

Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
6:30PM

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
SERVICE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley
Constituent Center
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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Called to Order at 6:35 p.m.

Council Members Present:
Michael Cano, Chair
Donald Weissman, Vice Chair
Ernesto Hidalgo
Vahid Khorsand
Antonio Lopez
Yvette Lopez-Ledesma
Jesus R. Ochoa

Officers:
Jon Hillmer, Executive Director
Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin. Analyst
Henry Gonzalez, Council Comm. Rel. Mgr.
Karen Swift, Community Relations Mgr.
Israel Marin, Transportation Planner
Collette Langston, Office of the Board Secretary

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. APPROVED Minutes of December 2, 2015 Meeting
3. RECEIVED Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to 2016. It will be an exciting year with two Metro Lines opening that will include Gold Line Extension's 6 new stations spanning 5 different cities. The North Hollywood to Pasadena Express will also make its debut. With the potential ballot measure in November, Chair Cano wants to make sure that the San Fernando Valley has a voice to advance projects that currently aren't funded.

4. RECEIVED Public Comment:

Nate Zablén, Southern California Transit Advocates, was supportive of Measure R because he hoped it would result in changes in the bus system in the San Fernando Valley but it didn't. He thought the Orange Line would improve the bus system but he was disappointed. Metro has to look closer at Valley transit; Glendale and Burbank transit service is inadequate. Metro planners seem to be concerned with ridership when they should be concerned with destinations. San Fernando Valley buses tend to not show up or arrive late due to traffic on long routes. If Metro is going to have another ballot measure, he thinks money should be allocated to bus operations expand service.

5. RECEIVED Presentation on Griffith Park Traffic Mobility Plan, Joe Salaices, Griffith Park Superintendent, Tracy James, Assistant to the Superintendent

Tens of thousands of people visit Griffith Park every year and the numbers of visitors is steadily increasing. On average, 7,000 people visit the park daily; there are only roughly 600 parking stalls at the Observatory. Available parking is not well managed and there is no capacity to increase parking at the site. Management is currently working on a comprehensive parking and mobility plan to facilitate arrival by all modes of transportation but strongly encourage leaving personal vehicles at home or finding offsite parking and utilizing a new shuttle service to get to the park's destinations and the Observatory. The shuttle will be free and run every 15 minutes. LA Parks would fund the service and is considering charging a fee for parking to subsidize the shuttle service. The CEQA document will be released to the public next week with implementation targeted for fall of this year. The service will not be implemented until summer at the earliest, as the project still has to go through various review processes.

Griffith Park is seeking Metro support of the plan and would like to work with Metro to brand the Vermont/Sunset Red Line Station as the boarding location for the Griffith Park Shuttle. There is currently a DASH bus that takes visitors to the Observatory but it only operates on weekends. Line 96 runs from the heart of Downtown Los Angeles into the park. Lines 180/181 also bring people to the park.

Metro is already working with the project consultant to identify where services intersect, discussing potential TAP card promotions for riders and interfacing fare structures.

Nate Zablén is concerned about public transportation within Griffith Park and access to the Gene Autry Museum or the L.A. Zoo via transit. Other areas of Los Angeles have bus lines that go to the park but the San Fernando Valley does not. He would like Line 96 extended to Universal City Red Line Station so that additional patrons would have access to the park.

6. RECEIVED Quarterly Station Cleanliness Report, Henry Gonzalez, Community Relations Manager

Twenty-six stations throughout the system were evaluated using 33 measures of performance. Performance ratings are based on a scale from 0 to 10 and assigned ratings of good to very good, marginal, or unsatisfactory. Scoring of station conditions is performed by a small group of Metro staff to maintain consistency. Twenty-five out of 26 stations rated “Good to Very Good” and the evaluation scores of 10 stations improved. Eleven stations showed no change, and Harbor Green Line was the station with the largest decline in overall score. Four stations experienced a minor decrease but remain in the same rating categories.

Staff will continue to perform station evaluations and report findings to Facilities Maintenance Management for action and will report the findings to Council Members.

Chair Cano requested that an ad-hoc evaluation of Lake Avenue Gold Line Station be completed. When he has recently accessed that station, he has found there to be a high transient presence and the environment not very hospitable. He asked if the functioning of any location equipment such as screens and TVMs is considered. Mr. Spivack replied that functioning of the station equipment function is considered and any malfunctioning equipment observed is reported for repairs. Metro is working with Pasadena Police Department to address transient related issues at other stations; staff will inform them of the issues raised regarding Lake Station.

7. CONDUCTED Service Planning Workshop, Jon Hillmer, Executive Director, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer, Israel Marin, Transportation Planner

Metro Service Planning is beginning a process to implement the recommendations made by the APTA Peer Review and Peer Review Committee. A Comprehensive Operations analysis is being conducted with the intent of generating concepts for service modifications to improve connectivity, network speed, and achieve a peak 15-minute network. This work will establish a framework for service changes to be implemented over the next 2-3 years which will reinvest service hours from poor or marginally performing lines into the core network.

The following Lines and issues were discussed with Council:

- The Metro and DASH relationship
- Westfield Topanga Village and related access
- Warner Center and Orange Line ridership
- Aerojet-Rocketdyne facility and future development
- Serving the Rinaldi/Laurel Canyon area in the North Valley

The Council requested an update from LADOT on their recent route review and analysis. Chair Cano requested that he would like the following items included in future service planning discussions:

- Metro has no jurisdiction over bus stops and needs to work with municipalities to establish standards and consistency.
- Bus lines that make turns and how route design can include safety considerations.
- Relationship with Metrolink and Amtrak, and how those stations are serviced through transfers
- Available service north to Santa Clarita should be included on any maps provided to reflect the connection between the Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys.

B. Timberlake commented that the Valley U Line is cannibalizing Line 750. There are a lot of buses going back and forth but there aren't very many passengers on those buses. The stops for Rapid and Local buses need to be reevaluated where they don't overlap which impacts their usefulness and safety.

8. RECEIVED report on Regional Service Performance, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
 - Bus Cleanliness Ratings: San Fernando Valley: 8.96, Goal: 8.0
 - Complaints Per 100,000 Passengers: San Fernando Valley: 4.82, Goal: 3.91
 - Accidents per 100,000 miles: San Fernando Valley: 2.68, Goal: 3.69
 - Miles Between Mechanical Road Call: San Fernando Valley: 4,958, Goal: 4,529
 - Average Weekday Boardings by Council Area: 183,346

Councilmember Washburn suggested offering free ridership events to encourage potential choice riders to try using transit in an effort to stimulate overall ridership.

9. RECEIVED Chair and Council Member Comments

Vice Chair Weissman commented that he is looking forward to a challenging, exciting year with the Council.

Councilmember Khorsand commented that he is glad to see discussions regarding Rinaldi and CSUN service occurring.

Councilmember Hidalgo mentioned that Metro is hosting a reenactment of the signing of the Treaty of Cahuenga on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 12-4 p.m.

Councilmember Lopez thanked staff for their work. He finds the meetings very informative and staff to be well versed in the discussion topics.

Chair Cano thanked the public and staff for braving the elements to attend the meeting and reminded everyone to drive safely. He shared that former San Fernando Valley manager Richard Hunt is retiring. He was a tremendous friend to the Council and to Metro. He was responsible for bus acquisitions for Metro and served as the President of the Advanced Transit Vehicle Coalition. He invited Mr. Hunt to be honored appropriately.

ADJOURNED at 8:34 p.m.