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June 1, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**Special Board Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza – 3rd Floor Board Room**

Called to Order at 2:20 p.m.

Directors Present:

Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Alan Corlin
Pam O'Connor
Bernard C. Parks
Herb Wesson, Jr.
Zev Yaroslavsky
Roger Snoble, non-voting member

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Clerk of the Board
Nancy Smith, General Counsel

1. Called to Order at 2:20 p.m.
2. Roll Called
3. **APPROVE** Minutes of Meeting held June 1, 2006

Director Parks stated that he was absent from the May 5th Board Meeting and would like to make a motion on Agenda Item 6.b, Proposed Staff Positions for FY07.

Chair Burke stated that it would be agendized for the July Board Meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

4. **RECEIVED** Public Comment (On/Off Agenda)
5. **APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Receive and File Monthly Report on Contracts
- b. Support SB 1384 Amendments and Adopt Resolution

Director Parks commented that the City had not taken a position on Item 5.b and moved that the item be continued for 30 days.

Laurie Newman of Senator Kuehl's office stated that Board support would be appreciated and added that the bill is not controversial and deferring the bill for 30 days would not be a problem.

However, Ms. Newman requested that the Board approve the adoption of the Resolution at this Board Meeting.

Director Yaroslavsky made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to Support SB 1384 Amendments and Adopt the Resolution; seconded by Director O'Connor.

The Roll Call vote passed; 4 Ayes, 2 Abstentions.

6. GENERAL BOARD ACTION ITEM(s)
 - a. **DEFERRED** Legal Services Contract Hourly Rate Increases

The Board directed staff to meet with Legal Counsel and bring back to the Board in July.

The vote was unanimous.

7. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

a. **RECEIVED** Monthly Project Status Update

Mr. Thorpe made an oral presentation of the Monthly Project Status Update.

Three community meetings were held along the corridors on May 4th, May 17th and May 23rd. The communities are all in support of the project, but had some concerns on how the Authority was going to design and implement the project. Authority staff made a commitment to come back to the communities and solicit their input as the project moves through design and into construction. The Authority's desire and efforts seeking the communities support and input was appreciated and very well taken.

The Authority and the City of Los Angeles have been meeting and reviewing the Project Cooperative Agreement and anticipate concluding these meetings by next month.

The first Executive Partnering Session between the Authority and the Design Build Team was held on May 24, 2006.

The first Urban Design Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Culver City Hall. The concepts and goals of the committee will be discussed and a consensus on time and location of future meetings will be determined.

Next month, the Authority will be going back to the downtown community along Flower Street and Exposition Boulevard to update them on the utility relocations, specific design, and to solicit their input and concerns on traffic handling and lane closures that will occur.

The Authority Open House will be held on Wednesday, June 28th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at its new office location, 707 Wilshire Boulevard, 34th Floor, and will be co-sponsored by the Design Build Team.

Authority staff is continuing to work on real estate acquisitions and is currently negotiating with owners of the parcels that are necessary for the project.

The Authority received the Contractor's initial baseline schedule for completion of the project. Staff is in the process of evaluating the schedule and will bring back key milestones to the Board. Mr. Thorpe noted that a lot of effort will be put toward the community outreach process over the next year during the design phase. He reiterated staff's commitment throughout design and construction to continue to keep the

community involved in the overall project.

In August, the Authority should be getting the overall design submittal for some of the key elements of the construction project, and in addition, should be negotiating the first construction contract for utility relocation sometime in September.

8. CEO COMMENTS

None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Referencing a remark from a public speaker on safety issues, Director O'Connor stated that there are many train tracks in the City of Chicago that pedestrians have to cross over and are safe.

In follow-up on the EIR, Director O'Connor commented that there are certainly mitigations in the EIR and there is also a Mitigation Monitoring Program. Periodically, the Board will be given updates on the program and that process so the issues identified in the EIR will be monitored.

The Board welcomed Director Alan Corlin, Vice-Mayor, Culver City and Alternate Director Scott Malsin, Councilmember, Culver City as the new members to the Board.

The Board thanked departing Board Members, Gary Silbiger and Carol Gross for their service to the Board.

10. **DEFERRED** to the July Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel Matters – G.C. 54957

Public Employee Employment – Chief Executive Officer

11. **ADJOURNED** at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Juanita Carey
Clerk of the Board