

Minutes

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METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Carson Community Center
801 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

Called to Order at 9:35 A.M.

Council Members present:

Terisa Price, Chair
Jim Henrickson, Vice Chair
Margaret Hudson
John McTaggart
Lou Mitchell
Curren Price

Officers

Dana Coffey, General Manager
Rich Morallo, Community Relations Manager
Sharon Sterling, Council Secretary



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Chair Terisa Price announced that Robert Coffey, husband of General Manager Dana Coffey, passed this morning. The Council sends thoughts and prayers in this time of loss.

Cynthia Karpman, Carson Division 18 Transportation Manager will act in Ms. Coffey's stead.

Ms. Price stated that 50 MTA buses were used to transport over 110,00 individuals from Moorpark to the Reagan Library to pay their last respects to the former president.

1. Safety 1st Contact by Metro South Bay

Mr. Scott Greene advised motorists to use turn signals and never change lanes in an intersection.

SAFETY PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Morallo stated that safety is our priority and the South Bay Sector staff has partnered with schools and the community. Elementary school students from the Lennox School District entered the Metro South Bay Safety art and writing contest to enhance their knowledge of bus and rail safety. Certificates were presented to the winners, Maria Rojas, Pablo Bernal and Yoseline Bonilla, accompanied by their teacher, Maria Larson.

2. APPROVED AS CORRECTED by Council Member Jim Hendrickson Minutes of May 14, 2004 Council Meeting

Item 6 – Chair's Remarks:

Mr. Hendrickson stated this would be a dramatic recasting of the Council purpose to be **decentralized** and improve bus service.

3. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Cynthia Karpman to the following individuals for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Metro South Bay:

Deborah Brown, Carson Transportation Services Manager
Victoria Woods, Communications Officer, Metro South Bay
Brianna Wright, Student Intern, Metro South Bay
Mytika Williams, Student Intern, Metro South Bay

Ms. Price congratulated everyone.

4. RECEIVED BRIEFING on security issues at the Metro South Bay Park-&-Ride Artesia Transit Station by Lt. Pat Jordan, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Price requested staff to write letter to the MTA Board:

- 1) to discuss ways to improve security.
- 2) identify other target areas.
- 3) look at partnership with CalTrans, Auto Club and other agencies so park-n-ride lots can be used for more than overflow.

5. RECEIVED BRIEFING on the shuttle service from the Artesia Transit Station to the Home Depot Training Center by Martha Saucedo, Director of Community Affairs, Home Depot Training Center (HDTTC).

Ms. Saucedo stated that no shuttle exists and MTA has to determine if the level of service warrants it. There are MTA buses and other municipal carriers that operate in the area.

Ms. Hudson asked Ms. Saucedo to add Line 52/352 to buses that serve the California State University Dominguez Hills area. Also, Ms. Hudson stated that the Carson north/south shuttle connects with many lines. Ms. Price asked Mr. Greene to coordinate with Ms. Saucedo to facilitate an update of the Home Depot transit information.

6. RECEIVED BRIEFING on the traffic and parking situation surrounding the Home Depot Training Center and neighboring areas by Juan Alvarado, Traffic and Parking Manager, Home Depot Training Center.

Mr. Alvarado discussed the various events held at the HDTTC. Ms. Price stated that the community is complaining regarding people blocking their driveways. Ms. Price encouraged the Carson City Council to address the traffic impact issues. Also, there is a need for shuttle service from other areas like done at the Reagan Library to relieve traffic congestion. Ms. Price suggested that the zip codes of the event patrons be used to determine where they originate to make adjustments in transportation. Ms. Saucedo encouraged the Council members to attend HDTTC events to make recommendations. Ms. Price asked Ms. Saucedo to coordinate with Ms. Coffey to arrange a tour.

7. RECEIVED and FILED report on the integration of staff observations regarding the Adopt-A-Line Observation Program by Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro South Bay.

Mr. Greene presented a detailed report on the lines in the program. Mr. Greene stated that the most common types of complaints are pass-up and no-show. The most common types of complaints for Metro Rapid service are discourtesy and unsafe operations. Mr. McTaggart stated that the high level of complaints on Florence Line 111 could be because of Metro Rapid service.

Ms. Price stated that she is delighted that in April Metro South Bay lead the way in operator commendations and encouraged staff to acknowledge them.

8. Chair's Remarks

Ms. Price thanked the Council for their efforts and stated that the MTA Board reviewed every Service Sector program and project. Ms. Price stated that Board Members John Fasana, Don Knabe and Pam O'Connor were very supportive. Also, the South Bay Council of Governments sent letters of support.

Ms. Price stated that Mike Lovitt of Hooper Elementary School organized a trip for the students on vacation from South Los Angeles on the Blue Line to Hollywood on the Red Line. Ms. Price expressed her appreciation.

9. RECEIVED Report of General Manager

Ms. Karpman announced that the Service Sector Councils Annual Meet and Confer is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the MTA Headquarters Building 3rd Floor Cafeteria.

10. Public Comment

Council Members

Mr. McTaggart commended Ms. Price for speaking before the Board regarding Service Sector Bylaw changes. He stated that reducing to quarterly meetings would bring demise to the Council.

Ms. Mitchell commended Ms. Price for her fantastic presentation to the Board.

Mr. Curren Price praised Ms. Price for an excellent job. He stated that the Board decision to roll back their restrictions was a collaborative effort. Mr. Price announced that on June 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Inglewood City Hall, USC students would provide a public report on economic growth in the area.

Public

Michael Bazemore reported complaints on line 442. Also, during Cinco de Mayo week the passengers applauded operator 10266 for his skills in getting through the traffic downtown congestion.

June Saleman stated the residents of San Pedro want to remove all the buses from the 7th & Averill layover. Ms. Price stated she does not foresee relocation of the buses and the sector will continue to monitor the situation.

Devon Deming asked a question regarding whether electric type scooters are allowed on the bus. Ms. Price asked staff to see what the policy is on scooters. Ms. Deming stated that security officers are always at the Norwalk Station. The

lot is very full and she suggested retail use for the commuters.

Carlin Wells stated that senior citizens and high school students relied on Line 107 and were unaware of the changes.

D. T. Evans expressed opposition to the cancellation of Line 107. She stated that walking to Slauson to take the bus is a hardship and safety factor for many of the elderly and disabled residents. She has a petition from 700 people.

J. K. Drummond stated maps are needed for the South Bay Sector.

Ms. Vicky Woods suggested the Council take a tour of the Rail Operations Control Center.

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 9, 2004 – 9:30 a.m.

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Adjourned at 11:58 a.m. in memory of Robert Coffey, husband of Dana Coffey and former President Ronald Reagan.



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