

Metro Citizens Advisory Council
November 14, 2018 General Assembly Minutes

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees: Darrell Clarke, Dalila Sotelo, Hank Fung, Tony Banash, Tammy Ashton, Brian Bowens, Michael Conrad, Daniella Alcedo, David Lara, Jazmin Ortega, Anne Reid, Wally Shidler

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2018 (Action)

- Minutes for October 2018 meeting were not ready.

3. Metro Parking Program

a. Auto Parking

b. Bicycle Parking

- Frank Ching and Shannon Hamlein, Metro Parking Program, made a presentation. Metro is the largest supplier of free parking in Los Angeles County. Board approved a parking plan in January 2018 and staff described outreach. Parking program was implemented on the Green Line in June 2018 and parking demand has been controlled such that spaces are available all day and non-Metro parking has been eliminated. No observable impact to ridership. Metro is reinvesting in parking lots with added maintenance and lighting. Parking demand model is in the long range transportation plan. Bike parking was transferred to parking program management in July 2018 and will be focused on safety and security, targeted for February 2019. Shared mobility devices regular and program is scheduled for third quarter FY 2019. Metro is also studying car share program at stations.
- CAC members had questions about outreach, specifically outreach in Downey. A member complained that due to Metro charging for parking there was spillover in neighborhoods and residents around the lot were not notified. Metro offered to do parking enforcement on surrounding streets but it would need to be coordinated with the surrounding jurisdiction. Some residents in other areas did not want timed parking restrictions. Staff stated they would discuss further with Downey leadership regarding outreach. They will work with jurisdictions regarding spillover parking. Members asked about contribution of parking revenue to O&M – the parking program has to amortize the cost of the collection equipment and

O&M of the lots is still a cost to maintain. Staff stated that monthly there are 3,000 citations and 9,000 warnings. There are few complaints about the validation system. Goals are to implement a carpool permit program and an open road parking process where vehicles would have the charges automatically applied when driving into the lot.

- Members wanted to hear more about bike parking program once that was implemented. Staff offered to answer more questions via email. Received and filed.

4. Link Union Station Project Letter

a. Request by CAC Member to CAC to consider supporting an at-grade concourse option with reduced scope compared to staff proposal

- CAC Secretary discussed the Link Union Station options of an at grade or elevated concourse, and listed the pros and cons of both options. He felt that the at grade concourse was better and opposed staff's apparent selection for the elevated concourse as the CEQA preferred alternative. The at grade concourse would minimize travel time and not force transferring customers to go up and back down. The elevated concourse also has an impact to the historic appearance of Union Station. However, members indicated that the at grade concourse was scaled to include significant shopping and waiting space under the tracks, which may be unnecessary. There was concern that this letter would delay the project as a whole.
- Motion was to for CAC chair to write a letter supporting an at-grade concourse with reduced scope compared to staff's at-grade concourse alternative. CAC chair and secretary would work on letter text. Letter would be sent to the Board copying staff for the record. Motion Fung, seconded Clarke, carried unanimously.

5. Future Topics to be Considered by CAC

a. Suggested topic list categorized in Work Plan (to be submitted by CAC Secretary)

- List of topics and their relationship to the work plan was discussed.
- Further discussion to occur at executive committee meetings.

b. December Executive Committee Meeting

- Currently scheduled by member of senior leadership team, ideally CEO. This also functions as the holiday luncheon and all members are invited to attend.

6. Open Discussion from CAC Members

- A member suggested hearing from Metro marketing regarding public communications.

7. Standing/Administrative Items

a. Metro Policy Advisory Committee Update

b. Metro NexGen Bus Update

c. Briefing to Metro Board

d. Other Administrative Items

- No updates from Policy Advisory Committee. NexGen Bus meeting will begin in 2019. January 2019 will have a report to the Metro Board regarding past CAC activities.

8. Public Comment

- Rob Miller provided public comment.

9. Consider items not on the posted agenda, including items to be presented and referred to committee members and/or staff; items to be placed on agenda for action at a future CAC meeting; and items requiring immediate action due to an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the CAC subsequent to posting of the agenda.

- None

10. Adjournment

Prepared by Hank Fung, CAC secretary