

# Minutes

Los Angeles County  
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## METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Arthur Winston Division  
5425 Van Ness Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90062

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Called to Order at 9:40 A.M.

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Council Members present:

Terisa Price, Chair  
Jim Hendrickson, Vice Chair  
Margaret Hudson  
John McTaggart  
Lou Mitchell  
Curren Price  
Howard Sachar

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Officers

Dana Coffey, General Manager  
Sharon Sterling, Council Secretary



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1. Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Contact

Mr. Alex Di Nuzzo, Arthur Winston Division Maintenance Manager, cautioned the attendees to be aware of their surroundings at the Division to avoid tripping over any of the cords on the floor.

2. APPROVED Minutes of February 13, 2004 Council Meeting

3. \*\*\*\*\* APPROVED Findings of March 10, 2004 Public Hearing and Adopted Bus Service Changes for Implementation in FY05.

**\*\*\*\*\* APPROVED MCTAGGART MOTION to Adopt Staff Recommendations for FY 2005 Bus Service Changes and Re-Visit the Line 442 Recommendations before Start of Metro Rapid Line 740**

**Ayes: T. Price, Hendrickson, Hudson, McTaggart, Mitchell, C. Price and Sachar**

**Noes: None**

Ms. Price expressed her appreciation to MTA staff and the community for their involvement in the South Bay Sector Public Hearing process. The public participation in South Bay is the highest of the five sectors.

Chair Price reported that 63 signed letters were received from Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn. There were approximately 200 attendees at the meeting and 17 public comments regarding the service changes.

Scott Greene, Metro South Bay Transportation Planning Manager, presented report on the Staff Recommendations for FY 2005 Bus Service Changes.

Mike Gordon, Mayor City of El Segundo, expressed his appreciation to MTA staff and the Council regarding Line 439. Staff recommendation is to retain full route in all time periods. He stated the service elimination would be devastating to the people who rely on transit to get to work. He would work with El Segundo staff for full utilization of Line 439. A petition with 129 signatures was submitted to the Council to keep the buses running in El Segundo.

Also, Mayor Gordon stated that the hotel employees depend on Line 124 to get to work. Staff recommendation is to retain weekday service but cancel Line 124 weekend and holiday service.

Mr. Kelly McDowell, Councilman City of El Segundo, stated he would work with employers and MTA to find a solution to assist transit dependent patrons and seniors. He received a letter from a businessman who uses Line 439 when his car is in the shop and for outings with his family on the weekends. Also, students use the bus to get to school. In addition to students, tourists, shoppers, workers, craftsmen and professionals utilize

this vital service.

Ms. Devon Deming, Los Angeles World Airports, expressed her appreciation for retaining Line 439. She will develop a flyer to market the service to LA Airport employees.

Other public comment included:

Line 107 – opposed the cancellation.

Line 209 – opposed the cancellation of the midday and Saturday service.

Patron stated there is no regular driver, some operators pass up the stops. Also, public hearing notices should be placed on the bus. Many people don't attend because they don't know about them.

Line 442 – opposed the cancellation. Customers rely on service from Inglewood to downtown LA. Patron stated if the service was marketed, the ridership would increase. Line 40 is slow and overcrowded and sometimes the bus does not show or passes up the stop.

Line 446/447 – opposed the re-routing, stated it would cause delay in service.

Line 550 – opposed the changes with short-line terminal at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Patron stated all the buses should continue to San Pedro.

Mr. Curren Price is concerned regarding the changes in the City of Inglewood. He asked why would Line 740 be better than Line 442. Mr. Greene stated there would be a lower fare on the new Metro Rapid Line 740. Mr. Price stated that he is hopeful that this alternative service meets the needs of the community. Mr. Price stated he has reservations regarding the Line 442 cancellation and opposed that portion of the staff recommendation, but would support the other changes. Ms. Coffey suggested that Line 442 remain in service and the Council discuss further after the June shake-up and prior to the December Service Changes.

Ms. Price stated that theoretically the Metro Rapid is better, however, they do not know what Line 442 is being replaced with and cannot provide an explanation. Therefore, she agrees to review the replacement service at a future meeting.

Mr. Sachar expressed his appreciation to Ms. Van Leuvan and stated she was responsive and did an incredible job. Mr. Sachar stated Line 439 is 100 years old and needs to be changed.

Mr. Hendrickson was appreciative of all the participation at the March 10 Public Hearing and received significant concerns that were considered by the Council. Mr. Hendrickson asked if Line 124 could have limited weekend service. Mr. Greene stated that Line 232 would augment the service along Sepulveda Bl.

Ms. Hudson stated that Line 232 is not one of the better performers and is not a viable option for the El Segundo community and hotel workers. Ms. Hudson suggested that others lines connecting in San Pedro and the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center such as the munis (Carson Circuit, Torrance

Line 3) receive more publicity. Mr. Greene stated they have developed a relationship with the munis and would take the recommendation to them.

Mr. McTaggart asked if some weekend service could be salvaged on Line 209. Mr. Greene stated that skeletal service of 90 minutes to 2-hour headway would not benefit many riders. Mr. McTaggart stated that the long headway is the cause of the low ridership. He suggested shuttle service. Mr. Greene will investigate that option. Ms. Price asked what would be the revenue hours put back in the system as a result of the changes. Mr. Greene stated 30,000.

4. Chair's Remarks

Ms. Price encouraged the audience to participate in transit at the local, state and federal levels.

5. Report of General Manager

Ms. Coffey invited everyone to remain for the division open house.

6. Public Comment

Public requested to have comments from the Council regarding their Adopt- A-Line experience.

Mr. Price stated that he rode Line 711/111 (Florence) – interacted with riders, drivers were courteous, positive experience. A photographer accompanied Mr. Price, some patrons were hesitant to speak, and others shared their concerns.

Ms. Mitchell stated she rode Line 204 (Vermont) – the bus was late, operator was courteous, people were standing, operator was interested in the program and shared his concerns, no standees on the return trip.

Council Member Requests:

Ms. Price requested the fare analysis of the Harbor Transitway Services. Include in the report how riders are affected by fare manipulation. Also, Ms. Price asked that requests go to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, April 17, 2004 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Carson Division 18**

**450 W. Griffith St.**

**Carson, CA 90745**

Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Prepared by: Sharon Sterling  
Council Secretary

