

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Public Hearing

March 30, 1962

Upon notice duly given, the Members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a Public Hearing on proposed increases in passenger tariffs, pursuant to Section 4.9 of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, at the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 1962, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman A. J. Eyraud, Members Walter M. Briggs, Fred S. Dean, N. R. Dumont, M. W. Hall, and Martin Pollard were present. Member Carl P. Miller was absent. Also present were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Walter J. Braunschweiger; Controller H. L. Black; Director of Public Relations R. O. Christiansen; Chief Engineer Ernest R. Gerlach; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; Austin Connover and Yvonne Patton of City News Service; Cliff Jackson of Herald-Examiner; Harry Bernstein of Times; Don Brackenberry of Long Beach Press Telegram; and the public.

The Secretary of the Authority then stated that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication from the Los Angeles Times showing publication of notice of the public hearing.

Mr. Gerlach then presented the Staff's proposal, a copy of which report, dated March 30, 1962, is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 1.

The Chairman thereupon invited the members of the public present to object to or make any comments they desired relating to the proposed increases in passenger tariffs, and the following individuals spoke:

1. Mr. Art Tryon, Executive Director, Division of Senior Citizens Affairs, Los Angeles County, speaking on behalf of the Senior Citizens Commission of Los Angeles County, who requested that the reduced fare for Senior Citizens be left in effect.
2. Mr. Sam Hoffman, of 1341 North Fuller Avenue, Los Angeles, representing blind and handicapped persons, who requested that the reduced fare be also made available to the younger blind and handicapped persons who did not qualify under the Senior Citizens' program.
3. Mr. Otto Bobsien, of 1360 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, representing retired Los Angeles County Employees, who requested that the reduced fare for Senior Citizens be left in effect.

4. Mr. Lawrence F. La Mar, of 4225 Central Avenue, Los Angeles, representing the Negro Press Bureau, who did not object to the fare increase but did object to what he called the "poor service" being given by the Authority.
5. Mr. Earl C. Craig, of 646 Tularosa Drive, Los Angeles, who objected to the fare increase and suggested that the Authority be subsidized by the well-to-do people in the community.
6. Mr. Harold Archibald, a professional Industrial Engineer, who suggested creating a new 15¢ fare zone and creating a downtown bus service for 10¢. He also suggested the use of a special signal for use by buses only and the use of plastic tokens.
7. Mr. J. H. Clay, of 158 North Avenue 25, Los Angeles, who suggested that the Authority lay off 1000 union members as an alternative to raising the fares.
8. Mr. Hobar Burriss of 1160-1/2 East 59th Street, Los Angeles, who recommended that all the drivers be put under civil service.
9. Mr. J. E. Gregory, of 2400 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, who felt that a fare increase would hurt the Authority as many additional people would cease riding the bus.

10. Major Lorin C. Lobb, of 110 Vista Place, Venice, California, who requested that the reduced fare for Senior Citizens be left in effect.
11. Mr. Fred A. Allen, of 1363 East 48th Street, Los Angeles, who suggested that the token rate should be lower and who spoke against the increase as a hardship for low-income families.
12. Mrs. Anne M. Teta of 1618 Yosemite Drive, Los Angeles, who objected to (i) the MTA "dictatorship," (ii) the "insolent bus drivers," (iii) the "poor schedules," (iv) the "poor transfer arrangements," and (v) the fare increase.

The Staff then presented its recommendations which are embodied in Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the Members of the Authority set the 30th day of March, 1962 as the date for a public hearing on proposed increases in passenger tariffs, pursuant to Section 4.9 of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary advertised notice of said hearing in the Los Angeles Times on March 20, 1962; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heard the recommendations of the Staff, which recommendations include (i) a request for authorization of changes in the rate structure as more particularly set forth in Appendix "A" to Exhibit 1 attached to these Minutes;

and (ii) a request for authorization to cancel the special reduced 15¢ trial fares for Senior Citizens now in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heard testimony from all persons present at the hearing who expressed a desire to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the changes in rate structure and related matters as set forth in Appendix "A" to Exhibit 1 attached to these Minutes be and the same are hereby approved, effective April 1, 1962.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the 15¢ reduced fare for Senior Citizens be and it is hereby continued for an additional period of 60 days;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes in the Local Passenger Tariff and the Interurban Passenger Tariff to reflect the above changes in rate structure.

The hearing thereupon adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REES

Secretary