

Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2015
5:00 PM

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
SERVICE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

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

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Called to Order at 5:05 p.m.

Council Members:

John Harrington, Chair
Harry Baldwin
Roger Chandler
John Harabedian
Dave Spence

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Executive Director
Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
Carl Torres, Transportation Planning Mgr.
Lilian De Loza, Community Relations Mgr.
Henry Gonzalez, Council Comm. Rel. Mgr.

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. SWORE In Roger Chandler, Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem, as Service Council Member
3. APPROVED Minutes of June 8,2015 Meeting
4. RECEIVED Presentation on Peck Rd. & Valley Bl. Undercrossing Project ExpressLanes Impact, Hassan Azima, Caltrans Project Engineer, Mike Lopez, Caltrans Construction Safety/Traffic Advisor

As part of the I-10 bridge maintenance project, Caltrans will perform nightly construction activities. The following closures will be in effect as needed:

- Eastbound I-10: N Peck Rd/Valley Blvd off-ramp.
- Westbound I-10: S Peck Rd off-ramp and N Valley Blvd on-ramp.
- Freeway Mainline: East and westbound I-10 lane closures between Peck Rd and Valley Blvd.
- Street Closures: Peck Rd between Asher St and Valley Blvd and Valley Blvd between Peck Rd and I-10.

One lane will remain open in each direction at all times during construction on local streets. A full long-term closure of both directions of the I-10 Express Lanes/HOT lanes between Valley Blvd and Peck Rd will be in effect from July 6 through August, 2015.

Construction will begin Monday, July 6, 2015 and continue through August, 2015. Public outreach has been conducted throughout the region via the local newspapers, City newsletters, Caltrans and City websites, and cable access channels. Notifications were also shared with local businesses, regional transit providers and the trucking industry.

Chair Spence commented that he has noted there have been minimal impacts on morning commute traffic on the westbound I-10 to the 605, and that there is more traffic in the afternoons caused by the closures.

5. ADOPTED FY16 Service Council Work Plan with Proposed Modifications, Service Council Members

Councilmember Baldwin asked that the plan include that outreach will be conducted and public hearings held in the affected areas in order to ensure participation of affected constituents.

Councilmember Harabedian suggested institutionalizing Council commitment to complete line rides and interacting with bus operators to receive feedback. Mr. Hillmer suggested organizing specific line rides and division visits.

Councilmember Harabedian suggested dedicating a meeting to the budget in order to develop recommendations and suggestions.

6. DECLINED to Going Dark for August 2015 Meeting, Service Council Members
7. ELECTED Dave Spence as Vice Chair for FY 2016, Council Members
8. RECEIVED Report on San Gabriel Valley Service Performance, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
 - Bus Cleanliness Rating: 8.91, Goal: 8.5
 - Bus On-Time Performance: 77%, Goal: 80.0%
 - Complaints per 100,000 Passengers: 3.57, Goal: 3.46
 - Accidents per 100,000 miles: 3.36, Goal: 3.30
 - Mean Miles Between Mechanical Road Calls: 5,802; Goal: 4,169
 - Average Weekday Bus Ridership – May 2015: 200,165

9. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

Wayne Wright requested that Service Development work to retain Line 450 limited operations. Buses are crowded by the time they hit the El Monte Busway. There are very few pick-ups and drop offs at the Cal State Station. He would like to see some trips go non-stop from Harbor Gateway Transit Center to El Monte Station.

Andrew Wang does not think the plan of extending the Silver Line to San Pedro is feasible. He thinks it is duplicative of other service.

Mr. James noted the difference in traffic was surprised by the traffic going north on the 605 freeway from Whittier several weeks ago during rush hour. He turned onto Valley Blvd and finally got to Santa Anita Blvd and El Monte Station. Then a few weeks ago, he took the 605 freeway north again and he tried taking the I-10 west, which worked out better for him.

10. CLOSING Remarks, Council Members and Staff

Councilmember Chandler asked for clarification of the jurisdiction in charge of the ExpressLanes project and his role in ensuring that the jurisdictions he represents are aware of such projects and their impacts. Mr. Hillmer replied that the project is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans, and that they would be responsible for notifying the local jurisdictions. Metro also assists in the coordination of the notification and construction planning for the project. Ms. De Loza added that Metro Community Relations Manager assists to ensure that the local jurisdictions are notified.

ADJOURNED at 5:59 p.m.