

# Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2015  
5:00 PM

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
SERVICE COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

Metro El Monte Division 9 Building  
3449 Santa Anita Ave. (Santa Anita Ave. & Ramona Blvd.)  
El Monte, CA 91731

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Called to Order at 5:11 p.m.

Council Members:

Harry Baldwin  
Alex Gonzalez  
Bruce Heard  
Rosie Vasquez

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Director, Regional Councils  
Vincent Gonzalez, Comm. Rel. Mgr.  
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin Analyst

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. CONTINUED Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2015 Meeting
3. RECOGNITION of Division 3 Bus Operator Carlos Cantu, Rosa Graciano, Transportation Operations Manager and Jon Hillmer, Director

Operator Carlos Cantu has been a full-time operator since 2000 and has a long-standing record of providing safe, clean, reliable, on-time, and courteous transportation for Metro patrons with a professional record of only two avoidable accidents in his 15 years of service. He also shares his considerable knowledge and experience with new operators through his service as a Line Mentor, thus assisting with the training of new operators.

4. RECEIVE 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 Vasquez asked how patrons would know what the QR code would lead to, and how people without smart phones would access information. Mr. Ching replied that the signs represented in the presentation are not the final design. The final versions of the signs installed for the August 1st implementation will provide information where people can find additional information.

5. RECEIVE Presentation on SR-710 Study Release of Draft EIR/EIS and Public Hearings, Vincent Gonzalez, Community Relations Manager

The SR-710 North Study Draft EIR/EIS was released for public review on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The 120-day public comment period will be open through July 6. To publicize the documents release, an e-blast was sent out to over 5,000 stakeholders, and legal notices were published in newspapers of general circulation. The document is accessible through the Metro webpage with a direct link to the Caltrans SR 710 website. Copies can also be viewed in person at the Caltrans office in downtown, and at libraries throughout the study area.

No decisions have been made at this point, and the study examines the 5 alternatives: a no-Build option that would leave conditions as they are; a Traffic Demand Management and System Management Alternative to upgrade and synchronize traffic signal lights and improvements to local streets and intersections to more quickly move traffic that exits throughout the Study area; a Bus Rapid Transit featuring high frequency service with minimal stops and potentially a dedicated bus lane that would serve loop around Pasadena City College and Caltech; a Light Rail Transit Alternative consisting of both an aerial and tunnel alignment beginning at Mednik to carry passengers between East Los Angeles and Pasadena; and a Freeway Tunnel Alternative that would extend the terminus of the I-710 in Alhambra.

Public hearings are scheduled for April 11 at the Ingalls Auditorium on the East Los Angeles College campus with map viewing beginning at 10 a.m. and the hearing being held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second hearing will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Pasadena Convention Center. It will begin with map viewing from 5-6 pm followed by the hearing from 6-9 p.m. Last Friday, Caltrans decided to extend public comment period to 120 days and to add a third public hearing; the time, date, and location of the third hearing have not yet been finalized. Public comments will be accepted thru Caltrans website, by mail, and at the public hearings.

A preferred alternative is not being determined at this time; that will occur in 2016. Next steps include public hearings within the 120-day public comment period, continued community outreach, updating the SR-710 webpage, sending out a second e-blast to the stakeholder database, posting a second news release in various study area newspapers, sending out a second mailer, and placing print and online ads to ensure the public is aware of the study release and the opportunity to comment.

Councilmember Baldwin asked when the 120 day comment period started. Mr. Gonzalez replied that it started on Friday March 6 and will continue through July 6.

Councilmember Baldwin asked when in 2016 the preferred alternative would be decided. Mr. Gonzalez replied that that the Final EIR/EIS identification of a preferred alternative is anticipated in 2016; there is not a projected specific date at this time.

Councilmember Baldwin asked if there has been any consideration given to hosting another workshop to explain the project. Mr. Gonzalez replied that at this stage, staff has not made that determination.

#### 6. RECEIVE 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.
- The Metro Board has requested a study of the SFV to SGV High Capacity Transit Corridor. The study considers Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail. A BRT could be

extension of Orange or Separate bus operation, and rail could be continuous rail from Warner Center to Montclair.

- The Metro Board has directed implementation of express bus service linking Orange & Gold. A working group including Caltrans, Burbank, BH Airport, Metro, LADOT is working on the issue and implementation is expected within 12 months

Councilmember Vasquez asked if customer complaints can be represented by the division (3 or 9) that the service is based out of. Mr. Hillmer replied that he will provide a report on customer complaints that shows which division and bus lines received complaints, going back 3 months.

Councilmember Heard asked about the status of the study of bus stop and proximity. Mr. Hillmer replied that there is a large scale bus stop study in progress that is focused on the ADA compliance of the stop. Metro is in the process of reviewing bus stops, line by line, to thin them out in an effort to improve time performance. The study is also looking at how high capacity buses are deployed and if there are ways to better allocate them to improve service.

Councilmember Baldwin asked if San Fernando Valley complaints are equal between the Orange Line and Division 7 buses. Mr. Hillmer replied that the Orange Line has a moderate complaint rate. Orange Line complaints are usually about the lack of space for bicycles.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

8. CLOSING Remarks, Council Members and Staff

**ADJOURNED at 5:49 p.m.**