



EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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Wednesday, October 12, 2005 - 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority

Special Board Meeting Board of Directors

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Third Floor
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B

Called to Order at 2:15 p.m.

Directors Present

Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Jan Perry, Vice Chair
Carol Gross, Alternate
Pam O'Connor
Bernard Parks
Martha Welborne
Zev Yaroslavsky

Officers

Richard D. Thorpe, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Interim Board Secretary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Called
3. APPROVED Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held September 1, 2005
4. RECEIVED Public Comment
5. CONSENT CALENDER - No Items
6. GENERAL BOARD ACTION ITEMS
 - A. APPROVED recommendation for General Counsel Selection. The law firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP was selected. AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate an appropriate joint venture firm to join General Counsel and submit recommendation to the Board for approval.

The vote was unanimous.
 - B. ADOPTED and APPROVED recommendation for the DBE Program, Contract Compliance Manual, and DBE Goals for Negotiated Design-Build, and APPOINTED General Counsel as the DBE Liaison Officer for the Construction Authority, with an AMENDMENT that the Chief Executive Officer substantiate a larger withholding amount for sanctions and submit recommendation to the Board.

The vote was unanimous.
 - C. APPROVED recommendation for the Proposed Staff Salary Structure.

The vote was unanimous.
 - D. APPROVED recommendation for the Proposed Employee Benefits Plan.

The vote was unanimous.
 - E. APPROVED recommendation for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a five-year lease for office space with Broadway Partners in the AON Center located at 707 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles.

The vote was unanimous.
7. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Richard Thorpe informed the Board that Staff will start providing a monthly update of progress of the Project. The report will give accomplishments of the previous month and

what the goals will be for the next month. Starting in November, a written report will be included as part of the Board Agenda package.

- A. A Power Point presentation of the Monthly Progress Report was given by Joel Sandberg, with hard copies provided to the Board and public. Joel stated that the old alignment map was incorporated into the report as a reminder that the Construction Authority still does not have a final adopted alignment, and will not have one until the certification of the final FEIS/R by the Metro Board which is to occur at the December Metro Board Meeting.

8. CEO COMMENTS

The FEIS/R Environmental Report, in its entirety, is posted on the Metro.net Website under the Exposition Light Rail Project (click on Environmental).

The Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica have received hard copies of the FEIS/R Environmental document. Culver City, Santa Monica, City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles libraries will also receive hard copies of the document.

The Board of Directors will receive information on the dates, times, and locations of the three public meetings being planned when the information is available. The meetings will be in the downtown area, the middle area and the westend area along the alignment.

Mr. Thorpe stated that the FTA delayed signing the letter releasing the FEIS/R, but due to the excellent work and prompt attention from the Congressional delegates, Metro's David Kim, and Construction Authority Board Members, the FTA agreed to permit the release of the FEIS/R the following week, thereby mitigating this delay. He stated he will provide a summary of the FEIS/R document at the next Board Meeting.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Madam Chair suggested the Chief Executive Officer draft a "Thank You" letter from the Construction Authority to the Congressional delegates, and submit to the Board for signatures.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Juanita Carey
Interim Board Secretary

Richard D. Thorpe
Interim Chief Executive Officer

