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BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 25, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE ROOM 15TH FLOOR

MTA - One Gateway Plaza - Los Angeles, CA 90012

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| 1. | Call to Order | Action
• Kathryn Voltz |
| 2. | Approval of February 25, 1997 Minutes
(Attachment #1 - Page 2) | Action
• Kathryn Voltz |
| 3. | Legislative Update
(Oral Report) | Information
• Claudette Moody |
| 4. | Section 9 15% Discretionary Capital Allocations
(Oral Report) | Action
• Kathryn Voltz |
| 5. | Call for Projects Briefing
(Attachment #2 - Page 7) | Information
• Wanda Knight |
| 6. | Resolution of Security Capital Fund
(Attachment #3 - Page 10) | Action
• Jim McLaughlin/
Steve Brown |
| 7. | Consolidated Transit Service Policies
(Attachment #4 - Page 14) | Information
• Callier Beard |
| 8. | CMP
(Oral Report) | Information
• David Feinberg |
| 9. | San Fernando Valley Transit Restructuring Study
(Oral Report) | Information
• Patricia Chen |
| 10. | New Business | • Kathryn Voltz |
| 11. | Adjournment | |

ITEM #2

ATTACHMENT 1

FEBRUARY 25, 1997 MINUTES



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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Kathryn Voltz welcomed Michelle Caldwell as the new MTA representative. John Drayton will be Michelle Caldwell's alternate.

Cindy Terwilliger from FTA's Los Angeles office was also introduced. She will have an item on the March agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 1997 MINUTES

A correction to Page 2 under Services Update was made. George Sparks of PVTA was changed to George Vara of Commerce.

The January 28, 1997 minutes were motioned, seconded and approved with the above correction.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Claudette Moody informed the BOS that this was the last week for bills to be introduced to the state legislature. Four bills pertaining to Board Reorganization for the MTA are anticipated. The bills may be as simple as removing the alternates or as complicated as splitting the MTA apart into operations, planning and construction components so that there will be three different entities. ISTEA issues are continuing.

Patricia Chen asked if there was a bill to have the TDA Public Hearings every 2 years. Claudette said she had not seen anything as of yet.

Michelle Caldwell asked if a summary of bills was prepared. Claudette informed Michelle that she usually runs off the bills that have been introduced and then summarizes and reviews them. She then determines what technical staff should review them. Also, for this year, a "watch" list will be introduced to the Board. This will show bills that the MTA may be interested in but do not require action.

The Kopp Bill, SB209, looks serious. This bill would require judicial review of local agencies. Claudette recommended that this bill be looked at closely.

Kathryn Voltz asked if a matrix would be formed by March. Claudette said a matrix would be available in March.

4. SERVICE PLANNING MARKET RESEARCH STUDY UPDATE

Richard Steinbeck informed BOS that everyone should have received data, except for Foothill and Santa Monica. The actual surveying instruments should be out soon. Geo-coding is ongoing for both MTA and Muni data. MTA summary report data should be completed by mid-March and will be mailed out at that time. Phase 2 will consist of handing over all data to the modeling group and this will provide a better picture of travel patterns.

5. SRTP CLARIFICATION & DISCUSSION OF INSTRUCTIONS & FUNDING MARKS

Steve Brown asked if BOS members had any questions. Steve informed BOS that the Foothill mitigation funding marks have not been received yet and that in the Appendix section, the ADA commitment with ASI, does not necessarily require a copy of the MOU. It only requires a statement indicating compliance with ADA and participation in ASI.

Kathryn Voltz asked if the last funding marks provided on February 4 were final. Steve informed BOS that there have been no changes. They will be final once the Board adopts the budget. Kathryn Voltz expressed concern that the Munis cannot complete all the financial tables until all the information is provided to them and the March 21 due date is not realistic. She also indicated that there has been discussion on continued funding for discretionary programs and levels for next year. Steve Brown informed BOS that the number may be the same as last year or inflated, he needs to clarify this with budget, but these programs are included in the budget.

6. MID-YEAR REALLOCATIONS CLAIMS PROCESS

Steve Brown informed BOS that the Accounting Department will adjust the TDA claim, based on the new TDA number. All other funds will be routed through one funding source. Munis should work with their Area Team Representative on which MOU should be modified. Kathryn Voltz asked about funding sources for the Munis. Steve referred to the Board report that should have gone out to the BOS. This report is going as final for approval to the Board.

Tim Galbraith reminded BOS that at the last BOS meeting Carlos Monroy was at the meeting and a draft report was available, but no revised copy has been sent out to the BOS since then. Steve Brown said he would try to get a final copy from Carlos before the meeting was over.

