Resolution No. 2008-8

RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES, SERIES A AND THE RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENT AND TO EXTEND THE STATED EXPIRATION DATE OF SUCH CREDIT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF FINANCING AND OFFERING DOCUMENTS; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING SUCH NOTES AND MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2005-75 (the "Resolution") adopted on October 27, 2005 by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (the "Authority"), the Board authorized the establishment of a program to issue Sales and Use Tax Revenue Commercial Paper Notes, Series A (the "Notes"), in a maximum principal amount of \$400,000,000, as authorized by Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended, and Section 451.362, Texas Transportation Code, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Resolution also approved an irrevocable Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2005, between the Authority and DEPFA Bank, PLC, acting through its New York Branch (the "Letter of Credit") in a Maximum Stated Amount covering \$200,000,000 of principal amount of Notes plus 270 days of interest at 10% per annum;

WHEREAS, the Letter of Credit has a stated expiration date of April 30, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the Authority's best interests to obtain one or more substitute credit agreements (the "Substitute Letter of Credit") in an aggregate Maximum Stated Amount of covering \$300,000,000 of principal amount of Notes plus 270 days of interest at 10% per annum;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to approve (1) the preparation of all financing and offering documents necessary to effectuate the execution of the Substitute Letter of Credit, the increase in the Maximum Stated Amount for the SubstituteLetter of Credit and the related increase in the principal amount of Notes that can be issued from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000, and (2) the initiation of the credit rating process in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

ARTICLE I

PREPARATION OF FINANCING AND OFFERING DOCUMENTS

The Board hereby approves the preparation by the Authority's legal counsel, Andrews Kurth LLP, of all financing and offering documents necessary to effectuate the execution of one or more Substitute Letters of Credit and the increase in the Maximum Stated Amount of the Letter of Credit and the related increase in the principal amount of Notes that can be issued from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

ARTICLE II

CREDIT RATING PROCESS

The Board hereby approves the initiation by Authority staff, including its President and Chief Financial Officer, together with the Authority's financial advisor, First Southwest Company, of all necessary and appropriate actions to secure a credit rating for the Authority and the Notes by at least two national credit rating agencies.

ARTICLE III

MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 3.1: Authorization of Other Matters Relating Thereto. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, the President and the Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate officials of the Authority (the "Officials") are hereby authorized and directed by the Board to do and perform all acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name, under the seal and on behalf of the Authority all certificates, financing statements, instruments and other documents, whether or not herein mentioned, as are necessary or desirable to carry out the terms and provisions of this Resolution. The Officials and such other officials and employees of the Authority as may be designated by the Officials are authorized to incur reasonable and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, in connection with the sale and delivery of the Notes and for presentations to rating agencies, dealers and liquidity banks and prospective purchasers of the Notes. All such persons shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Authority of such expenses after review and approval thereof by the Board as to reasonableness and necessity.
- Section 3.2: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
- Section 3.3: Open Meeting. It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the Board at which this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times

to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Board further ratifies, approves such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

- <u>Section 3.4:</u> <u>Repealer.</u> All orders, resolutions and ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- Section 3.5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below.

, 2008.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

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AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS WITH SELECTED FIRMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO periodically requires environmental remediation services for major capital projects; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued Requests for Qualifications and Letters of Interest to provide environmental remediation services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, four firms have been determined most qualified to provide these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver contracts for environmental engineering services, on an "as-needed" basis, with the firms of Laguna Construction, LLC, Weston Solutions, Inc., USA Environmental LP and Columbia Environmental Services, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS WITH SELECTED FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL REMEDIATION OVERSIGHT SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO requires the services of qualified firms to provide oversight of environmental remediation and related work in support of major capital projects; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued a Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the firms of Wastren Advantage, Inc. and Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. have been determined most qualified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver contracts with the firms of Wastren Advantage, Inc. and Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. for environmental remediation oversight services, on an "as needed" basis, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

David S. Wolff

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS WITH SELECTED FIRMS FOR UTILITY RELOCATION AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL WORK; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO solicited Qualification Statements and Letters of Interest for utility relocation and associated civil work, on an "as needed" basis; and

