

Thursday, February 9, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

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# Minutes

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## **GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The Gas Company  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Downey, CA 90241

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Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.

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Council Members Present:

Larry R. Nelson (Chair)  
Wally Shidler (Vice Chair)  
Cheri Kelley  
Jo Ann Eros-Delgado  
Owen Newcomer  
Samuel Peña  
Cynde Soto  
Vincent Torres

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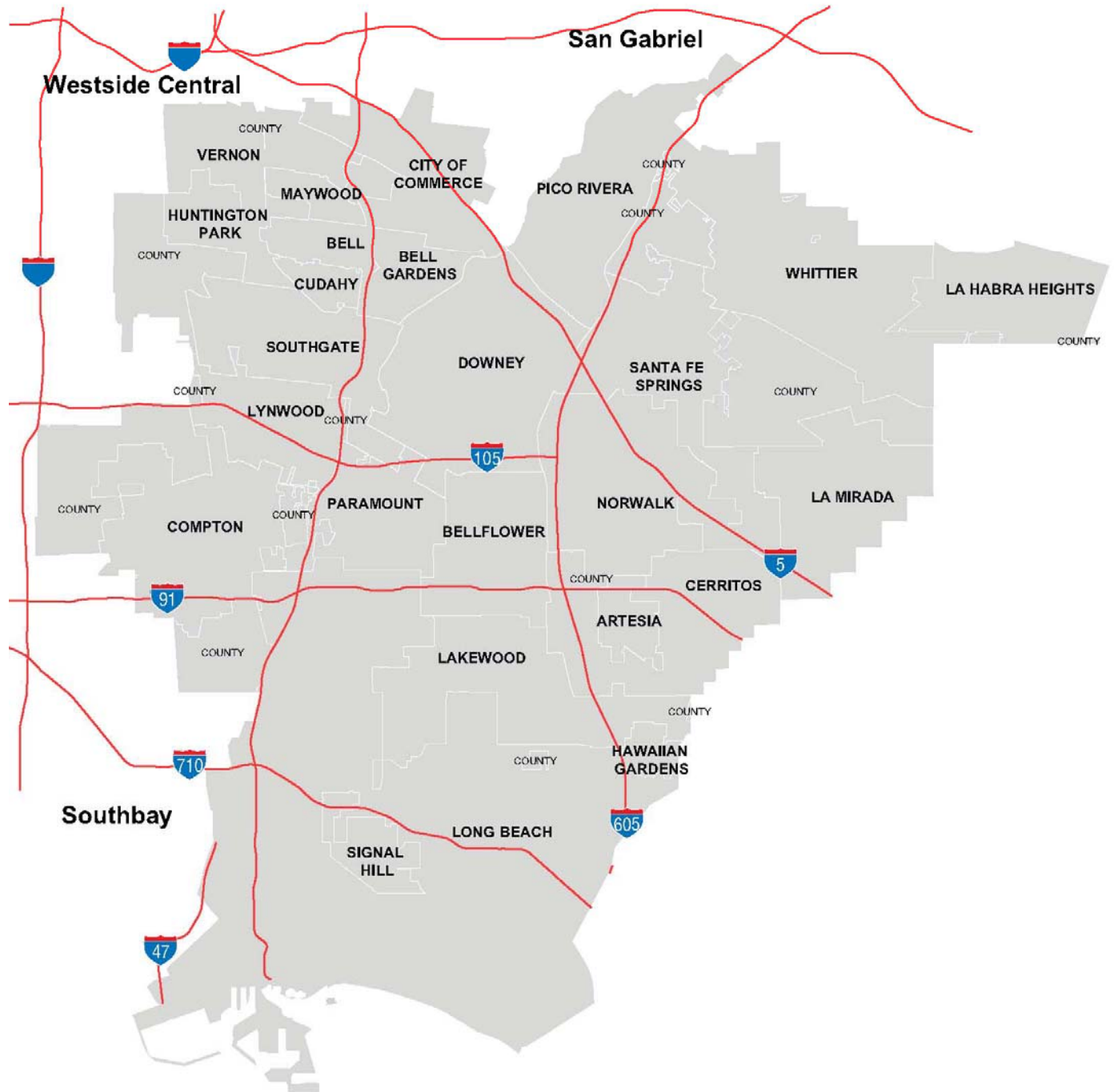
Officers:

