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Gary Gleason
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Dear Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board:

Re: MTD Bus Orders Update

Three of the four bus orders of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) that are contained in the amended 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program remain on schedule. Since the report to your Board in April, a protest was filed and rejected by the MTD Board of Directors. It was also filed with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTA, following routine procedure, has forwarded a copy of the letter to MTD for comment and response. This process will cause a delay of unknown length in the 30-foot bus procurement because FTA has instructed MTD to refrain from awarding a contract until this matter is resolved.

<u>Bus Type</u>	<u>Procurement Commenced</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>First Delivery</u>	<u>Status</u>
30' Battery-Electric	Completed	Unknown	Unknown	Delayed
40' Clean Diesel	Pending Pre-Award Authority Confirmation	Immediately thereafter	1Q 2004	On schedule
40' Hybrid-Electric	-- Cooperative procurement upon approval of California Air Resources Board --		2Q 2004	On schedule
40' Regional	Pending Pre-Award Authority Confirmation	Immediately thereafter	1Q 2004	On schedule

We shall continue to inform you of significant developments monthly during the procurement process.

Sincerely,

Gary Gleason