

Items of Interest: Transportation Plan, Sales Tax, Naming Policy on Committee Agendas

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(Aug. 15, 2003) MTA's 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan, proposed sales tax legislation and a consolidated policy for naming MTA properties are among items on Board committee agendas this month.

The Planning and Programming Committee will consider a motion (Item 7) to adopt the Short Range Transportation Plan to help guide future MTA transit investments, monitor progress, respond to changing circumstances and implement Mobility 21 priorities.

Among the plan's highlights are working with municipal transit operators to coordinate service, continuing implementation of the planned 28 Metro Rapid corridors, and extending Metro Rail and Metro Rapid Transitways to other areas.

The plan calls for adding some 70 lane miles to the county's carpool network, implementing an Intelligent Transportation System and responding to the state's budget deficit with new funding strategies.

The committee also is expected to discuss Item 13, a motion to support SB-314 (Murray), a state senate bill that would authorize MTA to impose a ½-cent sales tax for up to six years. MTA staff recommends support of the bill.

If adopted by the Board and the state and approved by Los Angeles County voters, the bill could generate \$4.16 billion in sales tax revenues and a total of \$5.5 billion for transit projects when state and local matching funds are added, according to a report to the Board.

The Executive Management and Audit Committee will consider a motion to establish a consolidated policy for naming such MTA properties as rail stations, transit centers and bus stops. The new policy would supercede any existing naming policies.

The proposed policy would ensure that new names would help transit customer more easily locate stations and stops, would meet ADA requirements, would be developed in a timely, cost-effective manner and would address a broad range of operational needs.

Here's the schedule of Board meetings for August:

- Planning and Programming Committee, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20.
- Executive Management and Audit Committee, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.
- Finance and Budget Committee, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.
- Operations Committee, 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.
- Construction Committee: Canceled for August

- Monthly Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28

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