

Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 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 6:38 p.m.

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

Officers:
Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin. Analyst
Karen Swift, Community Relations Mgr.
Israel Marin, Transportation Planner

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. APPROVED Minutes of April 6, 2016 Meeting.
3. RECEIVED Chair's Remarks

Metro is celebrating the opening of the Expo Line Extension. This will form a connection between the Valley and the Valley Express. The Chair encouraged everyone to go to the opening festivities to see how the extension will help with commuting and utilizing the system.

4. RECEIVED Public Comment

Dina Garcia has been a transportation advocate for 20 years and was a member of the San Fernando Valley Service Council for one year. She joined Temple Ahavat Shalom 3 years ago and her major concern when joining was how she would get to services and events at the temple. Neither Metro nor Access Services serve the area. The Director of the Temple told her that many seniors stop attending because there is no public transportation in the area. Ms. Garcia asked that Line 242/243 be extended so the patrons can be dropped off at the synagogue and Access Services will provide service to the Temple.

Judy Stehr is advocating on behalf of Dina Garcia and Temple Ahavat Shalom. There are 540 families that go to the temple and many would benefit from improved transportation options. These are people that do not, cannot drive or are limited in their driving abilities. Some members can only attend because of the graciousness of other members. The Temple offers a preschool, socializing and community activities. Extending this service will benefit all.

Daniel Garcia would like to see Line 242/243 extended from Rinaldi/Tampa to Rinaldi/Reseda. Access Services used to serve the area but no longer does as there is not transit service within the required $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distance which has left a lot of seniors and disabled people disenfranchised.

Jackie Zev is Co-Sisterhood President of Temple Ahavat Shalom. There used to be service to the Temple and now there isn't, and it affects the seniors. In 10th grade, her son took Metro buses all over the San Fernando Valley but was never able to take it to temple because it wasn't an option. Access Services to the Temple are needed. She urged Metro to provide service.

Marilyn Burman is the former Executive Director of the temple. It is important to understand the community as a whole. The Temples serves all ages, with preschool provided at the Temple and other programs attended by founding members who have been attending for 50+ years. We need to continue to support each other because we are creating the future leaders of the area. Temple members have worked internally to come up with a solution such as purchasing a vehicle and establishing a shuttle service, but the cost was prohibitive.

Sheila Morrison has been a member of Temple Ahavat Shalom for 20 years. She asks that Metro restore the bus stop at Rinaldi/Reseda.

Vice Chair Weissman commented that the distance that Temple members are requesting service be extended is that from the current meeting location to the Orange Line. His family are founding members of Temple Ahavat Shalom. He understands and empathizes with Temple members. He hopes something can be done to address the need.

Michelle Klein-Hass is excited that the upcoming ballot measure is firming up but it seems as though Metro is under promising for the San Fernando Valley to keep people thinking that a bus line on Van Nuys Blvd is more likely than a light rail line. She thinks the Orange Line proves that the Valley needs a light rail line and that Metro must plan for long term solutions. Panorama City Neighborhood Council has weighed in with their desire for light rail.

Mr. Timberlake asked if there was a projected date of completion for the tunnel for the Orange Line/Red Line connection. Mr. Marin replied that it is currently projected to be completed in late June or early July of this year.

Jason Ackerman commented that more stops are needed on Line 788 north of Woodman. A few years ago, the Tiger Team and Transit Coalition did a study of then Line 741 from CSUN to Sylmar with one of the alignments traveling over Rinaldi. It may be worth re-examining. He is annoyed that there will not be a down escalator at the Orange Line/Red Line connection. He thinks walk/stand signs are needed on the escalators. He is thankful for the Expo service extension.

