

Updated July 20

Board Items to Watch

Harbor Transitway Service, DNC Buses on Committee Agendas; Board Sets Special Meeting

(July 17) MTA Board committees this month will consider motions that include offering all-day express bus service on the Harbor Transitway and providing 100 coaches for use during the Democratic National Convention in August. A special Board meeting also is scheduled at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 20.

At the special Board meeting, members will consider two items carried over from the June meeting and will conduct a workshop on the 2000 STIP abbreviated Call for Projects. At stake is \$180 million provided through Gov. Gray Davis' transportation initiative and \$71 million in transportation planning funds.

During the workshop, Board members will review the rankings of a number of projects submitted by local cities, transit agencies and others. A slate of projects that merit funding has been recommended by MTA staff and the agency's Technical Advisory Committee.

Here is a list of items to watch during the July Board committee meetings:

■ OPERATIONS COMMITTEE **Wednesday, July 19, 1 p.m.**

Evaluate Emission of CNG Buses, Item 12: **PULLED by staff.** The MTA's Citizen Advisory Committee is recommending that the MTA cooperate with the Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board in funding an evaluation of emissions from at least five CNG buses. The test would be performed by the University of Minnesota mobile emissions unit or another such facility.

[See metro.net July 5: "Harbor Transitway Use."](#)

Harbor Transitway Service and Fares, Item 13: **Staff report requested.** The committee requested a financial analysis of offering a flat \$1.35 fare on the Harbor Transitway and also on the El Monte Busway. Members want to know whether the number of riders attracted by lowering the fare would offset the financial impact. The report is due at the July 27 Board meeting. The committee will consider whether to expand daily service on Line 445, including operating the line seven days a week. The motion includes reducing fares on lines 442, 444, 445, 446, 447 and 550.

Receive and File: Transit Operations executive officer's report on performance and bus acquisitions. Fourth quarter Workers' Compensation report.

■ PLANNING & PROGRAMMING **Thursday, July 20, 1 p.m.**

Schedule Public Hearing, Item 31: **APPROVED by committee.** The motion calls for scheduling a hearing for Saturday, Sept. 9, to receive

public comment on Harbor Transitway service modifications, refinements to the service on the Wilshire/Whittier and Venture Boulevard corridors, and other proposed service changes.

2000 TIP Call for Projects Recertification, Item 32: APPROVED by committee. The motion calls for recertifying \$239.8 million in FY 2000-01 commitments from previous TIP Call for Projects. It would amend the FY 2000-01 budget to permit reallocation of \$3.4 million; deobligate \$44.4 million in previously approved funding; and adopt a new lapsing policy for TIP Call for Projects.

■ **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**
Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.

Buses for the Democratic National Convention, Item 26: APPROVED by committee. The committee will consider a charter for 100 buses to the LA Convention and Visitors Bureau for the DNC convention, Aug. 13-17.

[See metro.net June 29: "100 Buses".](#)

Receive and File: Update on legislation of interest to the MTA.
Monthly status report on Pasadena Blue Line Joint Powers Authority.

Other scheduled committee meetings:

■ **Finance & Budget Committee**
Thursday, July 20, 9:30 a.m

■ **Construction Committee**
Wednesday, July 19, 3 p.m.

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