

MTA Board of Directors

January 23, 2014

MOTION

Director Antonovich

Last June the MTA Board unanimously approved my motion to adopt as a standing policy the conducting of an annual independent Safety Culture review of the agency – including the requirement that this review be presented to the MTA Board and System Safety and Operations (SSO) Committee every January.

In subsequent discussions with MTA staff, it became known that two annual reports vital to the overall review of Safety Culture at MTA—the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) Safety Review of MTA’s Rail Transit system and the California Highway Patrol’s (CHP) Safety Review of MTA’s Bus Transit operations—are not typically finalized until February. Presentation of these reports to the MTA Board by a representative from the CPUC and CHP will serve as an important component of the Board’s review of its safety culture.

The review of MTA’s rail and bus operations should produce the items of regular maintenance, deferred maintenance and state of good repair to be included in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015 MTA Budget proposal. By linking this annual Safety Culture review into the following year’s budget, the MTA Board can ensure that the annual assessment of the safety of the agency’s operations leads into the following board budget cycle wherever necessary.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board approves the following actions:

- (1) Send a letter from the Chair on behalf of the Board to Governor Brown, California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian P. Kelly, CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, and CHP Commissioner Joseph A. Farrow requesting a representative from the CPUC and CHP to make a presentation on their respective safety reviews of MTA operations at the February 2014 SSO Committee and/or Full Board.
- (2) Change the month for the Board’s annual presentation and discussion on Safety Culture from January to February.
- (3) Direct the CEO to provide as part of the annual February presentation on Safety Culture to the SSO Committee and Full Board a status report of deferred maintenance that was funded in the prior Fiscal Year (FY 2014) and the list of items recommended to be part of the next Fiscal Year (FY 2015) budget.