

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 2:30 P.M.

Corrected Agenda

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting

One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor Boardroom

Call to Order

Directors

Ara Najarian, Chair
David Fleming, Vice Chair
Michael Antonovich
John Fasana
Richard Katz
Doug Failing, non-voting member

Officers

Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer
Michele Jackson, Board Secretary
Karen Gorman, Ethics Officer
Karen Gorman, Acting Inspector General
County Counsel, General Counsel



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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD RULES (ALSO APPLIES TO BOARD COMMITTEES)

PUBLIC INPUT

The meetings of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board are open to the public. A member of the public may address the Board on agenda items, before or during the Board or Committee's consideration of the item for up to 5 minutes per item, or at the discretion of the Chair. A request to address the Board should be submitted in person at the meeting to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

The public may also address the MTA on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the MTA during the public comment period, which will be held at the end of each meeting. Each person will be allowed to speak for one minute and may speak no more than once during the Public Comment period. Public Comment will last a maximum of 30 minutes, or as otherwise indicated by the Chair. Speakers will be called according to the order in which the speaker request forms are received until the Public Comment period has expired. Elected officials, not their staff or deputies, may be called out of order and prior to the Board's consideration of the relevant item.

At the discretion of the Chair, the Board may limit public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

In the interest of hearing from as many members of the public as possible, if at the time your name is called, your issue has been addressed or your opinion expressed by a previous speaker, please simply state that fact and your name for the record.

In accordance with State Law (Brown Act), all matters to be acted on by the MTA Board must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the Board meeting. In case of emergency, or when a subject matter arises subsequent to the posting of the agenda, upon making certain findings, the Board may act on an item that is not on the posted agenda.

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- d. Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.

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NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

10. RECEIVE report of the Chief Financial Services Officer. (HANDOUT)

11. CONSIDER:
 - A. adopting the **proposed Fiscal Year 2009 (FY 09) budget** as presented in the ~~proposed~~ budget document **(provided as a separate transmittal) which also includes a \$6 million reserve for safety and security-related emergencies;**
 - B. approving the life-of-project budgets for all new capital projects ~~in the proposed budget as presented in the proposed budget document;~~
 - C. approving the total budgeted salaries and benefits for each union/non-contract group as required by the Position Authorization and Compensation policy;
 - D. approving the non-represented employee salary schedule adjusted for the annual inflationary increase as required by the Position Authorization and Compensation policy;
 - E. approving the safety and security budget as required by the Financial Stability Policy adopted by the Board in January 2008;
 - F. ~~approving a bus operating reserve of \$20 million funded from the General Fund reserves — CNG Fuel Credits, to be used for bus related emergencies as approved by the Board;~~ **amending the proposed budget to add 256,000 revenue service hours to Metro Bus Operations funded with \$20.5 million of CNG Fuel Credits;**
 - G. ~~approving a safety and security reserve of \$6 million funded from Prop C 5% security fund balance, to be used for safety or security-related emergencies, or as local match for homeland security grants as approved by the Board;~~ **amending the proposed budget to add \$100,000 to the Safety and Security department funded by a Homeland Security grant to provide regional transit security awareness training;**
 - H. amending the proposed budget to add ~~3 FTE's~~ **1 FTE to Construction and 1 FTE to Countywide Planning** and ~~\$500,000~~ **\$250,000** for sustainability activities ~~to be funded with General Fund revenues;~~

- I. amending the proposed budget to add \$100,000 to the Safety and Security department to provide funding for a homeland security grant to provide regional transit security awareness training; and amending the proposed budget to add 1 FTE to Construction to manage the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project (HOV) funded with revenues received from State and Federal Grants;
 - J. approving the reclassifications and salary upgrades as detailed in Attachment D of the report. amending the proposed budget to add 1 FTE to Communications and \$500,000 to the Eastside Extension Enhancements Project for the Safety Education and Outreach program, increasing the life-of-project budget by \$617,000 from \$42,000,000 to \$42,617,000 and funding the additional expense with STA Population share – Rail funds;
 - K. amending the Position Authorization and Compensation Policy authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to approve all non-contract salaries up to \$200,000 for new hires, reclassifications, salary equities and adjustments and the creation of new non-contract classifications; and
 - L. approving the salary for one Service Sector General Manager effective July 1, 2008. – reclassifications and salary equity adjustments as detailed in Attachment F of the Board report.
12. RECEIVE monthly oral status update on the **Fiscal Year 2008 Budget**. (HANDOUT)

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda, including: items to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff; items to be placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee or Board; and/or items requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
WITHIN COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

ADJOURNMENT