

Thursday, January 12, 2006

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# Minutes

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## **GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The Gas Company  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Downey, CA 90241

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Call to Order: 2:02 p.m.

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Council Members Present:

Larry R. Nelson (Chair)  
Wally Shidler (Vice Chair)  
Cheri Kelley  
Jo Ann Eros-Delgado  
Owen Newcomer  
Cynde Soto

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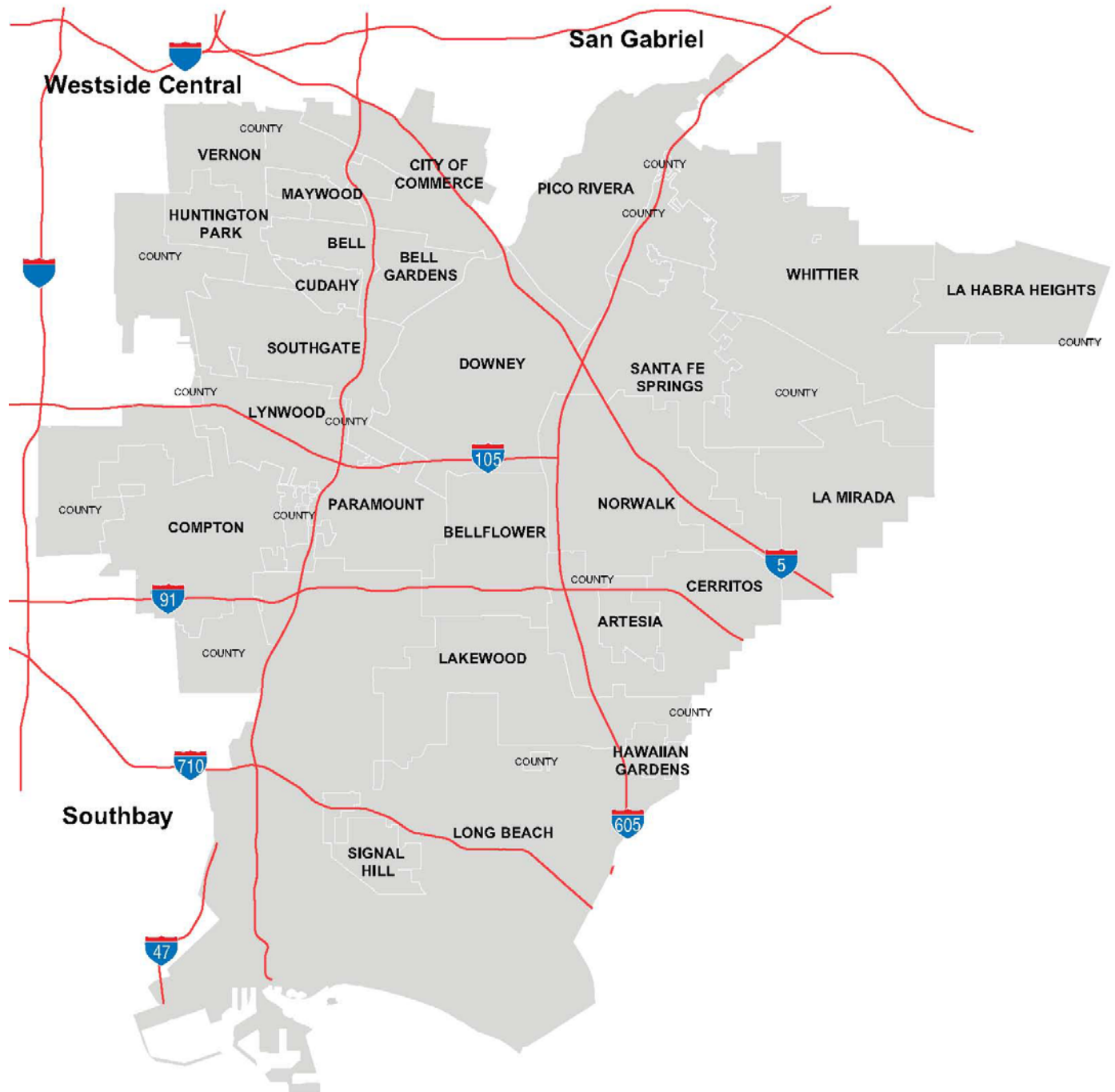
Officers:

Alex Clifford, General Manager  
Jenny Dennis, Council Secretary



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Gateway Cities Service Sector**  
**Service Area**  
 **Metro**



# Gateway Cities Governance Council

**1) The Governance Council is responsible for bus service operated by the Gateway Cities Service Sector. Service Operated by division 1 and 2 includes the following Lines:**

10-48 (Melrose - Temple - San Pedro St), 16-316 (West Third St), 18 (W. Sixth St - Whittier Blvd), 26-51-52-351-352 (Seventh St - Virgil Ave - Avalon Blvd), 45-46 (Broadway - Mercury Ave), 53 (Central Ave), 55 (L.A. Compton Ave), 60-360 (Long Beach Blvd - Santa Fe Ave), 65 (Washington Blvd - Indiana St - Gage Ave), 66-366 (East Olympic Blvd - W. 8th St), 102 (E. Jefferson Blvd - Coliseum St), 105 (Vernon Ave - La Cienega Blvd), 200 (Alvarado St - Echo Park Ave), 265-275 (Paramount - Whittier - Cerritos), 362 (L.A. – Santa Fe Springs - Norwalk - Hawaiian Gardens), 460 (L.A. Norwalk - Disney Exp), 611 (Huntington Park Shuttle), 612 (South Gate Shuttle), 681 (Huntington Park - Watts Shuttle), 720 (Wilshire - Whittier Metro Rapid), 745 (So. Broadway Metro Rapid)