Dave Hershenson, Acting General Manager  
Jenny Dennis, Council Secretary



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Gateway Cities Service Sector**  
**Service Area**  
 **Metro**



# Gateway Cities Governance Council

**1) The Governance Council is responsible for bus service operated by the Gateway Cities Service Sector. Service Operated by division 1 and 2 includes the following Lines:**

10-48 (Melrose - Temple - San Pedro St), 16-316 (West Third St), 18 (W. Sixth St - Whittier Blvd), 26-51-52-351-352 (Seventh St - Virgil Ave - Avalon Blvd), 45-46 (Broadway - Mercury Ave), 53 (Central Ave), 55 (L.A. Compton Ave), 60-360 (Long Beach Blvd - Santa Fe Ave), 65 (Washington Blvd - Indiana St - Gage Ave), 66-366 (East Olympic Blvd - W. 8th St), 102 (E. Jefferson Blvd - Coliseum St), 105 (Vernon Ave - La Cienega Blvd), 200 (Alvarado St - Echo Park Ave), 265-275 (Paramount - Whittier - Cerritos), 362 (L.A. – Santa Fe Springs - Norwalk - Hawaiian Gardens), 460 (L.A. Norwalk - Disney Exp), 611 (Huntington Park Shuttle), 612 (South Gate Shuttle), 681 (Huntington Park - Watts Shuttle), 720 (Wilshire - Whittier Metro Rapid), 745 (So. Broadway Metro Rapid)

**2) Contract Service Lines in the Gateway Cities includes Lines:**

125 (Rosecrans Ave), 128 (Alondra Blvd), 130 (Artesia Blvd), 205 (Willowbrook - Harbor City – San Pedro), 232 (Long Beach - LAX via Sepulveda Blvd), 254 (Willowbrook - Huntington Park - Lorena St - City Terrace), 266 (Rosemead Blvd - Lakewood Blvd), 270 (Monrovia - El Monte – Norwalk)

**3) Service operated in the Gateway Cities region by other sectors [SGV = San Gabriel Valley Sector, SB = South Bay Sector, WC = Westside / Central Sector] includes Lines:**

251 (Soto St - Daly St - California Ave – SGV), 255 (Griffin Ave-Co Hospital - Rowan Ave – SGV) 259 Eastern Ave - Arizona Ave - Emery Park – SGV), 260 Artesia St - Pasadena - Altadena - Via Atlantic – SGV), 108 (Slauson Ave - Eastern Ave - SB), 110 (Gage Ave - Centinela Ave SB), 111 (LAX- Florence-Leffingwell Rd – SB), 115 (Manchester Ave - Firestone Blvd - SB), 117 (Century Blvd - Tweedy Blvd -Rancho Los Amigos – SB), 120 (Imperial Hwy - Aviation Blvd SB), 124 (El Segundo Blvd - Santa Fe Ave - SB), 127 (Compton Blvd - Bellflower Blvd - SB), 202 (Willowbrook - Compton - Wilmington – SB), 711 (Florence Ave Rapid Bus – SB), 30 (W Pico Blvd-E First St- Floral Dr – WC), 720 (Wilshire – Whittier Metro Rapid – WC).

