

Update: May 18

FY 2002 Budget, Eastside Light Rail, Wilshire/Western Development on May Committee Agendas

(May 18, 2001) The MTA's budget for Fiscal Year 2002, the Eastside Light-Rail Transit Project and a proposed development at the Metro Red Line's Wilshire/Western station were among items on Board committee agendas for May.

The Operations Committee meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, was cancelled. Among items on the committee's agenda that may be considered by the full Board is the proposed cancellation of Metro Bus Line 497 from Los Angeles to Pomona and Montclair. MTA service would be replaced by Foothill Transit, which plans to begin service Monday, June 11.

The Executive Management Committee meeting also was canceled and all items forwarded to the full Board.

- **Finance and Budget Committee, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 17**

Fiscal Year 2001-2001 Budget, Item 30: **Approved and sent to the full Board.** The \$2.724 billion FY 02 budget includes funding for a record amount of bus service for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2001. The spending plan also funds expanded Metro Rail service on the Metro Blue and Green lines, new street and highway improvements and other regional transportation programs.

A public hearing will be conducted during the committee meeting. The Board will consider adopting the budget at the May 24 meeting.

- **Planning and Programming Committee, 1 p.m., Thursday, May 17**

Metro Red Line Wilshire/Western Station Joint Development, Item 41: **Approved and sent to the full Board.** The CEO would be authorized to enter into a six-month exclusive negotiations agreement with Wilshire Entertainment Center for development of about 2.34 acres at the Wilshire/Western station.

The company is proposing a 50,800-square foot mixed-use development with retail space and restaurants, 182 rental units occupying 248,000 square feet, 10,000 square feet for mechanical and administrative use, and 156,200 square feet of parking. The area would accommodate 12 41-foot buses and one 60-foot bus.

Eastside Corridor Environmental Clearance, Item 45: **Approved and sent to the full Board.** The committee will consider whether to adopt an environmental impact statement on the proposed Eastside light-rail line.

The recommended rail alignment would begin at Union Station, head south on Alameda to 1st Street, where it would bear east to Indiana Street. After a short southerly jog, it would continue east on 3rd Street and end on Beverly Boulevard. The eight-station line would travel above ground except for a tunnel segment between 1st and Boyle and 1st and Lorena.

Development of Taylor Yards, Parcel C Item 46: **Approved with revisions as noted.** The MTA owns Taylor Yards, a 24-acre site along the Los Angeles River between the Pasadena Freeway and the Glendale

Freeway. The MTA purchased the property in the late 1980s for use as a maintenance yard for the Pasadena Blue Line, but another site has been chosen.

Under the revised motion, the staff would be directed during the next 60 days to work with the City of Los Angeles to clarify issues related to the property, including its possible disposal and appropriate uses within the overall development of the Taylor Yards, as well as clarify the MTA's funding obligations relating to the possible sale of the property.

The staff would be directed to begin an appraisal of the site and to report back in 60 days with a recommendation for developing the site for recreation.

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