**2) Contract Service Lines in the Gateway Cities includes Lines:**

125 (Rosecrans Ave), 128 (Alondra Blvd), 130 (Artesia Blvd), 205 (Willowbrook - Harbor City – San Pedro), 232 (Long Beach - LAX via Sepulveda Blvd), 254 (Willowbrook - Huntington Park - Lorena St - City Terrace), 266 (Rosemead Blvd - Lakewood Blvd), 270 (Monrovia - El Monte – Norwalk)

**3) Service operated in the Gateway Cities region by other sectors [SGV = San Gabriel Valley Sector, SB = South Bay Sector, WC = Westside / Central Sector] includes Lines:**

251 (Soto St - Daly St - California Ave – SGV), 255 (Griffin Ave-Co Hospital - Rowan Ave – SGV) 259 Eastern Ave - Arizona Ave - Emery Park – SGV), 260 Artesia St - Pasadena - Altadena - Via Atlantic – SGV), 108 (Slauson Ave - Eastern Ave - SB), 110 (Gage Ave - Centinela Ave SB), 111 (LAX- Florence-Leffingwell Rd – SB), 115 (Manchester Ave - Firestone Blvd - SB), 117 (Century Blvd - Tweedy Blvd -Rancho Los Amigos – SB), 120 (Imperial Hwy - Aviation Blvd SB), 124 (El Segundo Blvd - Santa Fe Ave - SB), 127 (Compton Blvd - Bellflower Blvd - SB), 202 (Willowbrook - Compton - Wilmington – SB), 711 (Florence Ave Rapid Bus – SB), 30 (W Pico Blvd-E First St- Floral Dr – WC), 720 (Wilshire – Whittier Metro Rapid – WC).

**4) The Governance Council is responsible for:** studying and planning service to improve efficiency with the Metro Gateway Cities Sector; making recommendations to the MTA board regarding service issues; working with transit planners and local authorities and transit operators to ensure coordination of service, and; holding public hearings to gain input on proposed changes. The Governance Council is not responsible for fare and pass structures, new project construction, or Metro Rail.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Self Introductions
4. **APPROVED Minutes** of December 8, 2005 Council Meeting.
5. **RECEIVED Report** from General Manager
  - Budget & Performance – General Manager Clifford expressed that agency wide there is still a shortage of Bus Operators. Requiring divisions to juggle schedules and offer overtime. The cost per revenue service hour is doing well compared to other sectors. Workers' Compensation costs are a bit over on the YTD target. This service sector is lowest in customer complaints and is down in accidents. Both divisions have received commendations.

General Manager Clifford stated that there will not be a ride-a-long tomorrow; it will be rescheduled for next week.

- Line 577X Grand Opening Video – Rescheduled to February Council Meeting.

6. **RECEIVED Oral Report (Summary)** on Special Master's Order Re: New Service Implementation Plan – Alex Clifford. Mr. Clifford reported that the Special Master provided the agency with a report including a number of concerns. This sector's main issue is to develop a mitigation plan to address security concerns caused by the cancellation of Line 107, which forces people to walk farther in an unsafe neighborhood. The order also requires improved service on Line 611 to add a connection between Line 611 and Line 105.
7. **RECEIVED Oral Report** on recently implemented December '05 Service Changes. Mike Sieckert reported that the changes were in effect Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. These changes were designed to improve service by adding more running time where it was needed to improve schedule performance. Eight lines were re-routed, Line 681 was cancelled and the new Line 577X was added. All changes were approved by the Board. Rider brochures were placed on buses to make customers aware of the changes, and the information was also on the website and in the newspapers. There will be a full report next month on the special shuttle service operating along Franklin Avenue and Sunset.

On December 19, 2005 Directors Knabe and Lowenthal attended the ribbon cutting for Line 577X. It was a tremendous success.

Council Member Shidler stated that Line 577X is a great line but the extra fare needs to be eliminated. Mr. Shidler asked what additional revenue MTA is making with the express line zone fee.

8. Chairperson's Remarks – Council Chair Nelson sought permission and consensus from the council in order for him to speak to Director Lowenthal regarding Dave Hershenson's divided time and the zone fare fees.
  
9. Council Member's Remarks – Council Member Shidler requested that someone from Human Resources attend the next meeting and give an overview of the wage and hiring structures of the agency. Mr. Shidler reminded the council that it needs to give a report to the Board before July 2006 on all the accomplishments the Gateway Cities Service Sector has made over the past year.  
  
Council Member Eros-Delgado reminded the Council that on January 21, 2006 Whittier will be launching a new shuttle and holding a transit fair. She encouraged everyone to attend.
  
10. Consideration of Items not posted on the Agenda - none
  
11. Public Comment on Items not posted on the Agenda - none

ADJOURNMENT 2:50 p.m.

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Jenny Dennis, Council Secretary

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