WHEREAS, four firms have been determined most qualified to perform the work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver contracts with the firms of MMC Houston, BRH – Garver Construction, LP, TJ & T Enterprises, and Reytec Construction Resources, Inc., on an "as needed" basis, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

David S. Wolff

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE THE OPTION IN THE CONTRACT WITH A.O. PHILLIPS & ASSOCIATES TO SERVE AS A PROGRAM ADVISOR METRO'S BUSINESS/DISADVANTAGED FOR SMALL ENTERPRISE PROGRAM; EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CONTRACT: AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO previously adopted a Small Business/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (hereinafter, the "Program") to encourage the participation of small and disadvantaged businesses in the markets where METRO acquires goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the program includes the services of a Program Advisor to provide outreach, technical assistance, auditing and oversight support for the administration of the Program; and

WHEREAS, METRO entered into contract with A.O. Phillips & Associates to serve as Program Advisor; and

WHEREAS, the contract contains an option for continued services; and

WHEREAS, A.O. Phillips & Associates has performed satisfactorily and it is appropriate that their services be continued;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to exercise the option under the contract with A.O. Phillips & Associates for services as a Program Advisor for METRO's Small Business/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, to extend the period of performance by one-year and increase the maximum authorized expenditures under the contract by an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

David S. Wolff

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH SIRRUS ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CADD AND VISUALIZATION SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO solicited Qualification Statements and Letters of Interest for professional CADD and visualization services for the production of technical drawings and audio/visual materials in support of METRO's capital projects; and

WHEREAS, SIRRUS Engineers, Inc. was determined most qualified to provide the necessary services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with SIRRUS Engineers, Inc. for professional CADD and visualization services, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FACILITY PROVIDER FOR CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL CIVIL DESIGN SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the implementation of the METROSolutions Transit System Plan, METRO entered into contract with a contractor (hereinafter, the "Facility Provider") using the Hybrid Delivery System of procurement authorized by Subchapter Q, Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code (hereinafter "Subchapter Q"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Subchapter Q, METRO selected certain engineering and architectural firms for design of the Phase 1 civil works components of various elements of the METROSolutions Transit System Plan (hereinafter, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 2007-41, METRO executed a Development Agreement with a Facility Provider for Phase 1 deliverables, including preliminary engineering, coordination of professional services and finalization of Project scope, all in preparation for Phase 2 final design and construction, and other Project elements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Subchapter Q, and as provided in the Development Agreement, the Facility Provider assumed oversight and management of major tasks performed by the engineers and architects previously selected by METRO; and

WHEREAS, negotiations are ongoing with the Facility Provider to finalize the contract for Phase 2 of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the Development Agreement to provide additional funding for continuation of the profession civil design services performed by the previously selected engineers and architects, pending final agreement for Phase 2 of the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a modification to the Development Agreement with the Facility Provider, increasing the maximum authorized expenditures for payment of professional civil design services by an amount not to exceed \$13.5 million, and extending the performance period to May 31, 2008.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FACILITY PROVIDER FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the implementation of the METROSolutions Transit System Plan, (hereinafter, the "Project") METRO entered into contract with a contractor (hereinafter, the "Facility Provider") using the Hybrid Delivery System of procurement authorized by Subchapter Q, Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code (hereinafter "Subchapter Q"); and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 2007-41, METRO executed a Development Agreement with a Facility Provider for Phase 1 deliverables, including preliminary engineering, coordination of professional services and finalization of Project scope, all in preparation for Phase 2 final design and construction, and other Project elements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Subchapter Q, and as provided in the Development Agreement, the Facility Provider assumed oversight and management of major tasks performed by engineers and architects previously selected by METRO; and

WHEREAS, negotiations are ongoing with the Facility Provider to finalize the contract for Phase 2 of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Provider is willing to continue its oversight and management tasks, at risk, subject to receipt of payment upon successful completion of negotiations for Phase 2 of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the Development Agreement to provide additional funding for project management services provided by the Facility Provider, pending final agreement for Phase 2 of the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a modification to the Development Agreement with the Facility Provider, for continued project management services to be provided, "at risk", increasing the maximum expenditures under the agreement by an amount not to exceed \$8 million, and extending the performance period to May 31, 2008.

