RECAP of Proceedings

Adjourned Regular Board Meeting from July 26, 2012

One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor Board Room

Called to Order at 10:28 a.m.

Directors Present:

- Michael Antonovich, Chair
- Diane DuBois, 1st Vice Chair
- Richard Katz, 2nd Vice Chair
- John Fasana
- David Fleming
- José Huizar
- Don Knabe
- Gloria Molina
- Ara J. Najarian
- Pam O’Connor*
- Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Zev Yaroslavsky
- Michael Miles, non-voting member

Officers

- Arthur T. Leahy, Chief Executive Officer
- Michele Jackson, Board Secretary
- Karen Gorman, Ethics Officer
- Karen Gorman, Acting Inspector General
- County Counsel, General Counsel

*Via telephone
Downtown Marriott, Lobby
1201 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
1. HELD public meeting on proposed amendment (Fasana) to the Measure R Ordinance (#08-01).

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2. The following actions were taken related to Measure R and its extension:

A. ADOPTED the proposed amendment to the Measure R Ordinance (#08-01) by two-thirds vote of the Board;

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B. ADOPTED an amendment to the Traffic Relief and Rail Expansion Tax Extension Ordinance (#12-01) to incorporate the proposed amendment; including the following punctuation and syntax changes proposed by Director Yaroslavsky:

To advance Los Angeles County’s traffic relief, economic growth/job growth creation, by accelerating construction of light rail/subway construction and airport connections, within five years, not twenty; funding countywide freeway, traffic flow/safety/bridge, safety and traffic flow improvements; fixing potholes repair; keeping senior, student, disabled fares low; Shall Los Angeles County’s voter-approved one-half cent traffic relief sales tax continue, without tax rate increase, for another 30 years or until voters decide to end it, with independent audits and keeping funds local?

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C = Soft Conflict;  C = Hard Conflict
C. ADOPTED the Resolution requesting that Ordinance #12-01 be amended and placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot; and

D. APPROVED the Measure R Extension Information Program as amended to remove the mail brochure.

FAILED MOTION BY DIRECTOR FASANA to require in the expenditure plan the total project cost including any unfunded portion.

3. CARRIED OVER TO OCTOBER’S EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: RECEIVE status of the Regional Connector construction method.

4. RECEIVED Expo Line/Blue Line Junction Update.

5. APPROVED AS AMENDED YAROSLAVSKY MOTION that the Board directs the CEO to convene a Metro Blue Line Task Force with staff and safety/rail experts to investigate and report back on:

A. causes for accidents along the Blue Line, including but not limited to adequacy of current safety procedures, operational concerns, structural concerns, signage, design and traffic conditions;

B. potential suicide prevention strategies and

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C. solutions to the issues that are identified as well as plans for implementing those solutions; and

FURTHER MOVE that the Metro Blue Line Task Force report back to the System Safety and Operations Committee and the MTA Board in November 2012.

RIDLEY-THOMAS AMENDMENT that the Board direct the CEO to establish public information protocols to report accident and service disruptions information when incidents occur. Detailed factual information shall be posted via appropriate websites and social media as available, and news media shall be notified. The CEO shall report back to the Board in September 2012.

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6. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation- G.C. 54956.9(a)

1. Today’s IV, Inc., dba Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites v. LACMTA, LACS Case No. BS137540

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2. 515/555 Flower Associates, LLC v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. BS137271

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RECEIVED public comment.

Adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Prepared by: Collette Langston
            Board Specialist