7. ISTEIA REAUTHORIZATION

M.J. West presented the MTA's project list and spoke of possible ways to consolidate strength in Washington. The MTA's project list includes 7 projects, the one of most interest would be the bus item. The MTA will be asking for \$50 million a year for the next five years for buses. This

is a countywide bus program. The next three items which are Metrorail projects are \$100 million for the Mid-City line (MOS-3), due to a delay in the schedule; \$58 million for the San Fernando Valley East-West Line (MOS-4) which is in the Long Range Plan for design and engineering work; \$44 million for the Eastside Extension (MOS-4) for design and engineering. The other three projects are HOV projects. These projects are the I-10 HOV El Monte/Busway for 20 miles to the San Bernardino County Line; the San Gabriel Valley Highway Rail Grade Crossing at \$97 million; and an additional \$20 million for the Santa Monica Blvd. Parkway Project which has received funding from ISTEA previously.

M.J. Vest informed BOS that the MTA is aware of the Coalition proposal, along with Foothill's and Santa Clarita's and feels the Munis and MTA should join forces and present a united front and support each other.

Michele Caldwell said that what should happen next is that everyone should come together as a group in Washington. M.J. informed BOS that the MTA was requesting all 18 members of Congress to sign a letter for the Los Angeles County area. This was also to be discussed at the March General Managers' meeting.

Susan Lipman asked if the Munis' Coalition were going forward with their proposal, would this require the MTA to reduce their request. M.J. said it would not require the MTA to reduce its request. If both MTA and the Coalition joined together, it will show strength and support each other.

Susan Lipman expressed her concern that if the MTA is asking for buses for all 17 regionally funded operators, those evaluating applications will see the requests from the MTA for all operators and then see the Coalition's request and then there will be no strength. M.J. explained that the MTA is trying to fulfill its role as a regional planning agency and going out to get buses on a regional basis. Money is included in the Long Range Transportation Plan for bus replacement for all operators in this region, so essentially all the MTA is asking for is an acceleration of what is in the plan. This is not an expansion, it is a replacement of vehicles. It is an acceleration to replace vehicles that are currently in the Plan. Susan Lipman asked if these were Section 3 dollars, and M.J. informed her that it is not specified as of yet. Congressman Schuster's committee did not say what kind of money it had, but it can be assumed that if the program continues in ISTEA that it will be Section 3 funds.

Brynn Kernaghan informed BOS that at the General Managers' meeting, this item was discussed and the we needed to be supportive of each others applications. There was also a consensus that the MTA application needs to recognize that there is the Municipal Operators' application which represents the eight Munis plus Santa Clarita and Foothill. So when the MTA presents its application, it should indicate that it is not covering those specific operators. M.J. informed BOS that Mayor Riordan is presenting our regional position in Washington on March 6 and his position will be a regional approach.

8. SECURITY

Steve Brown referred to the General Managers' meeting and does not have any new updates. This item is in the process of being resolved administratively.

Brynn Kernaghan informed BOS that there is concern expressed by the three Munis that are receiving operating funds which has not been approved

9. MOBILITY ALLOWANCE

Brad Lindahl informed BOS that Redondo Beach was one of the successful applicants in the Mobility Call for Projects. Redondo Beach has added service to their general public dial-a-ride on weekend service, which was not previously provided. Ridership has been low, but is slowly increasing. A marketing campaign is scheduled. This is a two-year demonstration project.

10. MTA OPERATIONS - ADA COMPLIANCE PLAN

Chip Hazen informed BOS that approximately one year ago, the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities had some public hearings on transit systems around the County. A number of complaints came back concerning the MTA and things that were not in compliance with the ADA. The Supervisors gave the MTA six months to come up with a plan to be in compliance with the ADA. Chip referred to the attachment and explained that these are the areas the MTA is looking into for improvement. This can also be used as a reference guide by the Munis.

There have also been meetings with the unions to inform them of these ADA requirements and get their support in complying with the law. It has been suggested that operators with ADA compliance infractions volunteer at a facility for the handicapped. By being exposed to these persons with disabilities, operators may be more understanding of their needs. This is in the early discussion phases and is not policy.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Kathryn Voltz asked if there was an update on the Proposition A Incentive Guidelines. Chip Hazen informed BOS that he is waiting on the audits and then the three formula allocations can be figured out.

Susan Lipman asked if there was an update on the Proposition A Discretionary Guidelines. Kathryn Voltz informed BOS that this item had been presented to the General Managers and there have been no changes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.