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DATE: 17 November 1999

TO/DEST: Co-ordinator, Transit Services Committee

FROM/EXP: General Manager

SUBJECT/OBJET: **MODIFICATIONS TO MAIN STORES AREA OF
1500 ST LAURENT GARAGE**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Services Committee approve funding in the amount of \$222,500 in order for OC Transpo to move expeditiously with modifications to the Main Stores area of the garage at 1500 St Laurent Blvd, required as a result of the incident on 6 April 1999. Funds are available in the 1999 Approved Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND

In February 1999, the General Manager approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$459,030 to Bellevue Construction Inc. to upgrade the existing storage, dispensing of parts, the ventilation system and office area at the main stores, 1500 St. Laurent.

Construction was underway when the incident of 6 April 1999 occurred in the stores construction area. The incident traumatized stores employees. Subsequently, employees requested the demolition and relocation of the stores offices. Trauma consultants also recommended the same to Management.

Design changes were made in consultation with the area employees. The design changes include demolition of an area of the building where the events happened, relocation of the stores offices, the receiving office and eastern parts dispensing counter.

Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, Consulting Engineers & Architects, were engaged to prepare specifications and drawings for these modifications and estimated the cost to be \$261,220. They advised that, given the nature and location of this work, and subject to fair pricing, it would be most preferable for the Commission to negotiate the cost of this work with the contractor previously engaged.

After several negotiation sessions with the contractor, the consulting engineers recommended that it would be most cost-effective that this be awarded to Bellevue Construction Inc. in the amount of \$222,500 including GST. This negotiated amount includes a decrease in the initial contract of \$66,012 and compensation for lost time and work suspension subsequent to the incident of \$11,680 plus GST. The consulting engineers advise that this negotiated price is fair and represents good value. Staff concur.

It is important for our employees that this work proceed expeditiously.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Funds in the amount of \$222,500 are available in the 1999 Approved Capital Budget from the St. Laurent Turning Area project which has been deferred.

*Approved by
Gordon Diamond*

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