

Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2014
5:00 PM

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
SERVICE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

Metro El Monte Division 9 Building
3449 Santa Anita Ave. (Santa Anita Ave. & Ramona Blvd.)
Third Floor Service Council Room
El Monte, CA 91731

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Called to Order at 5:01 p.m.

Council Members:

Harry Baldwin, Chair
John Harabedian, Vice Chair
John Harrington
Bruce Heard
Dave Spence
Rosie Vasquez

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Director, Regional Councils
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin Analyst
Henry Gonzalez, Council Comm. Rel. Mgr.
Carl Torres, Transportation Planning Mgr.

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance

2. APPROVED March 10, 2014 Meeting and Fare Forum Transcript

Transcript approved with corrections.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

Andrew Wang suggested that TVMs be installed at some major transfer points to encourage the public to use TAP on the bus as well as on rail and to more conveniently load their TAP cards.

Sam Jones recommended a marketing campaign to encourage people to plan their trips to, “be a bus ahead,” and take the bus prior to ensure that they arrive at their destination on time.

4. RECEIVE Presentation on the Five-Year Transit Service and Capital Improvement Plan (TSCIP), Wayne Wassell, Transportation Planning Manager

The Five-Year Transit Service and Capital Improvement Plan (TSCIP) formally referred to as the 5-year Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), was last formalized and published in March 2000. In lieu of an SRTP update, Metro received a court order to develop and implement a 5-Year New Service Plan in 2005. The SRTP was again updated in 2009, but was never formalized because it primarily focused on the Metro Connections Restructuring Concept, which ultimately was never implemented. The updated five-year plan spans FY 2014-2018.

The TSCIP is a 5-year implementation plan for approved near term transit service and capital improvement projects and is consistent with the goals and strategies of Metro’s 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). It identifies challenges and opportunities in addition to assisting staff in their ongoing decision-making process as the plan is implemented. The Short Range Transportation Plan, State of Good Repair and Asset Management Plan, and the Regional Short Range Transit Plan are being developed in concert with the TSCIP.

Vice Chair Harabedian asked why East San Fernando Valley Corridor alternatives are being considered if there is not sufficient funding to complete and operate such a project. Mr. Wassell replied that feasibility study is being performed in anticipation that funding may become available.

Council Member Heard asked if the Crenshaw Line would improve access to LAX. Mr. Wassell replied that options to connect the Green Line and Crenshaw Line to LAX are still being explored.

Council Member Harabedian asked how the Regional Connector will connect the Gold Line to the Blue Line. Mr. Wassell explained that the Regional Connector project will connect the Blue, Gold and Expo Lines, providing an opportunity to restructure those lines.

5. RECEIVE Presentation on Bus Stop Study, Carl Torres, Transportation Planning Manager

Metro has contracted a consultant to perform a usability study of all 25,000 or more bus Los Angeles County bus stops – this includes approximately 15,000 Metro stops and 10,000 more of other transit agencies in the city or county. Cost of the study is approximately \$1.5 and will be paid through JARC and Proposition C funds. Project scope includes taking precise measurements of bus stop elements such as sidewalks, curb ramps, etc. will be taken, and existing amenities including shelters, benches, signage, etc. will be identified. Unique geo-location data will be developed for each stop, and any existing barriers at a bus stop will be identified. Results will be used to identify ADA factors, improvement opportunities, improved capacity to provide customer information, ability to monitor physical changes over time, improved coordination between operators based on common data and stop identifiers and in quality of bus service experience. A bus stop management system will be produced that includes all of the information gathered. The study will be completed in three phases and will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Council Member Vasquez asked how ADA compliance would be ensured for new bus stops. Mr. Torres replied that every new or moved bus stop has to be ADA compliant according to law. Bus stops which are not ADA compliant are those which pre-exist the adoption of the ADA; their compliance was not required.

Council Member Spence suggested that the study team contact each of the public works in the 88 cities within the county to find out how compliant the bus stops in their jurisdictions are. Mr. Taylor replied that working with local municipalities is part of the plan. Mr. Torres added that outreach to transit providers has begun, and that they are reviewing their individual databases. The group is also participating in the quarterly transit providers meetings to share information and potentially identify funds that could be used to rectify ADA non-compliant stops.

Chair Baldwin commented that some cities have difficulty spending all of their Proposition C funds, and that this project might help to identify where funds can best be used to address needs.

Council Member Harrington asked how needed improvements would be addressed once non-compliant stops are identified. Mr. Taylor replied that information on non-compliant stops will be shared with the local jurisdictions and Metro so that they can discuss how to address.

Council Member Spence commented that a lot of the issues that will need to be resolved around non-compliant stops are city issues and not the responsibility of Metro.

6. RECEIVE Director's Report, Jon Hillmer, Director

- A hearing to receive public comment on proposed fare changes was held on Saturday, March 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The hearing was attended by approximately 500 members of the public, and there were 165 public speakers.
- The Metro Board is scheduled to determine if fare change will be approved at the May 22, 2014 Board Meeting
- Latching of Green Line station gates continues and is on target to be completed by the end of May.
- The next Quarterly Meet and Confer with CEO Art Leahy will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at 2p.m. at the Metro headquarters building.

Council expressed interest in hearing updates on system security, fare evasion, and results of gate latching at the April 30th Meet and Confer and future meetings.

7. CLOSING Remarks, Council Members and Staff

ADJOURNED at 6:13 p.m. in memory of former Service Council Member Sid Taylor