

MINUTES

San Fernando Valley Service Sector
Governance Council

Regular Meeting

Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91401

Called to Order at 6:35 p.m.

Council Members present:

Coby King, Chair
Stacey Murphy, Vice Chair
Richard Arvizu
Joan H. Leonard
Rafi Manoukian
Jesus Ochoa
Kymberleigh Richards
Brad Rosenheim

Officers:

Richard Hunt, General Manager
Christina Lumba-Gamboa, Council
Secretary

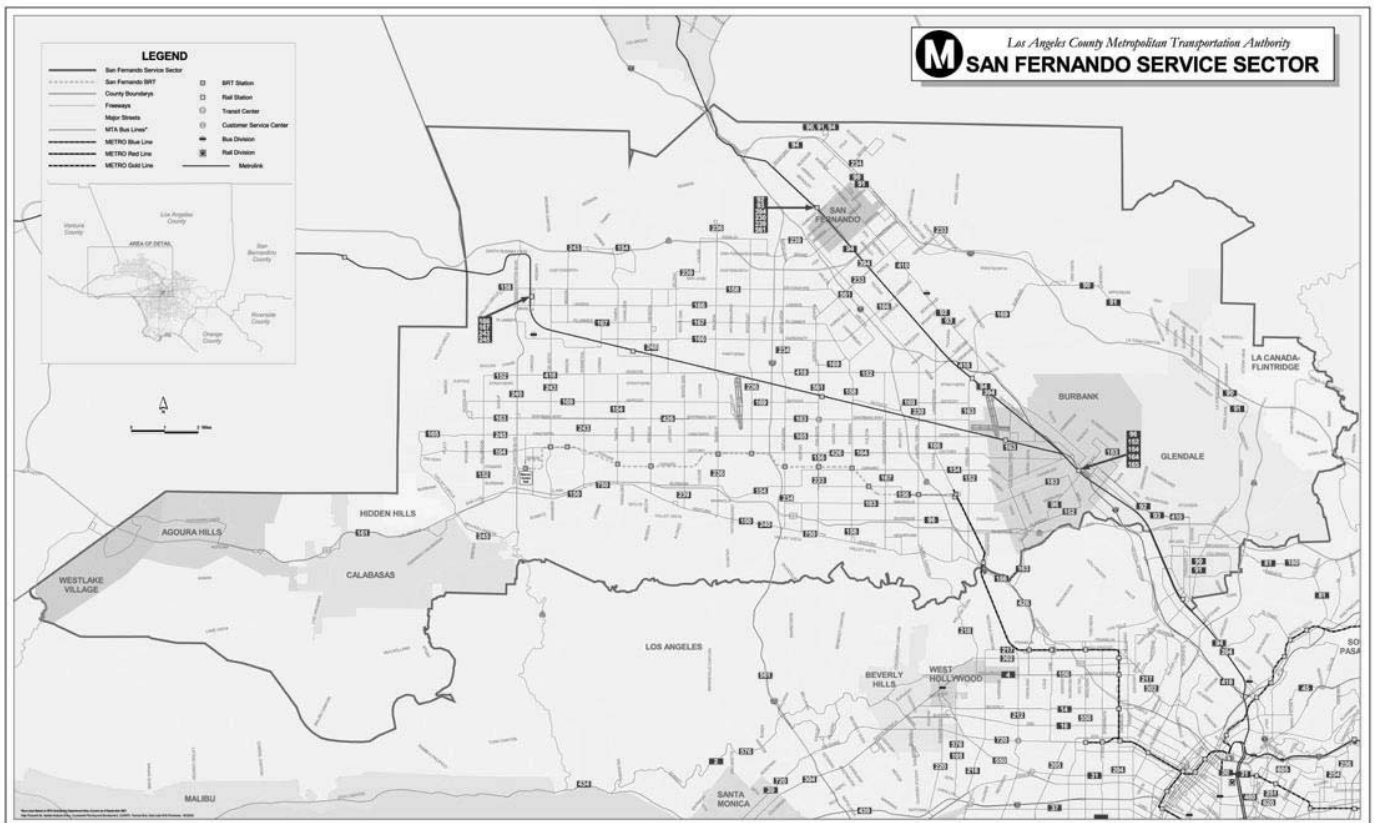


Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

1) Area of responsibility:



2) The Governance Council is exclusively responsible for planning routes and schedules for Tier 2 and 3 bus lines within the San Fernando Service Sector. Tier 2 and 3 bus lines in the San Fernando Valley are:

Lines: 92, 96C, 154, 158, 161, 167C, 168, 169, 183/234, 230/239, 236/237, 243, 245, 418 and 426. (C = Contract Service)

Tier 1 bus lines are not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Governance Council but jurisdiction may be exercised with the concurrence of other sectors or Corporate. Tier 1 bus lines in the San Fernando Valley are:

Lines: 90/91, 94/394, 150/240, 152,156, 163, 164/165, 166, 233, 750, and 761.

