

Wednesday, January 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

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# Agenda

## Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

One Gateway Plaza  
3rd Floor Boardroom

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### Call to Order

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### Directors

Pam O'Connor, Chair

Diane DuBois

Mark Ridley-Thomas

Jacki Bacharach, South Bay Council of  
Governments

Stephanie Negriff, Santa Monica Big Blue  
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### Officers

Arthur T. Leahy, 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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- a. Disorderly behavior toward the Board or any member of the staff thereof, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.
- b. A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.
- c. Disobedience of any lawful order of the Chair, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board; and
- 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**

1. **RECEIVE Chair's Report.**
  - Report from Copenhagen Summit
  
2. **RECEIVE Legislative Update.**
  
3. **RECEIVE update from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on Senate Bill (SB) 375 planning, delegation, and upcoming initiatives.**
  
4. **RECEIVE oral report on MTA planning coordination and SB 375 implementation. [HANDOUT]**
  
5. **DISCUSSION, possible action, and/or give direction to staff on the following items to support a countywide approach to SB 375 implementation:**
  - A. recommend the full board take action to change committee name to Ad Hoc Sustainability and SB 375 Implementation Committee;
  
  - B. recommend the full board take action to expand membership of the committee to include the SB 375 planning director from the SCAG; the planning directors from Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and the executive directors from the subregions;
  
  - C. adopt a position of support for the CEO's recommendation to develop an MOU with SCAG, Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and the sub-regional agencies outlining roles, responsibilities, and expectations related to SB 375 implementation and the adoption of a Sustainable Communities Strategy; and
  
  - D. give direction to staff to create a countywide forum on SB 375 to address issues being confronted by SCAG and the sub-regions related to the development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy, including the modeling approach and emission reduction strategies, among others.

6. RECEIVE update on **Los Angeles Regional Collaborative's Draft Landscape Analysis** report.
7. RECEIVE update on **Metro Sustainability Project Implementation**.  
[\[HANDOUT\]](#)
8. RECEIVE **report of the Chief Executive Officer**.

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