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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THRU: ^JLarry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: ^R-Vince Rouzaud, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management
SUBJECT: Authorization to Renew Agreement with David Turch and Associates (DTA) for Government Relations Services

Summary: At the April 28, 2005, Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized staff to enter into an agreement with David Turch and Associates (DTA) to represent the Agency's interests at the Legislative and Executive levels of the Federal Government. DTA has provided legislative representation for the Agency since April 2004.

DTA is headquartered in Washington DC, however, they have a strong presence in the inland empire and have for a number of years represented many local and regional governmental agencies.

DTA has represented the Agency's interests at the Federal level for the past two years and has provided the Board and staff with periodic updates on congressional actions that affect transit and/or transportation issues.

Staff is recommending the renewal of DTA's contract for an additional year to cover the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The cost for DTA to provide these services is \$48,000 per-year plus expenses. This amount is unchanged from the current agreement.

If approved, the Agency will be required to file the appropriate forms with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to ensure compliance with Federal lobbying provisions.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost for David Turch and Associates services is \$48,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses. This item was included in the Agency's FY 2007 operating budget.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of June 7, 2006. The Committee members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

- Authorize staff to execute an agreement with David Turch and Associates for government relations services at a cost of \$48,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses, for the period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.
- Authorize staff to file the appropriate forms with the FTA to ensure Agency compliance with Federal lobbying provisions.