

Thursday, December 14, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

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# Minutes

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Gas Company  
9240 Firestone Boulevard  
Downey, CA 90241

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Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

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Council Members present:

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

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Officers:

Alex Clifford, General Manager  
George Roqueni, Council Secretary



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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Self Introductions

Public Comment: Mr. Donald Izumchaara asked if the Sector Council representatives had ever used the Metro systems in New York Japan and France. He stated that his wife received a ticket while using the Metro system. He feels that the signage is unclear to those individuals from other cultures. Mr. Izumchaara wrote to Metro Public Relations who responded that his letter was unclear. His calls and messages to Public Relations were not answered.

Chair Shidler asked that Mr. David Hershenson assist Mr. Izumchaara with his concerns after the meeting.

4. **APPROVED** Minutes of November 9, 2006 Council Meeting
5. **RECEIVED** Report from Alex Clifford, General Manager

Budget and Performance

Mr. Clifford reported that during October 2006, there was a favorable variance of just under \$1 million for labor costs primarily composed of non-work time and fringe benefits, inclusive of an unfavorable variance of \$163,000 in ATU labor overtime. He noted that the actual cost per revenue service hour, year-to-date of \$91.96, which is below the budgeted amount of \$97.81.

Chair Shidler asked if fuel was being purchased at a lower rate prior to price increases. Mr. Clifford responded that even though there has been some discussion about buying on contracts, this is not being done at this time.

Mr. Clifford indicated that accident rate for October was higher than expected and has been the focus of discussion by the transportation managers and staff. The General Manager plans to have staff come to a future Council meeting to report on the innovative approach of capturing operator experiences on a line, placing the information in a brochure and providing it to new operators. He also noted that complaints continue to be consistently below what was targeted. In service on-time performance continues to degrade and staff is researching this situation to determine if there has been some change in the manner which the data is recorded. This decrease of on-time performance is system wide and not just in the Gateway Cities Service Sector.

Chair Shidler asked if the lack of on-time performance is due to not allowing sufficient running time. Mr. Clifford indicated that this certainly is a possibility but efforts are being made to analyze the data before making changes in the runtime.

6. **RECEIVED** presentation of 10-Year Financial Forecast/ FY08 Budget Kickoff and Schedule from Michelle Caldwell, Deputy Executive Officer, Office of Management and Budget. She explained the purpose and process used in crafting the financial forecast, the assumptions used in its creation, and how this forecast is synchronized with the annual budget.
7. **RECEIVED** Presentation on Structural Deficit from Terry Matsumoto, Executive Officer, Finance. He presented an overview with all the elements involved in the structural deficit.
8. **RECEIVED** presentation from Christopher Gallanes, Administration and Financial Services Manager on the Antonovich motion. Mr. Gallanes stated that the input from the service sectors will be presented to the MTA Board in February 2007 and will compare the original sector concept to the present situation by providing a profile of effectiveness measurements and resources.
9. **REVIEWED** proposed June 2007 Service Changes/Proposal for Public Hearing Schedule from Mike Sieckert, Planning Manager, Gateway Cities Sector. After a group discussion evaluating the recommendation and options for public hearing dates and locations, Council approved the date of February 8, at 5 pm to conduct a public hearing for June 2007 service proposals at The Gas Company. They also approved publication of a public hearing notice for January 7, 2007.

10. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Shidler commended Representative Soto on her 2006 ASI Spirit of Accessibility award, and mentioned she had also been honored the Long Beach City Council

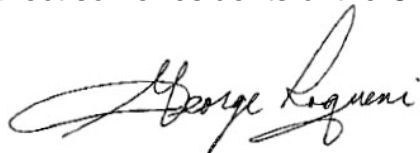
11. Council Member's Remarks

12. Consideration of Items not posted on the Agenda - none

13. Public Comment on Items not posted on the Agenda

Ms. Linda Vieg thanked staff for reviewing the proposed June 2007 service changes, and commented on how the changes will affect some residents of the City of Whittier.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



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Council Secretary