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LA COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry McFarland, Chairman
 Neil Bjornsen
 Stan Hart
 Esperanza Rivera
 Seymour Rosen
 Howard Sachar
 James Seal
 Charles Stapleton

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Dawidziak, MTA Board member
 Shane McCloud, Office of Deane Dana
 Sylvia Robles, MTA Marketing Department

SPEAKER

Paul Glaab, VP of Public Affairs
 Gregory Henk, VP of Design and Construction
 Transportation Corridor Agencies

STAFF PRESENT:

DA Haydel, Board Research Services

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by CAC Chairman L. McFarland

II. Chairman's Report

L. McFarland asked N. Bjornsen to provide an update on the CNG Workshop.

III. Committee Report

N. Bjornsen informed the members of the CNG Workshop for Transit General Managers which was hosted by MTA Operations (Western and Northern Regions) on the exact day as the CAC's requested workshop. He was concerned that the CAC was not informed or invited to attend Operations' CNG workshop.

DA Haydel reminded the CAC members that a motion was passed at the CAC Executive Committee Meeting on September 13, 1996, to postpone the scheduled Citizens' Advisory Council CNG workshop until MTA County Counsel advised staff as to the participation of the manufacturers involved. DA also clarified that the purpose of the CNG workshop for CAC was for its membership to hear from all the experts so that the CAC may make an informed recommendation to the MTA Board on whether the MTA should proceed with any future CNG procurements. This was not the purpose of the workshop hosted by MTA Operations.

Board Research Services is working with MTA County Counsel and Operations to resolve the aforementioned issues in order to reschedule a CNG workshop for the CAC.

L. McFarland raised concerns regarding the recent bus accident which occurred on Highway 170. He questioned what would have happened if the bus involved happened to be a CNG bus.

H. Sachar gave an update of the Special Board Workshop focusing on the Arthur Andersen audit. He expressed concerns about the MTA's inability to efficiently manage projects and control costs.

A motion was passed to present Audrey Noda, MTA Government Relations, with a proclamation as an expression of the CAC's appreciation for her role as CAC support staff. Currently, Board

