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LA COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 23, 1996

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry McFarland, Chairman  
Neil Bjornsen  
Nathan Chroman  
Pam Corradi  
Mike Dickerson  
Nejat Gabbay  
Stan Hart  
Joe Hubbard  
Esperanza Rivera  
Seymour Rosen  
Howard Sachar  
James Seal  
Charles Stapleton  
Peter Schick

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph Dawidziak, MTA Board member  
Sylvia Robles, MTA Marketing Department

**SPEAKER**

Keith Killough, Deputy E.O. , Countywide Planning  
Ron Smith, Manager, Capital Planning  
Ellen Gelbard, Project Manager, Westside Area Team  
Marta Maetas, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Area Team, Public Affairs  
*-MTA Long Range Plan Presentation*

James Givens, Deputy Project Manager, MRL Segment 2 & 3  
Ellen Gelbard, Project Manager, Westside Area Team  
*-Engineering Feasibility Study Mid Cities Extension MRL Segment 3  
Wilton/Arlington Alignment Presentation*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ray Harris, Board Research Services  
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 reported on the upcoming MTA motion to perform SEIR/SEIS on the Wilton alignment of the Western Extension of the Metro Rail.
- III. **Committee Report**  
There was no committee report this month.
- IV. **Public Comment**  

Dana Gabbard commended MTA staff for their presentation of the Long Range Plan which was conducted at a community meeting he attended.

Howard Watt requested a copy of the Engineering Feasibility Study Mid Cities Extension MRL Segment 3 Wilton/Arlington Alignment .

V. **Guest Speakers**

MTA staff conducted presentations on the *MTA Long Range Plan* and the *Mid Cities Feasibility Study, MRL Segment 2 & 3*. Staff who participated in the presentations are listed under the category of Speaker located on page one of this document.

Members of the CAC raised many questions regarding the Mid Cities Project. These questions included:

- Is the Wilshire Alignment part of the Mid Cities Study?
- What is the Pico/San Vincente alignment travel time?
- Are the construction procedures for the Mid Cities alignment different from the Hollywood rail project?
- What is the funding match from the federal, state and local government regarding the Mid Cities project?
- What is the cash flow analysis for the Mid Cities project?

L. McFarland requested and H. Sachar made a motion that the MTA Board deny funding for an Environmental Impact Report of the Mid Cities Extension, MRL 3, Wilton/Arlington Alignments until the MTA can certify that actual bid letting can commence within three years of the MTA's adoption of a Final EIR for the Metro Red Line Segment 3 Mid Cities Extension. The CAC adopted that motion unanimously and instructed Board Research Services staff to have their motion put on the agenda for the November Planning and Programming Committee and full MTA Board.

L. McFarland requested that the MTA provide a financial analysis of the effects on construction of reduced federal funding, cost overruns and other funding shortfalls. L. McFarland also requested MTA staff to provide information on the amount of money spent studying the various proposals for a Mid Cities Extension of Metro Rail from 1987 to the present.

Board Member J. Dawidziak requested the following information from Capital Planning staff:

- Updated UCLA Business Forecasting Analysis of Los Angeles County;
- Historical accuracy analysis of the UCLA Business Forecast; and
- An analysis of the National CPI Outlook and the UCLA Forecasting Project's forecast of CPI for Los Angeles County

VI. **New Business**

The CAC requested a presentation by MTA staff explaining the cash flow analysis of the Mid Cities Extension for the month of November.

VII. **Approval of Minutes**

L. McFarland requested that he approves the CAC Meeting Minutes on or before the CAC Executive Committee Meeting held on the second Friday of each month.

VIII. **Adjournment**

L. McFarland adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.