



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MTA Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles

Wednesday, March 26, 1997 - 10:00 a.m.

Call to order:

Directors

Larry Zarian, Chair
Richard Riordan, First Vice Chair
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Second Vice Chair
Richard Alatorre
Michael Antonovich
James Cragin
John Fasana
Don Knabe
Gloria Molina
Jenny Oropeza
Carol Schatz
Mel Wilson
Zev Yaroslavsky
Dean Dunphy, Ex Officio

Alternates:

Jan Heidt
Hal Bernson
Michael Bohlke
Nate Holden
Nick Patsaouras
Joseph Dawidziak
Beatrice La Pisto-Kirtley
Robert Arthur
Vivien Bonzo
Joyce Lawrence
Richard Alarcon
Jackie Goldberg
Robert Abernethy

Interim Chief Executive Officer - Linda Bohlinger
Interim Board Secretary - Michele Jackson
Inspector General - Arthur Sinai
General Counsel - County Counsel

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD RULES (ALSO APPLIES TO BOARD COMMITTEES)

PUBLIC INPUT

The meetings of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board are open to the public. A member of the public may address the Board on the subject of one or more agenda items and/or other items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The total presentation for any combination of agenda items and non-agenda items addressed shall not exceed two minutes in length. A request to address the Board must be submitted in person to the Board Secretary.

All Public Comment will be heard at the beginning of each meeting. Each individual will have the opportunity to speak only once at the time Public Comment is heard and should include all comments for all items. The Public Comment period will last thirty minutes maximum in length. Speakers will be called up according to the order in which the speaker request forms are received until the thirty minute period has been reached. The Chair may limit the public input on any item or the total amount of time allocated for public testimony based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. If you are a party to a specific item, you will be called upon to speak at the time that issue is being considered.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3(a) the Chair may from time to time dispense with public comment on items previously considered by a committee composed exclusively of Board members. (Does not apply to Committee meetings).

In accordance with State Law (Brown Act), all matters to be acted on by the MTA Board must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the Board meeting. In case of emergency, or when a subject matter arises subsequent to the posting of the agenda, upon making certain findings the Board may act on an item that is not on the posted agenda.

CONDUCT IN THE BOARD ROOM The following rule pertains to conduct at Metropolitan Transportation Authority meetings:

REMOVAL FROM THE BOARD ROOM The Chair shall order removed from the Board Room any person who commits the following acts with respect to a regular or special meeting of the MTA Board:

Disorderly behavior toward the Board or any member of the staff thereof, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.

A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.

Disobedience of any lawful order of the Chair, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board; and

Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.

INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDAS AND ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Agendas for the Regular MTA Board meetings are prepared by the Board Secretary and are available prior to the meeting. Agendas are available electronically and may be accessed by a personal computer through a phone modem. A supplemental agenda that includes corrections, additions or deletions to the agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. The supplemental agenda is also available electronically.

Every meeting of the MTA Board of Directors is recorded on cassette tapes, and duplicate tapes are available for a nominal charge. A Spanish language translator is available at all Board Meetings. Translators for other languages must be requested 72 hours in advance.

After each Board meeting, a record is prepared which indicates the actions taken by the Board. This record is available on the second business day following the meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The State Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 84308) requires that a party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, including all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contributions in an amount of more than \$250 made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. Persons required to make this disclosure shall do so by filling out a "Disclosure of Contribution" form which is available at the LACMTA Board Meeting and its committee meetings. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the assessment of civil or criminal penalties.

ADA REQUIREMENTS

A cordless microphone is available for those persons with mobility impairments who cannot access the public speaking area. A wheelchair ramp can be provided by giving notice at least three business days in advance of the meeting. Sign language interpreter services are also available by giving notice at least three business days in advance of the meeting. Please telephone (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our TDD line is (800)252-9040.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Copies of Agendas/Record of Board Action/Cassette Tapes of Meetings - (213) 922-2335

General Information/Rules of the Board - (213) 922-4600

Computer Access to Agendas - (213) 244-6040

TDD line (800) 252-9040

NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.

1. Public Comment.
2. Consider staff recommendations to:
 - A. adopt a recommended bus procurement plan;
 - B. secure additional bus funding as part of the readoption of ISTEAs;
 - C. authorize staff to revise bus specifications for improved cost effectiveness; and
 - D. direct staff to monitor the bus expansion and bus procurement programs and report to the Board on a quarterly basis with requested changes.

ADJOURNMENT