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**MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
M-ETROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

June 12, 1997

Called to order at 10:35 AM

Directors/Alternates Present :

Larry Zarian  
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke/Michael Bohlke  
Nick Patsouras  
James Cragin  
- Don Knabe/Robert Arthur  
John Fasana  
Vivien Bonzo  
Jenny Oropeza/Joyce Lawrence  
Robert Abernethy

Interim Chief Executive Officer - Linda Bohlinger  
Board Secretary - Georgia Hamilton  
Inspector General - Arthur Sinai  
General Counsel - County Counsel

i. Public Comment - NONE

Received staff report dated June 9, 1997 regarding the **Fiscal Year 1997-98 proposed Budget**. B. Long, Deputy Executive Officer, Budget, gave a presentation highlighting the major components of the proposed budget. The budget was set for further review at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Finance & Budget Committee. The following requests for additional information were made by members of the Board.

Director Abernethy asked for information on UCLA's forecast on sales tax revenues, planned versus actual for the past few years.

Director Patsaouras requested a list of the line items proposed to be reduced and the cost savings for the preventative maintenance program reductions.

Director Patsaouras requested a list from EMC showing the energy saving systems they developed and their cost savings.

Director Knabe asked staff to provide justification, along with cost savings, to bring the graffiti removal program in-house and eliminate use of the County Probation Department work relief personnel.

Director Knabe commented on the elimination of the second Deputy CEO position and asked staff to provide the cost to add it back in the budget.

Director Knabe asked the cost savings if a hiring freeze were in effect.

Director Fasana asked staff to review the policy on use of tokens for bus fare.

Director Bonzo requested a list from the Regional Transportation and Planning Development (RTPD) Department, of current planned projects, cost, the number of personnel and their function relative to the budgeted project. Lump sums are to be broken out per project.

Director Bonzo also requested more details on the "materials, supplies and utilities" section within RTPD. In addition, a list of positions that have been added or deleted between this year's and last year's. This should include the type of changes by person and title through the use of an organizational chart.

Directors Burke and Patsaouras requested information on the Pasadena Blue Line platform extensions with \$200,000 budgeted for a study. Staff was asked to report on how much had already been spent and the information to be provided along with a timetable from preliminary design to implementation and any other costs that will be impacted. Director Fasana asked what was needed to accommodate ridership, i.e. increasing platforms. He also asked about a fare increase on the Pasadena Blue Line. Director Burke asked how fares on the Blue Line were being checked and requested justification for the 27 full time fare checkers.

Director Patsaouras asked for a line item break down for the \$33.6 million for Del Norte Station.

Director Patsaouras asked about the \$8M budgeted for the Green Line traction/guideway testing and installation and the MOW Building. He asked why the MOW Building could not be postponed for a couple of years and continue with the present operation.

Director Patsaouras asked staff to consider issuing an RFP for advertising on rail platforms with a break down for the Blue and Green Lines so the revenue generated would be spent on improvements on that particular line.

Director Bonzo expressed her concerns with the cuts in Risk Management considering the millions that were recovered by them. Director Abernethy requested that a briefing be scheduled to answer his and Director Bonzo's concerns.

Director Oropeza asked for a break down of customer service position that have been reduced versus support and administrative. Also requested was a break down on the dollars spent on direct customer services vs. other areas.

Director Patsaouras requested that the Construction Committee receive a copy of the engineering design procedures, the design quality manual, and design review checklists.

Director Bonzo suggested a second workshop for budget review. She asked that responses on questions asked at this meeting be provided; staff responded they would be ready by the close of business on Monday.

Director Bonzo requested a report on the merger of the Procurement Department. Director Burke requested cost savings on the positions eliminated due to the merger of *procurement*.

Director Fasana asked that standards (policy) be developed in the area of bus stop cleaning programs; i.e., what the MTA provides and what should be provided by individual cities.

Director Knabe requested the Board be notified of any changes in the projected \$17 million shortfall for FY 97.

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Georgia Hamilton  
MTA Board Secretary