

Friday, September 9, 2005 – 9:30 a.m.

Corrected Minutes

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Carson Community Center
801 E. Carson Street, Room 209
Carson, CA 90745

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Council Members:

Terisa Price, Chair
John McTaggart, Vice Chair
John Addleman
Margaret Hudson
Lou Mitchell
Curren Price
Howard Sachar

Officers:

Dana M. Coffey, General Manager
Richard Morallo, Community Relations Manager
Christina Lumba-Gamboa, Recording Secretary



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1. **Safety 1st Contact** by Metro South Bay Volunteer.
Lynda Reed wanted everyone to be mindful that school has started and children are not attentive to cars and/or buses. So please be aware.
2. **APPROVED Minutes** with corrections from August 12, 2005, Council Meeting.
Correct the spelling of the name Drummond.
3. **PRESENTED** of safety award certificate to Rev. Harold Mitchell of
The Greater Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, by Dana M. Coffey, General
Manager, Metro South Bay.
4. **APPROVED** findings of August 10, 2005 Public Hearing and Adopted Bus
Service Changes **as amended** for implementation December 18, 2005 or later.
Scott Greene, Planning Manager, reported that Lines 439 and 442 have had the
most public comments. Ridership is up 50% on Line 442.

There was a vast range of discussion concerning the changes to the lines. In the conclusion the language on Line 439 was modified to read; Line 439 (L.A. – LAX – Redondo Beach Express) – cancel service south of LAX Transit Center when a service provider can be identified (staff to return with an update prior to implementation). Also the Council amended the staff proposal for Line 442 and did not approve the cancellation of the first AM trip and the last PM trip. Motion was made by Council Member Sachar.

5. **Chair's Remarks**
Chair Price introduced Claudette Moody, Pam O'Connor's Transportation Deputy.
Council Member Sachar requested a presentation on Disaster Preparedness planning.
6. **General Manager's Comments**
Ms. Coffey reminded everyone that the South Bay Sector meetings are held once a month and encouraged everyone to attend and continue to express their feedback. She stated that there was no need to wait until a public hearing if anyone had any concerns.

Next month the sector will be addressing key performance indicators, customer service improvements and how to reduce customer complaints and accidents.

7. Public Comments

- a. Norman Hobson passed out a handout but will address the Council at next month's meeting.
- b. Mona Wentel of El Segundo asked that the word 'only' be added to the recommendations on Line 439.
- c. William Leggett requested that Line 439 be left as is.
- d. Michael Bazemore, requested that line 442 be left as is. If ridership is up by 50% then the line does not need to be modified.
- e. Evaristo Ramos wants to know what was proposed as an alternative service for line 439? He also requested that the age limit for senior passes be lowered.
- f. Lionel Jones expressed that lines 446/447 run until midnight, but what time are they going back downtown?

Comments From The Public On Items Of Public Interest Within Council's Subject Matter Jurisdiction

- a. Devon Deming with Los Angeles World Airports announced that LAX Rideshare Fair is Tuesday, October 4, 2005. The theme is "Smog Free - Mardi Gras". The Rideshare Fair will be located at the LAX Administration West Building from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend. Also, Ms. Deming requested copies of the Green Line Schedule and said LAWA employees are happy to see fare inspectors on the Green Line. In addition, Line 625 needs an additional trip in the morning.
- b. June Saleman, of San Pedro, stated that MTA needs to market Metro outside of the buses. Current riders know the benefits of the buses. MTA needs to focus on people driving during these current high gas prices. In conclusion, Ms. Saleman believes that poor ridership on Line 447 equates to poor performance by that line.
- c. Lionel Jones announced that Southern California Transit Advocates will be meeting tomorrow at the Angeles Plaza on the 4th floor at 1:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.
- d. Norman Hobson passed out a handout and stated that he will address the Council with his concerns next month and encouraged everyone to read his handout.
- e. Michael Bazemore asked if the first and last trips were going to be retained on Line 442? Also, he requested that MTA market Line 442 more aggressively. The lack of ridership might be because the lack of marketing.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:46 A.M.

Jenny Dennis, Council Secretary