**4) The Governance Council is responsible for:** studying and planning service to improve efficiency with the Metro Gateway Cities Sector; 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. The Governance Council is not responsible for fare and pass structures, new project construction, or Metro Rail.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Self Introductions
4. APPROVED **Minutes** of January 12, 2006 Council Meeting
5. RECEIVED **Report** from Regina Chan, Financial Services Manager  
Ms. Chan updated the Council on the Sector's Budget. Currently the sector is reporting a \$3.8 million YTD deficit. The Fringe Benefits account is favorable. The unfavorable budget variance is primarily in public liability and workers compensation chargeback accounts. The sector has received fewer claims in Workers Compensation in the last few months. Workers Compensation costs per claim are a bit over the YTD target. Gateway Cities is leading the way with lowest complaints among all sectors. Ms. Chan noted that division managers are conducting one-on-one training with the staff, which may contribute to the sector's success.
  - 760 Update – Dave Hershenson reported that the launch of the new 760 Rapid Line has been delayed, at least until December '06, because more time is needed to work with the various cities the line travels through to implement the technology needed for signal control.
  - Overview of FY '07 Budget Assumptions – Regina Chan stated that this draft budget is a preliminary assumption. Labor costs will increase by 2%, but this is likely to change due to the current labor negotiations. The sector's tire lease will also increase by \$2 million. The sector would like to add two Assistant Transportation Managers, five Vehicle Operations Supervisors and more mechanics because more buses will be added to the divisions. Ms. Chan added that the Metro System bus revenue service hours are projected to remain the same as the current year.
  - Line 26 Shuttle Update – Dan Nguyen reported that staff continues to monitor the early morning Line 26 Shuttle on Franklin between Hollywood Blvd. and Vermont Avenue.;
  - Ride-A-Longs – Dan Nguyen stated that ride-a-longs are scheduled for the second and fourth Friday of every month. Please meet at 6:20 am at the Sector Office for the ride tomorrow (Friday, February 10, 2006).
  - Introduction and swearing in of new Council Member – Vincent Torres, Recreation Director with the City of Paramount
6. RECEIVED **Oral Report** on Six-Month Evaluation of Gateway Cities Work Plan and Presentation of '07 Work Plan – Dave Hershenson stated that Gateway Cities Governance Council's mission is to provide safe, efficient, and reliable bus service.

The sector will improve on-street and customer service. For example, meet the requirements of the Consent Decree and create a new line, 577X. The sector will respond to customer complaints and comments within 7 days. The sector web page will be updated regularly to ensure that it is an updated resource for our customers. In addition the website will be translated in Spanish. Mr. Hershenson stated that Mr. Clifford would like to use this Work Plan for FY07, with a few updates. Any comments and suggestions would be appreciated and should be forwarded to him or Alex.

7. **RECEIVED Oral Report** on Zone Charges – Mike Sieckert reported that there are 3 similar modes of travel: A.) Bus (16 Express Lines), B.) High Speed Bus (Orange Line) and C.) High-Speed Rail. The Express Lines run from 14 to 36 miles with the base fare of \$1.25 and additional zone fees. The high-speed bus runs 14-22 miles with only the base fare of \$1.25 and the high-speed rail also, has only a base fare.

Council Member Shidler stated if the zone fares were removed, the Express Lines may attract more riders.

Council Member Eros-Delgado noted that Line 450X has only one zone yet pays the \$1.00 additional fee versus the .50 cents.

Mr. Sieckert explained that line 450X does have two zones. The line begins at the Artesia Transit Center and cannot stop on the freeway where the other zone begins.

8. **UPDATED GWC Governance Council Group Picture for Web Page**
9. **Chairperson's Remarks** – Council Chair Nelson welcomed Vincent Torres to the Council
10. **Council Member's Remarks** – All Council Members welcomed Mr. Torres to the Council
11. **Consideration of Items not posted on the Agenda - None**
12. **Public Comment on Items not posted on the Agenda**  
Mark Strickert with Southern California Transit Advocates, thanked the Council for additional lighting along the streets, and the new solar lighting at several bus stops.

ADJOURNMENT 2:58 p.m.

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Jenny Dennis, Council Secretary

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