

Thursday, March 13, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Downey City Hall
11111 Brookshire Ave.
Downey, CA 90241

Called to Order 2:05 p.m.

Council Members:

Jo Ann Eros-Delgado (Chair)
Cheri Kelley (Vice-Chair)
George Bass
Anne M. Bayer
Larry R. Nelson
Wally Shidler
Harley Rubenstein

Officers:

Alex Clifford, General Manager
Raynard Price, Council Secretary



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1. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative George Bass.
2. **Roll Call** – Council Secretary Raynard Price called the roll.
3. **Self Introductions** – Introductions of all those present were made. Chair Eros-Delgado introduced new Governance Council Representative Anne. M. Bayer. Council Secretary Raynard Price Swore-in Representative Anne M. Bayer.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT. None.**
5. **APPROVED Minutes** of February 14, 2008 Council Meeting. Representative Bayer abstained.
6. **RECEIVED AND FILED** General Manager's report.
7. **RECEIVED** report on Public Hearing Results and Revised Staff Recommendations for Proposed June '08 Service Changes by Mike Sieckert. Metro Transportation Planning Manager Mr. Sieckert reviewed the program goals of the Service Sector Plan. He identified the goals as being to Improve Customer Service and Operational Efficiencies.

In an overview of public comment on the service changes there were 22 speakers; 23 e-mails; 4 postal letters; 4 petitions, and 1 fax for a total of 112 comments from a total of 7 public hearings. Mr. Sieckert reviewed the Original Service Proposals, providing a breakdown of support and opposition by line. Based upon public comment, a modified and revised service plan was presented. Chair Delgado opened the meeting to public comment on item 7.

RECEIVED Public Comment on Item 7

Mary Patterson. Ms. Patterson indicated she took the day off work to attend today's meeting on behalf of other riders. She indicated she spoke at multiple public hearings in opposition to the proposals for Lines 127 and 202.

Lisa Adler. Ms. Adler is a member of the Bus Riders Union. She expressed a concern that the Governance Council only received Director Burke's motion the day of the meeting. She urged a no vote on the proposed cuts. Ms. Adler referenced an editorial from La Opinion regarding the dismantling of the bus system.

Tracy Winkler. Ms. Winkler said she was happy to hear the possibility that the City of Norwalk may assume her bus line because she depends on this line for mobility.

Sharon Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery asked that the Sector maintain Line 265.

Vannadaniel Chor. Mr. Chor said he was pleased to hear about Line 265 revised

staff recommendation but that Line 62's southern segment assumption by Norwalk was not good because it requires a transfer.

Susie D. Meekins. Ms. Meekins represented the Watts Community speaking on line cancellations and the re-routing of Line 612 from its original implementation alignment.

Gateway Cities Sector General Manager Alex Clifford discussed the role of the Governance Council on Tier 1 and Tier 2 services. Representative Shidler made a motion to discuss each line separately, seconded by Representative Nelson. Representative Nelson thanked the public for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. Representative Kelley advised the Council if decisions were sent back to the Board without taking any action then the Council would not be doing its job. There was lengthy debate regarding Line 60 with questions from the Council regarding line alternatives and ridership. After much debate the Council agreed to vote on the following staff recommendations.

PART 1: LINES MANAGED BY GATEWAY CITIES SECTOR

Proposals Recommended To Be Modified To Reflect Public Input (APPROVED AS PROPOSED)

Line 102.....Maintain route and frequency on Sunday, reduce span of service.

Line 121.....Maintain route on Sunday, reduce headways to hourly and shorten span of service.

Line 265.....Maintain route and frequency on Sunday, reduce span of service.

Line 612.....Maintain route on Sunday, reduce headways to hourly and shorten span of service.

Proposals Recommended To Be Approved Conditionally (APPROVED AS PROPOSED)

Line 62.....Abandon route segment south of Rosecrans Ave., subject to formal commitment by Norwalk Transit to provide alternative service to Hawaiian Gardens. Norwalk Transit has expressed an interest in assuming service on this segment of Line 62 should MTA abandon it. Norwalk Line 2 was mentioned as a candidate line to be modified to operate over the discontinued route of Line 62. Norwalk Line 2 currently operates service over a portion of Metro Line 62 between Norwalk and Cerritos.

Proposals Recommended To Be Approved As Originally Proposed (APPROVED AS PROPOSED)

Line 26-51.....Consolidate owl trips on Avalon Blvd & San Pedro St to provide two-way service.

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Line 53.....Restructure service as part of start-up of new Rapid Bus Line 753. Local Line 53 to serve Imperial Station enroute to California State University at Dominguez Hills. Cancel one-way Owl service on Central Av.

Line 105Eliminate special peak hour trips east of Santa Fe Ave due to duplication with Line 611.

Line 127.....Abandon line due to low productivity.

Line 254.....Abandon line due to low productivity.

Line 350.....Cancel limited line and incorporate resources into new Line 753.

Line 705.....Increase headways and span of service on existing line.

Line 753.....Implement new Rapid Bus Line 753 along Central Ave on weekdays.

Proposals Recommended To Be Approved As Originally Proposed (NOT APPROVED AS PROPOSED)

Line 60..... Discontinue late night Owl trips south of Artesia Blvd. to downtown Long Beach, and west of Long Beach Blvd. to Compton (**ADDITIONAL MONITORING RECOMMENDED**).

PART 2: LINES MANAGED BY SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SECTOR

Proposals Recommended To Be Modified (SUPPORTED ONLY)

Line 258.....Withdraw original proposal and maintain current route to the City of Paramount.

Line 762.....Modify original proposal and extend route to serve the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station in Compton.

PART 3: LINES MANAGED BY SOUTH BAY SECTOR

Proposals Recommended To Be Modified (SUPPORTED ONLY)

Line 110.....Retain current route east of Garfield Ave in the City of Bell Gardens in lieu of cancelling route segment.

Line 120.....Reduce service frequency and span on Sunday in lieu of canceling service.

Proposals Recommended To Be Approved As Originally Proposed (SUPPORTED ONLY)

Line 115.....Restructure service as originally proposed.

Line 315.....Cancel service and reinvest resources into new Rapid Line 75.

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Line 711.....Cancel Saturday and Sunday service due to low productivity.

Line 715.....Implement new Manchester-Firestone Rapid Bus.

8. **CARRIED OVER** oral report, and possible action on Governance Council Member Line Ride Report – Representative Kelly.
9. **CARRIED OVER** oral report, and possible action on Governance Council Member Line Ride Report – Representative Nelson.
10. **RECEIVED** oral report on Notification of Upcoming Governance Council Member Line Ride Report and Upcoming Line Rides – Alex Clifford. Representative Bayer requested a Line Ride for Line 60. General Manager Clifford announced Council Members will meet Friday morning at the Sector office for the regular unannounced line ride.
11. **Chairperson’s Remarks.** None.
12. **Council Member’s Remarks.** Representatives Nelson, Shidler and Kelly welcomed Representative Bayer to the Council.
13. **Consideration of Items not posted on the Agenda.** None.

Adjourned 4:35 p.m.

Prepared by



Raynard V. Price