3) The Governance Council is responsible for studying and planning service to improve efficiency within Metro San Fernando Valley, making recommendations to the MTA board regarding service issues, working with transit planners and local authorities and transit operators to ensure coordination of service and holding public hearings to gain input on proposed changes.

4) The Governance Council is **NOT** responsible for fare and pass structures, new project construction, or Metro Rail.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. APPROVED AS CORRECTED **Minutes** of Regular Governance Council Meeting held March 23, 2005.
3. RECEIVED Public Comment.
4. Chair's Remarks. - NONE
5. RECEIVED & FILED report of General Manager, Richard Hunt.

Mr. Hunt responded to questions regarding the service changes. He said that service changes that affect the Orange Line operation directly, specifically Lines 156 and 233, would not go into effect until the Orange Line is in full operation. Other service on lines that were altered and redirected for efficiencies will go into effect on June 26, 2005. Mr. Hunt stated that more information will go out to the public as the effective date gets closer. Mr. Brewer will prepare a detailed report that will be presented at the next Governance Council meeting.

Mr. Hunt discussed the Board Box letter copy provided to the Councilmembers from Mr. Catoe. It explained that the service hours are not being reduced, but will actually add more operating hours system wide next fiscal year.

Mr. Hunt reported that the Performance Indicators are holding steady and improving. He was proud to announce that Accidents per 100,000 Hub Miles are decreasing. He said that the Service Sector is working very hard to provide a safe environment. The operators and maintenance personnel are paying particular attention to areas of concern. Accidents from February 2005 to present were significantly below Metro's average and last year's Sector figure.

Ms. Leonard asked about the Interchange plan of Freeways 101 and 405. She asked if an added carpool lane would have a positive affect Line 761. Mr. Hunt responded that the Sector is working with the Westside Sector on an initiative to improve that service. He said that both Sectors are looking at several alternatives to the Tier 1 service. One of them is breaking Line 761 or rerouting it and creating a new parallel line that serves UCLA and the area off the freeway. He stated that the Sectors have received several suggestions, but it's premature to discuss the details.

Ms. Leonard requested a report of the expected benefit from the added lane. She also asked about the Orange Line timeline.

Mr. Hunt reported that the Construction staff are behind four to six weeks and will report back to the Council as soon as a new schedule is determined. He reiterated that the Service Sector is committed to opening the Orange Line when everything is in place and ready.

Ms. Leonard wants to know if the MTA Board is doing something about Prop 42 funds. Mr. Hunt responded that he is not aware if the MTA Board has formalized any action to put in place a legislative or lobbying effort. He said the CEO has reported to the Board about his concern. The CEO reported that the agency's budget for the next fiscal year will be constrained if the funds from Prop 42 are not released.

Ms. Richards added that the Board took a position to support legislation to propose constitutional amendments to essentially close the loophole of Prop 42. That would raise the threshold and would require a higher vote for the legislature to suspend Prop 42. Ms. Richards offered to report back after the California Transit Association Legislative Conference meeting next month.

6. **RECEIVED Budget Update** from Kathy Drayton, Administration and Financial Services Manager

Ms. Drayton reported a positive variance of \$477,817. She reported that the cost of labor and fuel continue to rise. She said that due to additional holidays in December and January labor cost increased and there was a shortage of UTU manpower.

Mr. King asked what composes the \$2.1 million variance in the "Other" Category. Ms. Drayton responded that it included allocated overhead, workers compensation chargeback and allocated fringe benefits. The major portion of the positive variance is for allocated overhead. Mr. King asked if that is an adjustment from previous figures and how the Service Sector reflected a million dollars less in

Allocated Overhead. Ms. Drayton responded that no charges have been recorded but adjustments should be posted at the fiscal year-end. The final fiscal year-end reports are usually available in September.

Mr. Arvizu asked if the Allocated Overhead is a straight-line allocation or is it based on previous year or past practice. Mr. Hunt responded that there are two components to the Allocated Overhead. GNA component and direct and indirect Labor components; The way it's allocated varies from program to program and project-to-project.

7. Chair & Council Member's Final Comments

Ms. Richards expressed her appreciation to Mr. Brewer and his staff for the remarkable work they did on the Public Hearing.

Mr. Manoukian concurred and added that staff did a good job of incorporating some of the changes in response to the major concerns of the public.

Mr. Ochoa requested adjournment in memory of Pope John Paul II.

Prepared by:

Christina Lumba-Gamboa
Council Secretary

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL RULES

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