,000 assist annually. This recommendation will ensure that FSP continues to provide this service to motorists and ensures that motorists are removed from a dangerous environment in an expedition and effective manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$1,290,000 for this agreement is included in the proposed FY14 budget under cost center 3352, Freeway Service Patrol, Project 300070, Freeway Service Patrol and line 50320, Contract Services. The total budget for CHP support over and above the statewide funding allocation in FY12 was \$1,290,000. CHP is expected to expend the full amount of the FY13 MOU.

IMPACT TO ENTERPRISE FUND BUS AND RAIL OPERATING BUDGET

There is no impact to the Bus and Rail Enterprise Fund. The Metro Freeway Service Patrol and Big Rig Service Patrol are funded through a combination of Proposition C-25%, State, SAFE and AQMD Grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may decide to not approve the execution of this agreement. This alternative is not recommended, as it would decrease the amount of resources provided by the CHP in support of FSP, which would negatively impact the operation and effectiveness of the FSP program.

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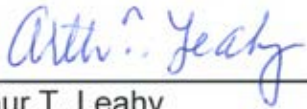
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