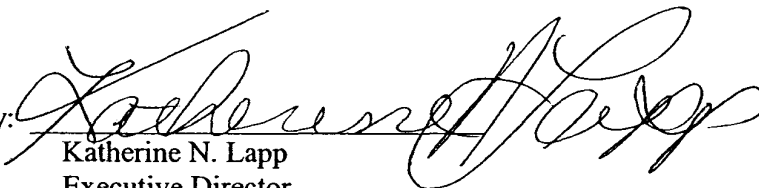


IX. Appendix

**Certification of the Executive Director
of the
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
in accordance with Section 202.3(l)
of the
State Comptroller's Regulations**

I, Katherine N. Lapp, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA"), hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief after reasonable inquiry, including certifications from senior management at the MTA agencies, that, subject to the items identified in the attached letter to the State Comptroller, dated February __, 2005, the attached budget and financial plan is based on reasonable assumptions and methods of estimation and that the requirements of Section 202.3 and 202.4 of the Regulations referenced above have been satisfied.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

By: 
Katherine N. Lapp
Executive Director

Dated: February 16, 2005

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