

Santa Cruz Metropolitan  
Transit District



October 14, 2004

Attachment 2

Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director  
Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission  
1523 Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3911

**Re: Responses to Performance Audit**

Dear Ms. Wilshusen:

At the meeting of June 25, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District approved the staff responses to recommendations in the triennial performance audit conducted by Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, CPA's.

The final audit recommendation is listed below followed by the staff response.

**Recommendation:**

Currently, the SCMTD's buses are stored in a lot that is too small for the size of the fleet. Buses are parked on the street and in the neighboring lots. Also, the buses are parked in random order so that drivers have to find their buses each morning. We recommend that the SCMTD expand the parking lot to house the buses and have assigned parking spaces for each to promote safety of the buses and efficiency and effectiveness of the system.

**Response:**

The District is in the process of providing complete on-site parking of buses through the development of MetroBase. According to the current timelines, bus parking for 72 revenue vehicles at the Operations Facility on River Street will be completed by July of 2007, and parking for 26 additional buses at the Golf Club Maintenance Facility will be completed by August 2009. In the meantime, the District will continue to lease parking space in the immediate area as available.

If you need further information, please contact me at 426-6143 ext. 128.

Sincerely,

ELISABETH ROSS  
Finance Manager

cc: Leslie R. White, General Manager

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