A Motion by Director James Butts

In the latest Board Box reports to the Board from the Interim Deputy CEO, it appears that progress is being made in regards to the issues of the Transit Security Officers Security Equipment and the discussions of an MOU with the Sherriff relating to Penal Code Section 830.7(e).

As it pertains to the Office of the Inspector General's report on the review of Law Enforcement and Security Options, I believe it would be timely for this Board to take the next steps regarding the recommendations contained in the report.

In order to adequately assess an efficient deployment and work force strategy a qualified consultant team should be brought in. This team must have the necessary Community Transit policing experience, both Bus and Rail to conduct this assessment.

This consultant should be required to assemble a working group of current security service providers, a representative of the incoming CEO and a member of the Ad Hoc Transit Policing Oversight Committee to provide input on the organizational enforcement philosophy and priorities.

This study should make recommendations after reviewing crime statistics, ridership, fare evasion, graffiti, and vandalism. It should then recommend a deployment concept of operations using a mix of fare inspectors and law enforcement.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board instruct the Inspector General to move forward and implement the recommended Next Steps as described in the report and initiate the procurement of a qualified outside consultant.

I further Move that the Metro staff and Sheriff report back to the Ad Hoc Transit Policing Oversight Committee in June on these issues; specifically in regards to:

An update of the Transit Security Officers Equipment issues;
The progress of the discussions with the Sherriff as they pertain to an MOU under PC 830.7(e); and
The procurement of an outside consultant for the implementation of the next steps recommended in the I.G.'s report.

