



MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Grapevine Room - Adult Recreation Center
324 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

December 2, 2003 – 5:00 p.m.

Called to order at 5:12 p.m.

Council Members present:

Bart Doyle (Chair)
Harry Baldwin
Emile Bayle
Bruce Heard

Henry Lopez
Sharon Martinez
Dave Spence
Rosie Vasquez

1. APPROVED November 4, 2003 Governance Council Minutes.
2. RECEIVED Public Comment from Hank Fung, Southern California Transit Advocates requesting adequate public notice of service changes to occur on December 21.
3. Safety Contact – Ed Boghossian gave an overview of the Programs and Activities Subcommittee, which provides safety bulletins, safety recognition and employee incentive programs.
4. RECEIVE report of the General Manager – Jack Gabig commented on the end of the 35-day strike and the fact that service levels reached 90% by the second day.

Financial Review (Rosenberg)

Transportation is \$3.8 million under budget; Maintenance is \$800,000 under budget; The SGV Sector overall, on a year to date budget of \$38 million, is \$4.6 million under budget. \$3.8 million of that derives from October where only about half of the normally allocated budget was spent. Revenue service hour data is not available for October.

Other Sector Support ran over for October because some strike-related costs are being allocated back to the Divisions.

Workers' Compensation charges are running 58% under year to date budget. There are not as many serious cases on the books as in past years.

Parts overrun is down from \$191,000 to \$31,000.

2005 Capital Budget requests – MTA internal policy is that if the total cost of a project is less than \$200,000, even though it is technically capital, it would be funded through the normal operating budget.

Councilmember Doyle asked if any analysis had been done as to the impact of the California Transportation Commission's announcement regarding the lack of funding.

Mr. Gabig responded that he hopes to get clarification from the MTA Board this Thursday; but it is possible that this program will be affected. The articulated bus procurement is now in jeopardy; and the entire bus replacement schedule could be affected.

Mr. Gabig announced a rail-grinding project to begin December 3 and continue for three weeks to reduce noise on the Gold Line. Headways will go to 20 minutes. Sheriff's deputies and fare inspectors will be available at affected Gold Line Stations to talk to patrons.

Future Agenda Items

Bruce Heard inquired about his previous request to discuss a Service Sector Marketing campaign. Bart Doyle suggested that the issue be agendized for January or February in order to draft a resolution on the issue.

The January 6, 2003 meeting will be held at the Gateway Building at 3 p.m.

5. RECEIVED an oral report on **Community Relations**

Helen Ortiz, Community Relations Manager, reported participation in three events – A joint presentation with the San Gabriel Valley Area team to the San Gabriel Rotary Club on bus and rail system support, a Veterans' Day event in Cypress Park and the Mariachi Festival in Boyle Heights. Safety outreach was also to 180 schools around the system; and the San Gabriel Valley Sector was featured in Metro Quarterly Magazine.

6. RECEIVED a briefing on **Proposed June 04 Service Changes** in San Gabriel Valley Sector by Jon Hillmer, Service Development Manager

Mr. Hillmer noted that major service changes are usually implemented in June and December. This time implementation will begin February 1, 2004.

Some of the lines which will be affected are 250/253, 471, 490 170. Foothill Transit will provide some replacement service, in other cases shuttle service will be used. Staff is seeking guidance from the Council on what areas they would like them to focus on.

Councilmember Vasquez inquired about additional service required by the Consent Decree to be in place by January. Mr. Hillmer responded that the Special Master is due to render a decision in late December or January. Ms. Vasquez requested a follow-up report when the Special Master's ruling is finalized.

Councilmember Heard asked if transit hub sites had been selected. Mr. Hillmer indicated that staff is focusing on existing facilities at this point, e.g. Old Town, East Los Angeles City College, El Monte and Sierra Madre. The intent is to provide high speed, high capacity service. Staff is working closely with other providers to find ways to strengthen local and subregional service. Major implementation of the Hub and Spoke System will begin in December of next year. This will be a long-term process, especially if major transit centers need to be created.

7. RECEIVE an oral briefing on **El Monte, CSULA Busway, and LAC/USC Busway Station Remodeling** projects by Jack Gabig

Mr. Gabig reported that the El Monte Station was constructed in 1973 as the first regional transit hub, along with the El Monte Busway, and that it has not been improved since its inception. Slides were shown of the progress being made on the joint project with Foothill Transit to renovate the facility.

8. Chair's Remarks

Chairman Doyle mentioned that the findings of the MTA's decentralization process would be coming out in December and asked that copies be made available to the Council.

Mr. Gabig announced that Ed Boghossian was leaving the Sector due to his promotion to Manager of Rail Safety Operations. He also introduced Emma Nogales who will be the main Project Manager for the Sector. Ms. Nogales comes from the private sector in a financial capacity, most recently from the entertainment industry.

9. Consideration of Items not on the Posted Agenda - None

10. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Matters – G.C. 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Jack Gabig, General Manager

REVIEWED procedures for evaluation of staff.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michele Jackson, Council Secretary