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LA COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES - JULY 24, 1996

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry McFarland, Chairman
Robert Argomaniz
Neil Bjornsen
Pam Corradi
Russ Davies
Mike Dickerson
Stan Hart
Lillian Mobley
Seymour Rosen
Howard Sachar
Peter Schick
Jim Seal
Charles Stapleton

SPEAKER

James Moore, Associate Professor, School of Urban Planning and Development Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, USC

STAFF PRESENT:

Ray Harris, MTA Government Relations
Audrey Noda, MTA Government Relations

I. **Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by CAC Chairman L. McFarland

II. **Chairman's Report**

L. McFarland spoke with James Givens, MTA Joint Development regarding economic development and land use implications at the Hollywood/Highland station. L. McFarland reported that J. Givens will be available to provide a report to the MTA at the September CAC meeting. L. McFarland reported that the reputable firm of Barton Meyers and Associates has been hired by the MTA to do land use planning. He also reported that the Mayor's office and Councilwoman Goldberg's office are excited about turning Hollywood into a nationwide entertainment center.

M. Dickerson reported on the CAC Receive and File Item regarding ART's presented to the MTA Board. R. Davies made a slide presentation to the MTA Board. He made two points: 1) there is a better way to do things than what is in the current twenty year plan; 2) ART is the alternative; you can run light rail through the tunnels (example: to run a line to Warner Center, it would cost \$400 million.)

M. Dickerson stated that MTA Board Member Burke asked the right questions. The MTA Board will study this issue as they review the 20 year plan.

Public Comment:

Dana Gabbard reported on line 497. The commute time has increased by 15-20 minutes due to the change with the bus/rail interface and the opening of the Western extension.

H. Watts spoke about the "blue signs" on the buses for the elderly and disabled. He explained the the signs are being ripped off. Signs should be in the advertising section.

L. McFarland reported that the CAC devoted last month's meeting to services for the elderly and disabled. R. DeRock, Administrator from Access Services, Inc. spoke to the CAC.

III. **James Moore, Associate Professor, School of Urban Planning and Development and Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, USC**

J. Moore discussed "An Analysis of the LACMTA Long Range Plan". He mentioned he is a co-author of the plan with Tom Rubin. J. Moore distributed a copy of the plan to the CAC Members.

Lauren Frelix, consultant in South Central, L.A. said the report was not good for South Central.

IV. **Minutes**

The June 26, 1996 CAC General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

V. **Adjournment**

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

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 28, 1996

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry McFarland, Chairman
Neil Bjornsen
Mike Dickerson
Stan Hart
David Louie
William Lyte
Seymour Rosen
Howard Sachar
Charles Stapleton

SPEAKER

M.J. West, Manager of Strategic Funding, MTA

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Clark, Director, 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 informed CAC Members that MTA Board Research Services is the new unit responsible for the CAC. Gary Clark, Director of Board Research Services, explained the role of his department and expressed his commitment to supporting the efforts of CAC.
- III. **M.J. West, Manager of Strategic Funding Analysis, MTA**
M.J. West discussed the "Future of MTA's Financial Situation" as it relates to the Long Range Plan and current funding assessments. M.J. distributed a copy of her presentation to CAC Members.
- IV. **New Business**
M. Dickerson expressed his concerns regarding the recent CNG tank rupture at Division 15. He motioned that the CAC host a technical workshop on September 17, 1996 for the purpose of meeting with the Technical Team investigating the cause of this tank rupture. He stated that until a cause is determined, serious consideration should be given regarding future procurement of any additional CNG vehicles.

DA Haydel provided a status report regarding the CNG issue. Gary Clark informed the members that legal restrictions may preclude the manufacturers of the CNG tanks and vehicles from discussing this matter publicly. MTA County Counsel will review this matter prior to coordinating such a workshop.
- V. **Public Comment:**
Dana Gabbard reported on the MTA Board's approval of the Bus Service Improvement Plan at yesterday's meeting. He stated that MTA staff was requested by the Board to report back in September regarding the total amount of additional buses required to bring the system to a load ratio factor of 1.10 or 4 standees per bus.
- VI. **Minutes**
The July 24, 1996 CAC General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
- VII. **Adjournment**
L. McFarland adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.