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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

Research Services provides staff support to the CAC. S. Rosen, CAC member, volunteered to work with Mayor Riordan's office to secure the proclamation.

IV. **Public Comment**

Dana Gabbard stated that the new sector guides are easy to read and professionally designed. He questioned the distribution schedule of the sector guides because he has not seen any at the Arco Plaza and at the Gateway Information Center. He also mentioned that the video monitors in Patsaouras Plaza were not working.

S. Robles, MTA Marketing, informed Dana that these new guides are just being distributed and Marketing has noticed a high demand at the aforementioned locations. She agreed to follow-up on this matter and report back at November's CAC meeting.

DA will contact Catellus and MTA ITS Department to discuss the video monitors situation and report back at November's meeting.

V. **Guest Speakers**

Gregory Henk, VP of Design and Construction, and Paul Glaab, VP of Public Affairs from the Transportation Corridor Agencies, discussed the benefits of the design, build, bid process as it relates to major construction projects. A copy of their presentation was distributed to CAC members.

A motion is being drafted by Jim Seal, CAC member, to arrange for G. Henk and P. Glaab to conduct a similar presentation for the Board of Directors.

VI. **New Business**

N. Bjornsen informed the group of the Foothill Transit Fare Restructuring Workshops scheduled for the months of September and October. He motioned that DA prepare and fax a meeting notice listing the dates, times and locations of these workshops.

VII. **Approval of Minutes**

The August 28, 1996 CAC Membership Minutes were approved unanimously.

VIII. **Adjournment**

L. McFarland adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.