

# Minutes

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## **SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Carson Community Center  
801 East Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90746

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Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

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Service Sector Representatives:

Terisa Price, Chair  
John McTaggart, Vice Chair  
John Addleman  
Margaret Hudson  
Lou Mitchell  
Devon Deming  
Ralph L. Franklin  
Robert Pullen-Miles

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Officers:

Dana M. Coffey, General Manager  
Raynard Vincent Price, Council Secretary



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1. **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Contact** by Metro South Bay Volunteer. Metro staffer Madeline Van Luevan reminded everyone to be careful during the holidays, particularly around the mall areas which are generally congested. She suggested being patient and giving the right of way to others.
2. **APPROVED** Minutes of the November 9, 2007 Council meeting with Representative Ralph Franklin abstaining.
3. **RECEIVED** oral report regarding a Public Hearing for February 2008 to Receive Comments on FY 09 Proposed Service Changes, by Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro South Bay. An overview of the proposed Sector service changes was presented. Mr. Greene recommended February 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to receive public comment on fiscal 2009 service changes at the Carson Community Center. Mr. Greene suggested a midweek meeting to allow for the most public participation.

The Council debated the best time for the public meeting on February 6, which resulted in a vote to choose 6:00 p.m. Mr. Greene advised Sector Representatives that a public meeting of all the sectors may be held at the Corporate Headquarters - date and time to be determined.

Mr. Greene announced the MTA Board Secretary has the responsibility for publishing the dates and times in local newspapers in communities impacted by the changes. Representative Ralph Franklin requested notices be published in Inglewood News, Inglewood Today and Crusader News. Chair Price suggested changes also be announced at the Inglewood Council meeting. Chair Price inquired as to why car cards are not used to announce service changes. General Manager Coffey committed to ensuring that the notification of the service changes (8x11) will be placed on the buses in the sector. She requested that public notices also appear in Random Lengths News serving the Harbor area.

4. **Received** oral report on Adopt-A-Line Program by Service Sector Representatives.

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Representative Devon Deming reported on Line 625 which used larger buses while the smaller buses were being repaired. The smaller buses are back in service. The customers preferred the larger buses. She added customers are excited about the upcoming service changes.

Representative Deming mentioned that in front of the LAX Administration building there is still a Line 220 decal posted even though the line has been canceled for a year.

Representative Ralph Franklin reported on Line 210. He shared his experience in riding the 210 which was on time. However, he was disappointed at the amount of rubbish at the 120th Street and Crenshaw stop. He also reported challenges presented at one of the stops by a homeless person who will not accept city help.

Representative John McTaggart stated he reported non-working solar panel lights at bus shelters in Palos Verdes to public works.

Representative Robert Pullen-Miles reported a pleasant ride on the Green Line.

Representative Margaret Hudson said the buses are too cold. General Manager Coffey recommended the problem be reported to the operator or division manager so that adjustments can be made by Metro mechanics.

Representative Lou Mitchell presented her report on Lines 55 (number 6358) and 40. The drivers were polite and courteous and the buses were clean.

Chair Price mentioned that Beach Cities Transit will be instituting a transfer pull from the 439 to the Beach Cities Transit 109. This will also be done with the 211 and the 215 at the Marine Green Line Station. The purpose is to evaluate the potential impact of upcoming service reductions. There may be possible detours on 182<sup>nd</sup> St because of resurfacing. Concrete pads will be placed along 182<sup>nd</sup> Street to prepare for articulated buses.

5. **Special Workshop.** Metro staffer Scott Greene asked everyone in attendance (particularly the public) to participate in a review of service changes and to discuss related issues. Participants, along with Sector Council Representatives and General Manager, broke into five groups to speak openly and candidly regarding upcoming service changes. Mr. Green provided each group with maps, charts and an overview of the proposed Sector service changes. Afterwards, each group spokesperson expressed their concerns or why the group is in agreement with the proposed changes.
6. **Chairperson's Remarks.** Chair Price thanked everyone for participating in the Workshop. She announced the upcoming installation of Don Szerlip to the Governance Council. He is a former Council Member from the City of Redondo Beach. She requested a presentation in the month of January on the Rapid Transit infrastructure implementation, as well as, a presentation on contract letting by Metro.
7. **General Manager's Remarks.** General Manager Coffey reminded the Governance Council the Adopt- A-Line program is an opportunity to talk to customers and operators to get feedback on services in addition to sharing the role and effectiveness of the Governance Council with customers and operators. General Manager Coffey spoke of Metro Chair Pam O'Connor's upcoming Internet Chat on Congestion Pricing. She encouraged everyone to participate in the discussion by either joining the chat or submitting questions and comments in advance.
8. **Council Representatives Remarks.** Representative Deming thanked everyone for coming to the Sector meetings. She reported there is a new Fly Away customer feedback form on the Fly Away website at [lawa.org/flyaway](http://lawa.org/flyaway) which is read by the Fly Away Manager.

Representative Franklin mentioned that the bus stop clean up program implemented by the City of Inglewood is successful. He wished everyone a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Representative Addleman expressed his satisfaction that a representative from Metro will be available in January to discuss contract letting. He

said, in his research, approximately 15 – 20 cities in Los Angeles County have performance bonds and retentions.

Representative McTaggart expressed his dissatisfaction with the idea of toll roads. He would be in agreement with Proposal 1 of Project 1 if scheduling could be increased to shorten the wait time.

Representative Pullen-Miles wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and blessed New Year.

Representative Hudson noted she is in favor of Proposal 1 to limit the 444 and 445 Lines to local service and to increase Harbor Transit Way service.

Representative Mitchell stated the Service Changes Workshop conducted by Metro staffer Scott Greene was very helpful. She has a better understanding of the bus services. She wished everyone happy holidays and a prosperous New Year with many more days to come.

#### **9. Comments from the Public.**

Evaristo Ramos stated he attended a meeting with the City of Carson regarding Line 205. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Dorothea Jaster suggested a clock be placed at the Artesia Transit Center. She stated at midday, Lines 444 and 445 are always full and she does not understand why they are being cut.

Susie Meekins spoke on the “rough crossings” where the buses go over the tracks. She suggested that Union Pacific and Metro meet to discuss the impact “rough crossings” have on cars and buses. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Arnold Sachs questioned why Line 126 no longer carries transfers. He advised that effective January 1, passes will no longer be accepted on the DASH. He announced Metro’s holiday service hours.

Lionel Jones stated Line 446 had an alternate route on holidays but there were no notices. Stated proposal 2 would not work without an HOV lane to

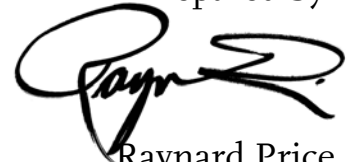
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get the buses through downtown. He suggested a stop near Staples Center/LA Live.

J.K. thanked the General Manager and her staff for providing the new schedules. He has not seen them on the buses. J.K. suggested there be a Gardena Transit spokesperson at an upcoming meeting because they are completing a new bus yard with more buses and additional routes. He supports email for the Governance Council. He noted drivers (operators) do not carry transfers for inter agency transferring especially Line 126. He wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Adjourned at 11:40

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raynard Price', written in a cursive style.

Raynard Price  
Council Secretary