

If the lease is approved by the MTA Board, this building at 680 Knox Street in LA will house the Metro South Bay service sector staff.



Metro South Bay Offices, Metro Rapid, Bike Access on Committee Agendas

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(Sept. 17, 2002) MTA Board committees will consider some 40 issues, this week, including an office lease for the Metro South Bay sector, approval of a five-year plan to expand Metro Rapid service and expands bicycle access on Metro Rail.

The Finance and Budget Committee will be asked to approve a five-year lease of a 9,835 square foot building at 680 Knox Street in Los Angeles as offices for the Metro South Bay sector.

The building, set near the interchange of I-405 and I-110, is centrally located in the area served by Metro South Bay. It is less than two miles by road from South Bay Division 18 in Carson. The lease, totaling \$807,631 for five years, would begin in December 2002.

The property includes 6,665 square feet of enclosed and open office space, sufficient to house 25 to 30 employees. It includes 3,170 square feet of storage space. There's free parking for 40 vehicles.

Metro Rapid 5-year plan

The Planning and Programming Committee will consider adopting a five-year plan for expanding Metro Rapid service to 24 new transit corridors by 2008. Regional funds totaling \$92.3 million would be set aside to build stations, provide bus signal priority and other communications equipment.

Plans call for adding two new Metro Rapid lines in December on South Broadway and Vermont Avenue.

Among the 24 corridors to receive Metro Rapid service are Van Nuys, Crenshaw, Santa Monica, Western, San Fernando-Lankershim, Long Beach Avenue, Manchester and Beverly.

When completed in 2008, the Metro Rapid expansion plan would provide a net increase of 15,646 annual revenue service hours.

Bicycle Permits

The Operations Committee will consider adopting a new "Bike on Rail" policy that expands bicycle access on the Metro Rail system.

The revised policy would eliminate bicycle permits and shorten the time

periods when bikes are not permitted aboard Metro Rail trains. It also would permit bicycles during "reverse commutes" when trains are moving in a direction opposite the majority flow of commuter traffic.

Riders won't be allowed to bring bikes aboard trains bound for downtown LA between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. or aboard trains headed to the suburbs between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Metro Green Line trains en route to Marine station in the mornings or Norwalk in the evenings will be off limits to bikes during those peak periods.

Currently, some 8,500 bikers hold MTA Cycle Express permits. The agency receives between 1,500 and 2,000 applications a year.

Committee meetings are scheduled at the following times:

- **Planning and Programming**, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18
- **Construction Committee**, CANCELLED
- **Finance and Budget**, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19
- **Executive Management and Audit**, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19
- **Pasadena Gold Line Transition**, 11:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19
- **Operations Committee**, 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19
- **September Board Meeting**, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 26
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