

Thursday, June 9, 2005 – 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Gas Company
9240 Firestone Blvd.
Downey, CA 90241

Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Larry R. Nelson (Chair)
Wally Shidler (Vice Chair)
Samuel Peña (Past Chair)
JoAnn Eros-Delgado
Jacqueline Rynerson
Cynde Soto

Officers:

Alex Clifford, General Manager
Dave Hershenson, Community Relations Manager
Sharon Sterling, Council Secretary



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Called
3. Self Introductions
4. APPROVED Minutes of May 12, 2005 Council Meeting
5. RECEIVED Report of General Manager

Mr. Clifford reviewed the April 2005 Gateway Cities Operations Report with the Councilmembers.

This was the second time in one year that Division 2 had no Workers Compensation claims. Mr. Clifford thanked Thom Pelk for a job well done.

Ms. Rynerson asked if he could identify the reason there were no claims. Mr. Clifford stated that the Safety First campaign was a major factor.

Sector Council presentations are scheduled before the Board on June 23, 2005. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for the five sectors.

Mr. Clifford introduced Hector Rojas, Division 1 Maintenance Manager, and Michael Funnye, Gateway Cities' Administrative and Financial Services Manager. Michael recently returned from military leave.

Mr. Clifford announced that in the FY06 budget Dave Hershenson would provide support to three sectors, Gateway Cities, San Fernando and San Gabriel.

6. Election of Gateway Cities Governance Council Chair and Vice-Chair

Larry R. Nelson and Wally Shidler were nominated as Chair and Vice Chair and subsequently elected by unanimous vote.
7. RECEIVED a presentation on Proposed December 2005 Service Changes and Request to Hold a Public Hearing on August 11, 2005, by Mike Sieckert, Transportation Planning Manager.

PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN DECEMBER 2005 OR LATER

LINE	STAFF PROPOSAL
26	Relocate west terminal to Sunset Metro Red Line Station. Truncate route segment on Argle-Franklin-Hillhurst due to duplication with Dash.
60	Truncate route at Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. All service south of Artesia Blvd replaced by Long Beach Transit except for Owl Service period, which will continue to operate to downtown Long Beach.
65	Truncate Washington Blvd segment of route due to duplication with Montebello Line 50. Establish new western terminal at or near Soto and Washington. Restructure eastern segment of line (SGV Chgs)
102	Extend line to West Los Angeles Transit Center and to Huntington Park. Truncate route east of Hooper St. Operate 30 minute peak hour service and hourly at other times
110	Extend to Downey/Pico Rivera
111	Restructure route east of I-605 Station. Consider operating as separate line or combining with Line 127
125	Operate new route to Norwalk Green Line Station via Studebaker Rd or Woodrull Ave; discontinue I-605 fwy routing.
127	Reroute to Cerritos Mall. New generators include Mall, Cerritos College and Bellflower High School. Consider combining with Line 111
254	Cancel line due to low productivity and excessive service duplication
258	Extend line along Garfield Ave from Firestone Blvd to Alondra Blvd. Fills existing service void and connects with LBT and MB bus lines
265	Extend line to Montebello Towne Center
266	Provide additional service during weekday peak hours
275	Establish northern terminal at Whittier Depot. Service north of Depot replaced by Line 270 and/or Montebello Line 40. Consider 30 minute peak headway on weekdays
362	Operate 15" frequency during weekday peak hours. Renumber as new Line 62.
460	Renumber as new Line 61. Consider minor trip adjustments to base service
577	Establish new weekday express line between the I-605 Station and the El Monte Station. Service proposed to operate during peak hours via HOV lanes on the I-605 and I-10 Freeways.
612	Restructure line in conjunction with Line 681 change. Service to Florence Station replaced by Line 611.
681	Cancel line due to duplication. Replacement service provided by restructured Line 612 and other MTA services in area.
711	Extend east to Norwalk Green Line Station
760	Operate new Rapid Bus line between downtown Los Angeles and the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service would operate along the route now served by Line 60, with new service provided along Artesia Blvd from Long Beach Blvd to the Artesia Station.

APPROVED Motion to meet with staff to analyze Line 760.

8. REMOVED FROM AGENDA presentation on Train Traffic Issues Along the Long Beach Avenue Corridor by Mike Magazin, California Public Utilities Commission – Rail Safety. NOTE: Presenter did not show.

9. RECEIVED presentation on the Draft Gateway Cities Service Sector Work Plan by Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Sector General Manager.

10. Councilmember's Remarks

Mr. Shidler reported on the May 23 joint Governance Council Meeting held at METRO headquarters.

11. Chairperson's Remarks

Presentation of plaque to former Gateway Cities Chair Bonnie Lowenthal. Ms. Lowenthal was recently appointed to the METRO Board.

Ms. Lowenthal stated that it was an honor to be part of the Council and she was sad to leave but delighted to be appointed to the METRO Board. She promised to carry Gateway Cities issues to the METRO Board.

Presentation to retiring Council Secretary, Sharon Sterling.

Mr. Nelson stated that the COG will add two more members to the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, increasing the number of councilmembers from 7 to 9.

12. Consideration of Items not posted on the Agenda – None

13. Public Comment on Items not posted on the Agenda – None

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 14, 2005

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Adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Prepared by: Sharon Sterling
Council Secretary