



Board Report

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020**

SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS - COVID19

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer to authorize the Chief, Vendor Contract Management Officer approval authority for procurements to support the emergency condition that is being declared due to the coronavirus pandemic, in accordance with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Acquisition Policy and Procedure Manual, Acquisition Procedures ACQ2, chapter 11, section 11.8 "Emergency Procurements", Public Utilities Code 130234 and Public Contracting Code 20233, that cannot be met through normal procurement methods through June 1, 2020.

(REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE)

ISSUE

As the Nation is responding to the public health crisis related to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID19), LA Metro is taking every reasonable step to ensure the health and safety for its staff members as well as the public for which it serves.

The existence of this emergency condition gives rise to an immediate need for supplies and services which must be expedited to ensure that Metro can maintain its operations while protecting health and safety without observance of competitive bidding requirements.

BACKGROUND

A respiratory disease outbreak caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in China has now been detected in more than 70 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "Coronavirus Disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

The potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 is very high and proper PPE reduces the risk of exposure to this virus.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Safety is of the utmost importance to Metro, it is imperative that staff has access to proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and that other services and supplies are acquired in an expedited manner to ensure the well-being of the public Metro serves.

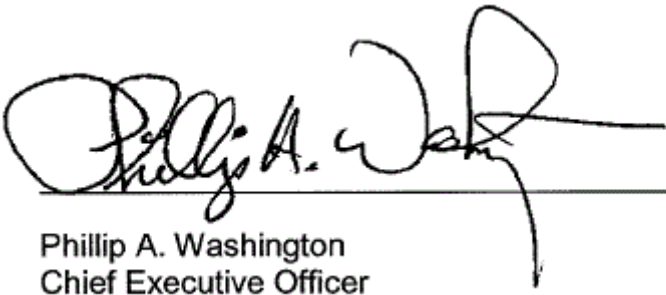
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - ACQ2 Chapter 11, Emergency Procurements

Attachment B - Public Utilities Code 130234

Attachment C - Public Contract Code 20233

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