

THE R O P E C E B E

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from the office
of the CEO

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Rumors always amuse me, but sometimes it's best, after the chuckle, to stop them head-on.

My staff tells me the latest one making the rounds is that all non-contract employees will be forced to take a five percent cut in pay. Where do these things come from? Obviously, I can't guarantee anything, but the last time I addressed this subject, I stated that I hoped all non-contract employees would be able to receive a small increase in pay this next fiscal year.

If you do hear a rumor, please call my staff — Phyllis Tucker at 4-6191 or Michael Gonzalez at 4-7476 to get the straight story. They'll do their best to pass the latest information on.

New Fare Structure

The MTA will implement an interim fare structure on Wednesday, February 1. It replaces one adopted nearly seven years ago. The stipulated agreement, reached by attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the MTA, calls for four modifications to the fare structure approved by the MTA Board in July 1994 and originally scheduled for implementation in September. These modifications include the sale of a regular monthly pass, the sale of a semi-monthly pass, no zone charges on the Blue Line and zone express stamps at \$15.

Discount tokens are sold in packets of 10 tokens for \$9.

Here are the new fares, in case you're asked:

Base Fare:	\$1.35
Discount Tokens:	90¢
Express Charge:	50¢
Transfer Charge:	25¢
Senior, Disabled, Sight-Impaired Base Fare:	45¢
Senior, Disabled, Sight-Impaired Express Distance Charge:	25¢
Senior, Disabled, Sight-Impaired Transfer Charge:	10¢
Monthly Bus Pass:	\$49
Semi-Monthly Bus Pass:	\$26.50
Express Stamp:	\$15
Senior, Disabled, Sight-Impaired Monthly Bus Pass:	\$12
Students (K-12 grade):	\$20
College/Vocational Monthly Bus Pass:	\$30

We marked the
second
anniversary of
the opening of
the Red Line
yesterday by
honoring the
subway's 10
millionth
passenger.

There will still be a trial on the plaintiffs' allegations regarding the fare structure approved by the Board last summer. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for April 17.

New Appointments

Gwendolyn Williams has been appointed acting deputy chief administrative officer. Williams will be assisting CAO Judith Pierce in the implementation of a responsive Administrative Office which will support the mission of the MTA. She will maintain overall responsibility for the Department of Equal Opportunity until a replacement is named.

Also, Human Resources Assistant Joanne Kawai joins Judi Schwartz in the Board Liaison office, and Matt Barrett, an administrative analyst, moves over to assist the attorneys in the Legal Department.

Red Line Celebrates Two Years

We marked the second anniversary of the opening of the Red Line yesterday by honoring the subway's 10 millionth passenger. MTA First Vice Chair Larry Zarian and I were thrilled to receive an oversized birthday card from students who attend the Castelar Children's Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Since I'm constantly asked about where we are with the various phases of the Red Line, I thought I'd lay it out here, so you could spread the word to your friends when you're asked!

Tunneling on the Red Line's second segment, which will extend the line another 6.7 miles to the Hollywood area with a westward leg to Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue, is once again underway following a five-month interruption relating to the subsidence on Hollywood Blvd. Only tunneling was stopped. Other work proceeded during that period. The Wilshire Boulevard extension is scheduled to open in 1996; the Hollywood portion is slated to begin service in 1998.

Construction began in 1994 on Segment Three of the Red Line, which will add a total of 11.6 miles in three locations: 6.3 miles to North Hollywood; 2.3 miles to the mid-city area, and three miles to East Los Angeles. The segment is scheduled to open in 2000.

Green Line Tour

We invited the media — and got a great turn-out — to take a first look at the Green Line on Friday. Scheduled to begin operating in mid-1995, the Green Line will carry a projected 10,000 passengers on a 21-mile route between El Segundo and the city of Norwalk.

Two Employees Japan-Bound

Lastly, I understand that two employees from the A.R.T. in Transit Program — Alan Nakagawa and Alessandra Moctezuma — head for Osaka, Japan later this week to perform in Japan.

The two MTA project managers are part of a multi-media inter-ethnic group that puts on plays around the world. In its 11th year of artistic expression, Collage Ensemble, Inc. is one of the oldest, inter-ethnic art groups in the country.

Ironically, one of the plays they will present is about last year's Northridge earthquake and its aftermath. The two have scheduled a dialogue with the audience afterward, and hope their emotional stories can inspire healing in the Osaka community.

- Franklin White

I welcome your comments and questions in response to CEO Report, which is designed to provide employees with direct communication with my office. Please contact either of my Special Assistants, Michael Gonzalez at 244-7476, or Phyllis Tucker at 244-6191. Also, employees can fax comments to 244-6014.

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