

Minutes

Monday, May 11, 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:

John Harrington, Vice Chair
Harry Baldwin
Alex Gonzalez
Steven Ly
Dave Spence
Rosie Vasquez

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Executive Director
Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
Carl Torres, Transportation Planning Mgr.
Dolores Ramos, Council Admin Analyst
Henry Gonzalez, Council Comm. Rel. Mgr.

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. APPROVED Minutes of April 13, 2015 Meeting
3. RECEIVED Update on FY16 Budget Development Process, Tim Mengle, Budget Director

Operation of buses and trains represents only $\frac{1}{4}$ of Metro's total budget. Building new transportation infrastructure, funding of improvements at the city/local level, funding for transit operators, Metrolink, Access Services, bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects make up the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ of Metro's budget. The entire region contributes to Metro with residents and visitors to LA County providing $\frac{3}{4}$ of Metro's annual funding, 49% is sales tax revenue and each of Metro's sales tax measures has restrictions on its uses, 20% is bond proceeds and carryover, 8% is fares, tolls, advertising and other and 23% is grant money. A portion of funds is reserved for distribution to local communities. These monies pay for improvements and investments in traffic signals, local buses, road improvements and other mobility projects throughout the county. There are about 145 different pots of money, each with specific restrictions on how the funds can be spent. .

Metro projects are multi-year and in different phases of development. There is an ongoing System Evaluation/Needs Assessment in the middle with planning, engineering, construction and operations/maintenance surrounding it. The FY16 budget represents the annual slice of each project.

The FY16 Proposed Budget is \$5.56 billion. \$2.1B (38%) is for capital. Capital funding is mandated through ordinance and those funds can only be used for transit specific projects, highway projects and Metrolink. Metro Operations gets \$1.5B (26%) and is used for maintaining the current level of service. The funding allocated is mandated by ordinance to operations and maintenance of bus/rail with \$360M being for State of Good Repair. \$1.4B (25%) is for Subsidy Funding Programs. These funds are mandated by ordinance to be allocated to Transit Operators, 88 cities and unincorporated areas and Local Agencies. \$328.7M (6%) is reserved to debt service with obligations that cannot go into default. \$172.8M (3%) is allocated for General Planning and Programming and is used to identify regional mobility needs and solutions. \$93.9M (2%) is Congestion Management and includes ExpressLanes, Freeway Service Patrol, Call Box and Vanpools.

4. RECEIVED Report on Line 190/194 Foothill Transit Proposal, Jon Hillmer, Executive Director

Metro has been going through a series of policy reviews and revisions for service provision. Metro is facing serious issues in future, and is looking towards policy reviews and implementation of the APTA recommendations to help to address those issues.

Foothill Transit has submitted a proposal to take over Lines 190/194 which Metro will begin to take into consideration. Foothill Transit has also expressed interest in operating Line 270, which is a contract line. The revised policy states that when Metro releases service and a municipal operator indicates that they would be interested in assuming that service, Metro

would like to reinvest at least half of the net savings resulting from the release of service back into the region from where the savings were generated.

These changes will be included in the July public hearing and could be implemented as soon as this December.

5. APPROVED July Public Hearing Date for Potential December Service Changes, Scott Page, Director, Service Performance and Analysis

Councilmember Baldwin asked if another operator is going to assume operation of the Line 177 route. Mr. Page replied that Metro has discussed the change with Pasadena Arts who are considering making modifications to serve a portion of the Line 177 route.

Councilmember Spence asked if the proposed service changes to be heard at the July public hearing will include the cancellation of Line 177. He hears that there are lots of domestic workers that use the line. Mr. Page replied that Line 177 cancellation will be considered in the hearing process. Metro has discussed the potential cancellation with JPL's Rideshare Coordinator. Mr. Hillmer added that there are other services that serve the area.

Councilmember Gonzalez commented that he heard there was an issue with Pasadena Arts bus serving the route as it would increase the length of their route. Mr. Hillmer replied that Pasadena Arts is considering not using Linda Vista but instead taking the freeway and serving the Art Center College. Pasadena Arts is studying options to improve area service.

6. RECEIVED Report on San Gabriel Valley Service Performance, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer

- On-time Performance: 75.9%, Goal: 80.0%
- Miles Between Mechanical Road Calls: 6,255, Goal: 4,169, System: 6,780
- Complaints Per 100,000 Passengers: 4.52, Goal: 3.46
- Accidents per 100,000 miles: 2.39, Goal: 3.30
- Bus Cleanliness Rating: 8.73, Goal: 8.5

Councilmember Vasquez asked how many of the new buses will be assigned to SGV Divisions. Quintin Sumabat replied that Metro has a service fleet of approximately 1,800 buses. Approximately 550 new buses have been purchased and delivered within last few years, and an option to purchase another 300 was exercised. Those will be purchased and delivered within the next 2 years. Almost 900 buses will be retired out, making about half of the buses in the fleet new. Councilmember Vasquez asked how many of the new buses were assigned to the divisions that serve the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Spivack replied that he would provide that information.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

Wayne Wright commented that on his way to the March Service Council meeting on the Silver Line, as he exited the bus sheriffs were doing a fare check. He doesn't understand why

they were doing on a fare check on the Silver Line. There were people who had paid with cash; it doesn't make sense to do a fare check there. He previously had seen them do a similar check at the Harbor Transitway at the Green Line station. It would be helpful to know why they're doing this.

Mr. Hillmer speculated that the fare check on the Silver Line was a misunderstanding on part of the Sheriffs. On the bus, people can pay cash and there is no way to verify that they've paid; fare inspection has no value. The Silver Line is not like the Orange or a rail line.

8. CLOSING Remarks, Council Members and Staff

ADJOURNED at 5:58 p.m.