

# MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Directors**

**One Gateway Plaza  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room**

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Called to Order at 9:45 A.M.

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Directors Present:

Gloria Molina, Chair  
Pam O'Connor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Antonio Villaraigosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Mike Antonovich  
Yvonne B. Burke  
John Fasana  
David Fleming  
Richard Katz  
Don Knabe  
Bonnie Lowenthal  
Ara J. Najarian  
Bernard Parks  
Zev Yaroslavsky  
Doug Failing, non-voting member

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Officers

Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer  
Michele Jackson, Board Secretary  
Karen Gorman, Ethics Officer  
William Waters, Inspector General  
County Counsel, General Counsel



**Metro**

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

NOTE: Members voting are reflected on the attached "RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS" matrix.

RECEIVED Chair's Report

- Presented Resolution to Congressman Esteban Torres

RECEIVED Chief Executive Officer's Report

- Mayor Villaraigosa presented a partnership award to Metro at the Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board Leadership Awards Breakfast on March 22, 2007 for its collaboration with Valley College and other partners in recruiting and training new bus operators.
- Metro will hold a public hearing in the near future to consider possible changes to the fare structure and explore ways to further eliminate Metro's structural deficit.

1. APPROVED **Consent Calendar** Items: 2, 8, 9, 15, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, and 40.
  - Items 36 and 38 were removed from the consent calendar.
2. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR **Minutes** of Regular Board Meeting held February 22, 2007 and Special Goods Movement Workshop held January 29, 2007.
6. AUTHORIZED:
  - A. receipt and filing of the status update on efforts to **advance the tunnel concept on Route 710**; and
  - B. programming \$5 million in the 2006 STIP augmentation funds for preliminary engineering and technical studies for the Route 710 Tunnel. Metro's contribution is contingent upon Caltrans programming of \$5 million in Interregional Transportation Improvement Program funds for these studies.
8. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR adopting the resolution authorizing Metro to participate with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles to **issue refunding bonds to refund the outstanding 1993 Grand Central Square multifamily housing bonds** and approving related documents that are on file with the Board Secretary.

9. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR adopting the **Compressed Natural Gas hedging program**.
  
15. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR adopting the **following position on Federal Legislation**:  
  
S. 497 (Boxer) – A bill that would repeal a prohibition on the use of federal funds on the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail Project. SUPPORT.
  
22. APPROVED VILLARAIGOSA MOTION that the MTA Board direct the MTA Office of the Inspector General to conduct a performance, and compliance audit of Access Services, Incorporated and its contractors, including those charged with determining eligibility for paratransit services, and report back to the Board in 60 days with the scope of the audit and with final recommendations by no later than October 18, 2007; and further move  
  
that the Office of the Inspector General be permitted to secure any necessary contractual services to complete the audit.
  
23. **CLOSED SESSION:**
  - A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(a):  
  
Michael Torchia v. LACMTA, Case No. BC 342747  
  
APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$1.9 million.
  
  - B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(c):  
  
Initiation of Litigation (2 cases)  
  
NO REPORT.
  
  - C. Conference Regarding Potential Threats to Public Facilities – G.C. 54957 (a):  
  
NO REPORT.

28. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price contract under bid number 07-0004 to Cummins Cal Pacific, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, for the procurement of 400 **Cummins ISL G natural gas engines** for an amount not to exceed \$14,602,925 inclusive of sales tax.
29. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:
- A. establishing a life-of-project budget for the **FY08 Bus Midlife Overhaul Program** capital project #203005 in the amount of \$29,500,000 and include the project in the FY08 capital program budget; and
  - B. the addition of twenty full-time equivalents (FTEs) to the FY08 budget to cost centers 3441, 3442, and 3443 (Central Maintenance) and one FTE in cost center 6350 (Logistics) for support of the Bus Midlife Program.
30. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:
- A. establishment of a life-of-project budget for the **FY08 RRC Engine Replacement Program** capital project #203015 in the amount of \$11,000,000; and
  - B. the addition of 16 full-time equivalents (FTEs) to the FY08 budget to cost centers 3441, 3442, and 3443 (Central Maintenance) and 2 FTEs to cost center 6350 (Logistics) for the RRC Engine Replacement Program.
31. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR BY A 2/3 VOTE:
- A. finding that there is only a single source of procurement for the needed **traction power substation utility metering section and rectifier transformer** and purchase is for the sole purpose of duplicating the utility metering sections and transformers already in use. The Board hereby authorizes purchase of the utility metering section and the rectifier transformer pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 130237; and
  - B. authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price contract to Siemens Transportation Systems Inc. for a purchase of a utility metering section and rectifier transformer for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, inclusive of sales tax.

32. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. increasing the life-of-project budget for the Metro Red Line Variable Message Sign Upgrade project by \$1,201,842, increasing the life-of-project budget from \$1,250,000 to \$2,451,842; and
- B. authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price Contract No. OP39601922, with JM Fiber Optics, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to replace the existing **Transit Passenger Information System on the Metro Red Line** for an amount not to exceed \$2,228,941, inclusive of sales tax; and executing contract modifications in the amount not to exceed \$222,901.

35. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - 1. negotiate and execute a professional services contract (PS-4370-1952) with Iteris, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$5,950,342 for the **environmental clearance and preliminary engineering (PE) components of the Northern/Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line.**
  - 2. negotiate and execute a contract (PS-4370-1962) with Consensus Planning Group for an amount not to exceed \$337,152 for the Public Outreach and Community Participation component of the Northern/Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line.
  - 3. execute contract modifications for up to \$628,749 to cover the cost of any potentially unforeseen issues that may arise during the environmental clearance of the Northern/Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line.
- B. authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to make \$250,000 available to the City of Los Angeles to enable the City to complete an analysis of how best to increase bus speeds on Van Nuys Boulevard and other Eastern San Fernando Valley (SFV) streets identified in the SFV North/South Transit Corridor Study, plus an additional \$650,000 for the purpose of completing any preliminary engineering work resulting from the analysis. The City shall also conduct any required environmental clearance from these improvements.

36. **APPROVED AS AMENDED BY DIRECTORS MOLINA, ANTONOVICH AND FASANA:**

- A. programming of \$25.0 million from 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation funds to address a cost increase to the I-10 Carpool Lane from I-605 to Puente Avenue;
- B. programming of up to \$452.4 million in **2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation funds for Los Angeles County transportation capital improvements;**
- C. programming of \$284.5 million from future available sources for the I-10 Carpool Lane from Puente Avenue to Route 57 project, which would complement \$80.5 million in programming for the project included in part B of this recommendation and allow for a total programming amount of \$365.0 million for the project; and
- D. the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to negotiate and execute funding contracts or agreements as needed with Los Angeles County jurisdictions, agencies or other entities to provide funds programmed as authorized.

**Amendment:** that staff work with the Los Angeles delegation to sponsor a bill that would allow Caltrans to utilize design build on the I-10 HOV Lanes in the San Gabriel Valley. Staff should also work to develop a countywide, bipartisan, public/private sector coalition to support the passage of the legislation.

38. **ADOPTED the following positions on State Legislation:**

- B. AB 900 (Nuñez) – Expands the voting membership of the California Transportation Commission. **SUPPORT**
- C. SB 163 (Migden) – Obligates the State to fund connecting ramps from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge to Yerba Buena Island. **OPPOSE**
- D. SB 974 (Lowenthal) – Requires the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to impose container fees. **SUPPORT – WORK WITH AUTHOR**
- E. SB 650 (Padilla) – Expands the maximum vehicle length requirement for buses. **SUPPORT**
- F. SB 724 (Kuehl) – Would specify an expedited process for Exposition Construction Authority grade crossing applications. **SUPPORT**

CARRIED OVER TO APRIL BOARD MEETING adopting the **following position on State Legislation:**

- A. AB 889 (Lieu) – Establishes a Metro Green Line Construction Authority.  
OPPOSE
40. APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the following **pay grade adjustment, new classification and salaries:**
- A. the adjustment of pay grade CC from \$137,904 - \$207,001 to \$177,091 - \$259,001;
  - B. the creation of the Deputy Chief Capital Management Officer (DCCMO) classification, pay grade CC (\$177,091 - \$259,001);
  - C. the salary of \$250,000 and 10 days additional time off with pay for the new DCCMO;
  - D. the proposed salaries for six positions in Countywide Planning and Development (CP&D):
    - 1. the salary of \$147,500 for one Executive Officer, CP&D (Transportation Development and Implementation), pay grade AA.
    - 2. the salary of \$145,000 for one Executive Officer, CP&D (Transportation Development and Implementation), pay grade AA.
    - 3. the salary of \$140,000 for one Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), CP&D(Programming & Policy Analysis) pay grade T.
    - 4. the salary of \$137,000 for three DEOs, CP&D (Transportation Development and Implementation)
  - E. the proposed salary of \$150,000 for one DEO Labor Relations in Operations, pay grade S

41. FORWARDED TO APRIL EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING FASANA MOTION that:

A new simplified and equitable **Formula Application Procedure (FAP)** be developed that would replace the existing FAP, Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program (MOSIP), and other bus funding pools and incorporate these features:

**FAP Formula:** A participant's funding share will be the ratio of their total vehicle service hours (VSH) to all participants' total VSH. No more than 0.25 percent of the annual amount distributed in the formula specified in this paragraph shall be allocated for the support of non-fixed route general purpose transportation service (Dial-A-Ride).

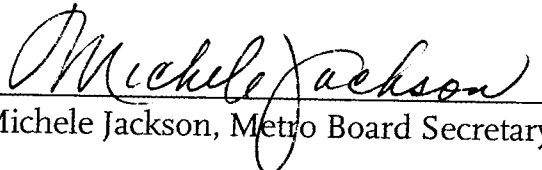
**Single Funding Pool:** All current and future funding that LACMTA elects to allocate to any and all participants for transit operations must be allocated by this formula, including but not limited to TDA, STA, interest, Proposition A and C.

**Transition:** During the first three years after implementation of the New FAP, all participants will be guaranteed a minimum allocation equal to the total Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Transit Fund Allocation approved by the Metro Board at the July 27, 2006 meeting. (Participants with shortfalls below their FY 2006-2007 allocations would receive funds from participants with surpluses above their FY 2006-2007 allocations on a pro rata basis.)

RECEIVED Public Comment.

ADJOURNED AT 12:55 P.M.

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Michele Jackson, Metro Board Secretary