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ATTEST:

David S. Wolff Chairman

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE CONTRACT OPTIONS FOR THE CONTINUED SERVICES OF THOMAS HEMINGWAY AND KATHARINE BARNES; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CONTRACT; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO previously entered into separate personal service contracts with Thomas Hemingway and with Katharine Barnes for staff support for real estate activities; and

WHEREAS, the contracts contain options to extend the period of performance for one additional year; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that METRO retain the services of Thomas Hemingway and Katharine Barnes due to demonstrated expertise in METRO policies and state and federal guidelines, and to enable project continuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract option for the continued services of Thomas Hemingway, extending the period of performance one additional year and increasing the maximum authorized expenditures under the contract by an amount not to exceed \$187,200.00.

Section 2. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract option for the continued services of Katherine Barnes, extending the period of performance one additional year and increasing the maximum authorized expenditures under the contract by an amount not to exceed \$187,200.00.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

David S. Wolff

ATTEST:

sistant Secretary

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH ZONAR SYSTEMS FOR AN ELECTRONIC FLEET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO has performed daily manual inspections of transit vehicles prior to dispatch into regular service; and

WHEREAS, overall fleet maintenance and safety will be enhanced by the use of technology to enable more efficient pre-trip inspection of buses, follow-up maintenance and record keeping; and

WHEREAS, Zonar Systems has developed an electronic pre-trip inspection device which uses radio frequencies to identify critical inspection areas, and monitor and report the condition of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Zonar Systems is the only supplier of an electronic fleet management system using a pre-trip inspection device as described herein; and

WHEREAS, sole source justification has been provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Zonar Systems for an electronic fleet management system for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

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PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH GREATER HOUSTON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY FOR THE OPERATION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE MINIVANS FOR DISABLED TRANSIT PATRONS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, in compliance with federal guidelines, METRO provides transportation services for persons with disabilities who are unable to ride fixed route buses, known as "METROLift"; and

WHEREAS, METRO solicited proposals for the operation and maintenance of wheelchair accessible minivans for disabled transit patrons; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and carefully evaluated; and

WHEREAS, Greater Houston Transportation Company was determined most qualified to perform the work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Greater Houston Transportation Company for the operation and maintenance of wheelchair accessible minimums for an amount not to exceed \$72,473,721.00.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

David S. Wolff

AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO PREPARE, SUBMIT AND EXECUTE APPROPRIATE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDING; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO may seek grant funding for various transit projects through the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act requires that grantees adopt an annual Program of Projects to identify those projects for which federal funding will be requested; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff has recommended candidate projects (hereinafter referred to as "Projects") for receipt of funds under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5307 Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has carefully reviewed the recommendations of METRO staff and has determined that the Projects are appropriate for submission as METRO's Section 5307 Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations also require identification of future anticipated Projects for the two subsequent fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has carefully reviewed candidate Projects for receipt of federal funds for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 and has determined that these Projects should also be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Projects identified in Attachment 1 as METRO's Fiscal Year 2008 Section 5307 Program of Projects for which federal funding will be requested.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby approves those candidate Projects identified in Attachment 2 for submission to the federal Transit Administration for the Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 Program Projects.

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

David S. Wolff

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 6400 HARRISBURG BLVD.; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO requires a centrally located facility where light rail vehicles can be inspected and serviced in preparation for transit operations; and

WHEREAS, METRO has identified parcels of land generally located at 6400 Harrisburg Blvd. as appropriate for transit development including a Service and Inspection facility; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that METRO acquire the property, or interests in the property, for transit development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver agreements and other documents for the acquisition of property, or interests in property, located 6400 Harrisburg, for direct and indirect transit purposes, including a Service and Inspection facility.

Section 2. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to acquire the property, or interests in said property, based upon the appraised value, and is further authorized to undertake such administrative adjustments as deemed necessary.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2008 APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2008

David S. Wolff