

Friday, February 11, 2011

9:43 AM

Minutes

South Bay Governance Council

Regular Meeting

Congresswoman Juanita Millender-
McDonald Community Center
801 E. Carson Street, Room 209 A/B
Carson, CA 90745

Call to Order

Council Representatives:

Ralph Franklin, Chair
John Addleman, Vice Chair
Devon Deming
James Goodhart
Rena Kambara
Roye Love
Robert Pullen-Miles
Kim Turner
Don Szerlip

Officers:

Jon Hillmer, Director Governance Council
Richard Morallo, Community Relations Mgr.
Suzanne Handler, Council Secretary



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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. SWEAR in Roye Love new Representative to the Council, Suzanne Handler, Council Secretary
4. Safety Tip, Lt. Obenberger
 - Next month I will be bringing in crime stats from 2010 they just came out and I need to review them. It looks like part 1 crimes for the buses on the south side are about down over 23% from the previous year.
 - Walked into my local 7-11 and found all the windows boarded up, asking the owner, a car had driven through the front of his establishment. Last week saw one pedestrian almost get hit and went out and rode the buses at 5 and 18 saw one pedestrian alighting from a bus cross in front of the bus and almost get hit by a car. Just as a safety tip, the crosswalk does not protect you from cars whether you have the right of way or not, be aware that there is traffic.

Chair Franklin, when you do your statistics, one of the areas of concerns I raise is that the report you give us is crime on the bus and I've asked to incorporate the crime that are at the bus stops.

Lt. Obenberger, that is a difficult task mainly because the jurisdiction is not ours. The crimes that occur at the bus stops fall into the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement. Metro only has jurisdiction on crimes that occur on Metro property.

Chair Franklin, I am specifically talking about the homicide that occurred at a bus stop. The actual crime happened inside a bus, but the predator was outside by the bus stop. Would I check with my police department? Or would you have that report? Or combination of both.

Lt. Obenberger, it is an interesting question, the bottom line is if the crime occurred on the bus, it belongs to us, however, we were not notified of the crime in Inglewood until a suspect had been in custody and it was already 45 minutes old. In that case when we arrived on scene, Inglewood Police had already started the investigation and it made more sense for them to continue.

Chair Franklin, thank you Lieutenant, the reason we are bringing this up, is we are hearing from our community that it is not safe at certain bus stops. In order to have some kind of measuring stick, we thought it would be

appropriate that if we could identify actually what is going on at the bus stops and if there has been any occurrence reported so we would have a record, to either dispel the concerns or we would need to reach out to our officers to do more. Particularly that one sight in Inglewood, we regularly have a black and white in the parking lot primarily during the mid-day when the incident occurred.

Lt. Obenberger, that just reiterates the fact that the bus stop belongs to local law enforcement and is their responsibility.

5. APPROVE Minutes from January 14, 2011 meeting – Don Szerlip abstained Many comments from JK Drummond regarding the minutes due to interpretation by the transcriber.
6. Public Comments

Evaristo P. Ramos, I see that under the proposed changes the Bus line 47 will be eliminated, in that case bus #246 will remain alone on Avalon Blvd., in lieu of this I propose Line 247 be transferred to Carson Street going to the railroad station, Del Amo Station and back to San Pedro. If the bus line remains only on Avalon Blvd. that is not sufficient to serve the riders in Carson however, at the same time line 247 is transferred to Carson Street it will aid the traffic condition in Carson.

Dorothea Jaster, there are some bugs in the automatic voice announcements that can cause problems for the visually handicapped passengers, passengers unfamiliar with the area and simply any passenger after dark when street signs and landmarks are hard to see. Westbound on Artesia the voice may say approaching Crenshaw, but if there are 4 or 5 vehicles held up by a red light causing the bus to come to a complete stop behind the traffic, the voice will say approaching Yukon before the bus has moved to the Crenshaw stop. The driver does not make the correction. After the stop the voice does not announce Yukon at all, the driver again does not make an announcement. Another glitch happens at Artesia transit center, when the bus leaves the center it will announce approaching Artesia transit center, or an express bus entering the center from the East will be announcing “approaching Artesia transit center followed by Artesia transit center. It bears on my contention that new programs need to be road tested before being put into service. When I have more time I’ll detail problems with the new 3000 buses MB is using because enlarging on known problems someone has invented a new hazard for disabled passengers.

JK Drummond, one of the leading politicians in this country said words have meanings. The Pacific Coast Highway 110 northbound platform on the freeway the 7th glass from the north windbreak has been shattered for several months.

Bradley Tollison, I know the service change meeting is next week. You want to truncate 445 at the artesia transit center from san pedro. To me that does not make much sense, because you have infrastructure, PCH station, San Pedro Park and Ride, Carson Street Station, Arttesia transit center. To me it makes more sense if you extended the Silverline down to San Pedro. You would not have the headways, but you would have the marketing of the Silverline. No one even knows those stations exist, once the Silverline existed, it made people get off at Manchester, Rosecrans, people normally did not get on and off at those stations until the Silverline. If you are going to have the service anyway, why not extend it to San Pedro. Use the power of the Silverline marketing.

June Saleman, I want to make a comment, I called Scott's (Greene) office last month regarding the 910. Service Changes lacked information on the Silverline being detoured back to its regular route. I guess in 2009 it was detoured southbound on Figureoa, then would make a left on 39th street, when the service change took place in December there was no information in that folder, secondly when they do make service changes they will come out and put a sign on the post indicating there was a change, there were no signs. I spoke with a Professor and Librarian from USC and it was very confusing. Reemphasize about the 247 historically it was the 142 so when it no longer went to San Pedro Hospital it became a shuttle off the 246. It would impair the elderly and the disabled who critically need to have medical services at the hospital and the Port of Los Angeles the crew members need to get on the bus and go into San Pedro. They could take the trolley but it does not start running until 10am. There is a high school at 5th and Harbor. If there are going to be changes to the 247, as the 246 comes into San Pedro southbound it can make a right turn and go westbound on 7th street go eastbound on 13th street to Pacific Avenue and make a right turn and continue going southbound. This way you can still keep the integrity of having passengers go to the hospital.

7. RECEIVE Director's Report, Jon Hillmer
 - Performance Report
 - Analysis of Bus Accidents
 - Metro Board Actions in January
 - Line rides on proposed service changes
8. RECEIVE Update on LADOT Commuter Service, Phil Aker - Supervising Transportation Planner
9. RECEIVE report on Metro Maintenance programs and challenges, Michael Singer – Div. Maint. Superintendant & Matthew Dake – Equip. Maint. Mgr.
10. Receive Update on Artesia Transit Center Working Group by Jon Hillmer

11. DISCUSS Terms for South Bay Service Council, Jon Hillmer and Council Representatives

12. Chair and Council Representative's Comments

ADJOURNMENT 12:35pm