

# Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2015  
2:00PM

GATEWAY CITIES  
SERVICE COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

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Salt Lake Park Community Center  
Lounge  
3401 E. Florence Ave.  
Huntington Park, CA 90255

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Called to Order at 2:10 p.m.

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Council Members:

Gene Daniels, Vice Chair  
Jo Ann Eros-Delgado  
Thomas Martin  
Ana Maria Quintana  
Wally Shidler

Officers:

David Hershenson, Comm. Rel. Mgr.  
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin Analyst  
Michael Sieckert, Transportation Planning Mgr.  
Michael Brown, Metro Trainee

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Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Metro**

1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. ROLL Called
3. APPROVED Minutes from February 12, 2015 Meeting
4. RECEIVED Presentation on Metro Parking Ordinance, Frank Ching, Parking Management Director

Metro does not currently have a parking ordinance in place that allows it to properly monitor parking. A parking ordinance is being brought before the Metro Board for approval. It would allow Metro to adopt policies and regulation to manage parking, develop enforcement tools, confer with California Vehicle Code Section 21113, promote safety and enhance patron experience, and provide a structure for pricing, setting limits on changes Metro makes to parking fees.

The objective is to formalize enforcement practices with all enforcement agencies - Metro Transit Security, the Sheriff's Department, and the Transit Court. To inform and enforce the new parking ordinance rules and regulations, there will be new, consistent official signage developed. The Metro Board will consider adoption of the ordinance in April. Should the ordinance be adopted, site notification and community outreach would occur in July, and the ordinance would become effective in August.

Councilmember Quintana asked how much the fine is for parking infractions on Metro property. Mr. Ching replied that they are \$63. Councilmember Shidler asked where the money goes when citations are issued on Metro property. Mr. Ching replied that Metro gets a portion and that another portion goes to the local court system.

Councilmember Shidler asked if the transit citations could be brought in to Metro's transit court so that Metro could get all of the funds for enforcement on Metro property.

Mr. Ching replied that he will return to the Service Councils to receive feedback on policy prior to Metro Board adoption. Once the ordinance is adopted, signage installation will begin in July, which will allow enforcement of the newly adopted parking rules.

Councilmember Shidler asked if there is a plan to have fee parking at all the lots, because some currently do while others don't. Mr. Ching replied that the parking support master plan and guidelines that are currently being developed will study the approach to be used in the future, if parking will remain free, or if it will be discounted for transit users and a premium rate will be paid by non-transit users.

Vice Chair Daniels noted that some stations have private security and asked if they are able to write tickets. Mr. Ching replied that they do not, that tickets must be written by transit officers, which is extremely cost prohibitive. The study will explore more economical ways to do so.

Councilmember Shidler commented that use of TAP would be a great way to facilitate access to parking. Mr. Ching replied that it likely will be used to provide parking discounts, and that those who do not ride transit would pay premium prices instead.

5. RECEIVED Update on Monthly Meeting Time and Location Public Feedback, David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager

An additional article was published on The Source, but only one additional response was received. Council discussed pros and cons to moving to either Aspire School or Dollarhide Center, and inquired as to the availability of the Compton Transit Center. Mr. Sieckert replied that there are still some minor legal issues being resolved, and that the facility will not be available for meeting use until then.

Council opted to keep the remaining meeting time and location for the next three months, in hopes that the Compton Transit Center issues will be resolved within that time. Council will revisit the issue after the three-month period.

6. FAILED To Approve of Letter Recommending Change in Service Council Membership to Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), (4-1) Council Members

The Council discussed the history of the Council membership, reasons for recommending a change in membership and the need for all areas in the region to have representation. Council opted to bring back item after the meeting date and location have been changed, as a different time and location may be conducive to recruitment efforts. Mr. Hershenson committed to send a letter to the COG indicating their decision on the item.

Mr. Timberlake thinks that the County Counsel is incorrect in their determination that Service Council votes require a quorum of the entire membership, not of members present or appointed.

7. RECEIVED Director's Report, Jon Hillmer, Director

- The Blue Ribbon Committee held its first meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Metro headquarters, prior a reception being held for departing CEO Art Leahy.
- Metro is currently developing an evaluation process to process requests from municipal bus operators to acquire Metro bus lines.

Councilmember Shider commented that in addition to being provided information regarding the cost of collecting fares, he would also like to see the amount of fare evasion by month systemwide and the rate at which it is occurring on rail and bus, by specific lines. He would like the data to presented in a way that distinguishes between fare evasion and short fares. He'd also like the information on what is being done to eliminate the problem. He keeps hearing that fare evasion is no longer a minor problem, but that it is out of hand, and he believes the Council should pressure on the agency to fix the problem.

Councilmember Shider is also concerned that if municipal operators take over lines, they will cancel them later. If municipal transit agencies are going to take over lines, it needs to be done in a seamless manner. There should also be a universal fare and schedule changes should be timed to occur simultaneously.

#### 8. PUBLIC Comment for items not on the Agenda

Roberto Hernandez encouraged the Council to consider Cynde Soto's transportation needs if the meeting venue is going to be changed. He shared an incident that occurred on Line 110 2-3 months ago. He got on the bus at Soto and exited at Eastern. While he rode, he noted a man who was drinking and harassing a woman on the bus. Rather than exit the bus at her stop, she waited to exit in hopes that he would leave her alone and not follow her off the bus.

Wayne Wright commented that if the Council membership is reduced to 7 members, it will leave out some community members, particularly Compton and Lynwood. He thinks membership should be determined by city clusters. There are already 2 members from Long Beach. Other areas such as Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier need to be represented as well. He understands issues of lack of quorum and the difficulty in getting people to serve, but he encouraged the Council to keep the number of members to facilitate representation. Vice Chair Daniels replied that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments represents all areas through its members.

Mr. Timberlake appreciates Councilmember Shidler mentioning that Metro does not collect nearly all fares it is entitled to. There are a lot of times that the bus fare boxes don't work. He has boarded buses with signs on the fare box stating that it's not working. If Metro can't get fare boxes to work, it is unfair to people who pay to make then pay increased fares to pay for those people who don't pay their fares.

Joe commented that he would like better service on Lines 612 and 265, and on other lines that run every 40 minutes. He also would like better service on Lakewood bus route 266.

Sheriff Deputy Carlson introduced herself. She has been assigned to the region for approximately 2 months. She added that the Sheriffs respond to similar calls all the time and that it is the responsibility of the bus operator to call when law enforcement assistance is needed.

Councilmember Shidler commented that he has increasingly noticed animals on transit. He even saw someone board with a chicken who claimed it was a service animal.

#### 9. CHAIR and Council Member Comments – None

**ADJOURNED at 3:29 p.m.**