

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

5:00-7:00 PM

MINUTES

Westside/Central Service Sector
Governance Council

Regular Meeting

325 S. La Cienega Boulevard Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Jerard Wright, Chair
Glenn Rosten, Vice Chair
Peter Capone-Newton
Art Ida
Shelby Jordan
Joe Stitcher

Officers:

Mark Maloney, General Manager
William Walker, Council Secretary
Raynard Vincent Price, Council Secretary

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1. **RECEIVED** Public Comments:

Ken Ruben. Mr. Ruben, Westside representative for Southern California Transit Advocates, wished everyone a Happy New Year. He reported the old bus sign at 4th and Santa Monica was taken down and his organization will be monitoring the upcoming Service Changes.

Joan Taylor. Ms. Taylor shared with the Council she was pleased to find her most recent comments from a previous meeting noted in the official minutes. She requested that rows of seating behind the operator be designated as electronics free for buses 720, 728, and 704s. Ms. Taylor presented documentation from a university study suggesting that electronics affect pace makers. She updated the Council on her efforts with area municipalities and private operators on this matter. Rhetorically, she asked, "What are the safety standards for devices that customers are using." She thanked the Governance Council for listening.

2. **APPROVED** Minutes of December 12, 2007.

3. **RECEIVED** report from Council Members on their line rides.

Representative Capone-Newton related his experience riding the 720 during mid day starting at Wilshire and Vermont Avenues. There were several people waiting. He stated he wished cell phone notification existed to inform him of the estimated arrival time. General Manager Maloney announced that such a system is in the works. Metro will be awarding a contract to provide GPS (global positioning system - a satellite-based navigation system) to be used in cell phones. The proposed uses of this technology led to further discussion with Vice Chair Rosten requesting a presentation.

4. **RECEIVED** General Manager Report, Mark Maloney, General Manager. Mr. Maloney announced this was a good reporting period for the Sector. Mean Miles Between Mechanical Failures met and exceeded target at 3,500. On-time Performance continues slightly below target of 60.00 at 56.70%. Collision Accidents per 100,000 miles is 4.42%. Complaints per 100,000 Boardings is at 3.00%. The new WC claims per 200,000 exposure hours is 13.73. Mr. Maloney's presentation included a summary of the Sector's financials.

5. **RECEIVED** overview of planning studies, Jody Litvak, Operations Communications Manager. Ms. Litvak presented an overview of the Transit Corridor Planning Studies. She identified the roles of the MTA as Regional Planner; Regional Builder; Regional Programmer and as Regional Operator for Los Angeles County. There are three requirements for new projects: Environmental approval; adoption in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and; secure

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funding. She emphasized the importance of having completed environmental studies in the event funding becomes available. Ms. Litvak reviewed the status of current studies: Exposition Phase II; Canoga Transportation Corridor; Crenshaw/Prairie Transit Corridor; Westside Extension Transit Corridor; Regional Connector Transit Corridor and the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2. It was noted that the Westside Extension Transit Corridor and Regional Connector Transit Corridor and Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 are not in the LRTP. There will be community meetings in January and February for the Westside Extension Transit Corridor. Information about all of the studies are available on a Metro website the public can review for updates and meeting announcements at www.metro.net/projects_plans. Ms. Litvak responded to questions and concluded her report.

6. **RECEIVED** report on Service Changes for June 2008, Rogelio Gandara, Service Development Manager. Mr. Gandara continued his on-going updates on the Service Changes affecting the Westside Sector. He reiterated that the service changes involve the adjustment of trips on each bus route to better meet demand and to complete implementation of the Board Approved Metro Rapid Expansion Program. He provided a summary of staff proposed changes including the canceling of services due to low ridership. Mr. Gandara announced the schedule of public meetings to be held by other sectors as well as the February 9th meeting to be held at Metro Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. He presented a time line for the Westside Sector which includes a public hearing on February 13 with final recommendations to the Governance Council on March 12, 2008. Chair Wright inquired if there will be a map at the public hearing to show alternative services for changed or canceled lines. He also asked about tracking of dropped lines to evaluate increases or decreases in ridership transfers. Mr. Gandara noted these two issues and concluded his report.
7. **Chair's Remarks.** The chair welcomed everyone back, said he hoped everyone had a Happy New Year and enjoyed the holidays.

ADJOURNED at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by:
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