

Minutes

Monday, May 12, 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 5:03 p.m.

Council Members:

Harry Baldwin, Chair
Juventino Gomez
Alex Gonzalez
Dave Spence
Rosie Vasquez

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Director, Regional Councils
David Hershenson, Comm. Rel. Mgr.
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 Minutes of April 14, 2014 Meeting
3. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

Bill Stockman commented that it is hard to get around from and make connections out of Monrovia to El Monte bus station on local public transportation. The local service doesn't run late enough. Metro needs to work with local governments to provide better connections. There aren't easy connections to the Gold Line. He thinks Metro should consider allowing riders to ride free within small areas because using a TAP card for short trips because tapping for various legs of a trip is expensive. He is opposed to raising fares and thinks they should be lowered to attract more transit users.

Emmanuel Najera asked if Metro has any plans to add a barrier to protect the Gold Line after the big rig accident on the 210 freeway impacted operations. Mr. Hillmer replied that Metro has been working with Caltrans to see if there is a feasible manner to better protect the Gold Line from freeway accidents. However, if measures are adopted, it would take several years to install. Council Member Spence added that it appears that Caltrans has installed K-rails in the area but it is unclear if that was done in response to the accident.

Emmanuel Najera added that he lives in Pasadena near Fair Oaks and that it is difficult for him to arrive at the Service Council meetings by 5 p.m. due to the service and connections that he uses to travel to the meeting location.

4. RECEIVED Update on Gold Line Eastside Extension Outreach Plan, David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager

Metro anticipates that the FTA will approve the release the project's Draft EIR/EIS sometime this summer. Preliminary scoping meetings and studies have been completed. Originally, 47 alignment options were considered, options have been narrowed down to 2, one which travels along SR-60 to South El Monte and another which travels up along Washington Blvd. to Whittier.

In anticipation of the document's release with updated information potentially some time around July, Metro is providing city council briefings in the 8 cities along the alignment and portions of unincorporated areas. The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is supporting the option that travels to Whittier, while the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments favors the R-60 alignment. Once the Draft EIS/EIR is released, Metro will hold four public hearings to gather public input, and plans to have a 60 day public comment period before preparing a final report and proposed preferred alternative to the Metro Board.

5. RECEIVED Report on El Monte Busway Construction Project, Scott Page, Service Development Manager

A capital project to replace the stairs at the busway stations will begin in August 2014. Work will be completed in two phases. The first phase consists of complete replacement of the metal stairs and the landing at the top of the stairs at LAC/USC Medical Center Station. The station will be completely shut down in both directions during construction. The second phase of the project consists of partial metal stairs replacement at the Cal State LA Station. Work is scheduled to begin in December 2014 and there will be a complete shutdown of the station during Cal State LA's winter break. Directional closures of Cal State Los Angeles are yet to be determined. A shuttle service will be operated between the two stations during the construction closures.

Council Member Vasquez asked how much timetables will change as a result of the station construction closure. Mr. Page replied that the Silver Line schedule will not change, but that a note will be added to timetables to inform patrons that they should include an additional 10 minutes for shuttle travel time. Estimated construction shut down time is two to three weeks.

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

- Metro Board scheduled to consider Fare Change Proposal at May 22nd meeting at Metro Gateway Building
- April 30th Meet and Confer
- 11 of 14 Green Line Stations Gates latched, remainder by end of May
- Division 15 early AM Council Tour (limited to 4 Service Council Reps. per visit)
- Union Station 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd
- Metro Board motion for Metro staff to prepare studies, tests and analysis to implement Line 588 and report back to Metro Board on May 22nd

7. CLOSING Remarks, Council Members and Staff

ADJOURNED at 5:43 p.m.