5. RECEIVED Presentation on FY17 Budget Development, Conan Cheung, Executive Officer, Office of Management & Budget

Metro's FY17 budget was balanced through use of a Zero Based Budgeting approach, with the application of appropriate cost controls. Further, Metro CEO Phil Washington ordered the preparation of a Risk Allocation Matrix (RAM) which contains a series of projects that would have the net effect of further reducing expenditures. A net reduction of \$137 million was realized from this process that includes absorbing greater than CPI cost inflation and new services. There will be a midyear budget process to true-up budget requests in addition to an Annual Program Evaluation with construction cost reviews. Performance measures will ensure accountability and establishing a separate RAM savings account will improve the bottom line through fiscal discipline. The FY17 budget is a decrease of 2.4%, or \$137 million, from FY16. Without RAM, cost control and other expense reduction efforts, FY17 would have shown an increase of 3.1% or \$179 million from FY16.

Revenue assumptions include an assumed FY17 sales tax growth increase of 3.3%. Estimated sales tax is \$2.8 billion and only 32% or \$908 million is eligible for Metro Operations and state of good repair. Two new sources of funds programmed for Metro Operations for Gold Line Extension 2A and Expo Extension to Santa Monica are Cap-and-Trade Funding and Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Councilmember Talamantes asked if previous CEOs had a similar emphasis on State of Good Repair plans to those of current CEO Phil Washington. He asked for clarification as to

the extent of public involvement in the Metro budget process, and what type of input is sought from the public.

Mr. Cheung replied that previous CEOs included funding for maintenance on new projects. Metro has a transit asset management group that tracks parts, performance, and industry schedules of useful life of assets. He clarified that Metro reaches out to stakeholders regarding the budget and there is an online tool that allows the public to see how changes to allocation of funding for different uses affect the budget. This tool allows the public to learn at their own pace and for different scenarios to be played out. The draft budget has been posted online and comments can also be submitted online. Input sought includes what public priorities are and identification of the subregions where they seek improvements.

Councilmember Hidalgo requested that the comments about access to the Temple be bundled and presented to the budget team.

Councilmember Ledesma-Lopez requested that the TIGER Team's study on San Fernando Valley Service taken into account as well.

6. APPROVED Council Line Ride Concept Plan as presented by Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer, Councilmembers

The Line Ride Program provides “real-world experience” for the Council members and allows for direct interface with the customer/operator. The members will gain first-hand knowledge about a bus route and the communities it serves. This also gives the chance to observe existing operating conditions and factors that affect a bus route.

Jason Ackerman thanked the Council for accepting this challenge. He suggested upping the challenge by taking Local lines, rather than Rapid lines.

7. RECEIVED Report on Regional Service Performance, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer

- Bus Cleanliness Ratings: San Fernando Valley: 8.9, Goal: 8.0
- Metro Bus On-Time Performance: San Fernando Valley: 76.6%, Goal 80%
- Complaints Per 100,000 Passengers: San Fernando Valley: 6.1, Goal: 3.59
- Accidents per 100,000 miles: San Fernando Valley: 3.0, Goal: 3.69/100,000 miles
- Miles Between Mechanical Road Calls: San Fernando: 5,037, Goal: 4,169
- Average Weekday Boardings by Council Area: 179,797

A ribbon cutting event will be held on Monday, May 16th for the opening of the Orange Line Canoga Station pedestrian entrance.

Ms. Swift shared that Metro will be participating in a public event at Cal State Northridge on Monday May 16th to present the Potential Ballot Measure.

8. CHAIR and Council Member Comments

Councilmember Ochoa requested a presentation at a future meeting on the Go Metro smartphone app.

Vice Chair Weissman commented that there are a lot of upcoming events that the Councilmembers can attend. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Ledesma-Lopez thanked Metro staff for providing her the opportunity to visit the Future of Transportation at UCLA. She left the event feeling very inspired. She learned a lot about Houston's transit system and how it was reinvented.

Councilmember Hidalgo shared that this would be his last meeting, as he recently moved and will be joining the Westside Central Service Council. He thanked staff and his fellow Councilmembers for the experience.

Councilmember Talamantes thanked staff for the line ride and budget presentations, which he found very useful.

Councilmember Khorsand thanked Mr. Spivack for providing additional details on ridership. He also thanked Ms. Swift for attending two Encino Chamber meetings and helping the members understand and learn about R2.

ADJOURNED at 8:13 p.m.