

Friday, May 12, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.

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# MINUTES

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## **SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Carson Division 18  
450 W. Griffith Street  
Carson, CA 90248

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Council Members present:

Terisa Price, Chair  
John McTaggart, Vice Chair  
John Addleman  
Margaret Hudson  
Lou Mitchell

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Officers:

Cynthia Karpman, Division 18 Transportation  
Manager in the absence of Dana M. Coffey,  
General Manager  
Christina Lumba-Gamboa, Recording Secretary



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1. **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Contact** by Metro South Bay Volunteer.

Dixie Dorsett of Metro South Bay suggested that everyone observe the 8 mph speed limit in the bus yard and stop at all marked crosswalks.

2. **APPROVED Minutes** of the April 14, 2006 Council Meeting.

3. **PRESENTATION** of Safety Certificates to South Bay area students by Dana M. Coffey, General Manager, Metro South Bay.

Richard Morallo, Community Relations Officer of South Bay presented the Safety Certificates on behalf of Dana M. Coffey, General Manager. Guidance Counselor Jose Pimentel from McKinley Ave. Elementary School received the safety certificates on behalf of student winners who were in class at this time.

4. **APPROVED** Proposed Line 225/226 Changes by Martin Gombert, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority.

Mr. Gombert reported that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA) will start operating Line 225/226 on June 26.

Currently there are 24 trips that transport approximately 171 passengers coming from San Pedro to Palos Verdes Estates and South Redondo Beach. PVPTA is proposing to reduce the number of trips to 17, a 21% decrease in service. The 7 trips that are being eliminated transport a total of 5 people. The service will be operated on the same route and schedule as it is currently operated.

In September, PVPTA is proposing to extend the Green route from Park Plaza and Western Av. in midday to the current layover of Line 225 in San Pedro at 8<sup>th</sup> and Averill Sts. It will

add midday service for passengers who are traveling between San Pedro and Peninsula areas.

Mr. Gombert announced that the PVPTA Customer Service phone number is 310-544-7108.

J. K. Drummond asked where the new Green route extension will start and end in San Pedro. Mr. Gombert responded that the Green route layover will be at 8<sup>th</sup> and Averill Sts.

Mr. Gombert stated that the route will be extended in the middle of the day by five trips to give passengers options.

Mr. Drummond suggested that the City of Los Angeles be represented on the Board of PVPTA. He also commented that PVPTA has the worst maps, totally unreadable, with some streets not listed at all.

Norman Hobson asked how the data was gathered that indicates a 21% decrease in service impacts a total of 5 people.

Mr. Gombert responded that there was a 100% passenger ride check done on Line 225/226 in October 2005. There were surveyors riding on each trip who recorded the boardings, alightings and running times.

Mr. Gombert added that the new public timetable schedules that will be released next week will be readable and user friendly.

5. **PRESENTATION** of Metro Connections Workshop by Madeline Van Leuvan, Service Development Manager and Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro South Bay.

Scott Greene made a Power Point presentation of the background and status of Metro Connections. The following are the proposed service changes.

Line	Major Streets	Service Changes Proposed for Discussion
40	Hawthorne Crenshaw King Broadway	Reroute in downtown L.A. to serve Broadway between 1st St. and Chavez, and then serve Chavez between Broadway and Vignes.
42	La Tijera Stocker King Broadway	Shorten route to operate between LAX City Bus Center and Leimert Park.
111	Florence	Shorten route to end at Norwalk Green Line Station. Provide a shuttle between Whittier and Norwalk Station.
117	Century Tweedy Imperial	Consider eliminating deviation to Rancho Los Amigos, serving the facility instead from the Erickson Av. ramps
119 126	108th Manhattan Beach Bl.	Consider alternate service providers such as LADOT for Line 119 and Beach Cities Transit for Line 126.
120 121	Imperial	Combine routes at Rosa Parks Station.
127	Compton Somerset Bellflower	Transfer scheduling and planning functions to the Gateway Cities Sector.
202	Willowbrook Alameda	Shorten route to operate between Del Amo Blue Line and Rosa Parks Stations. Consider alternate service provider.
211 /215	Prairie Inglewood	Reroute Line 211 to terminate at the Hawthorne Green Line Station. Consider new shuttle in Inglewood.
130	Artesia	Consider alternate service provider on Artesia Bl. west of South Bay Galleria Transit Center.
214	Broadway Main	Cancel Broadway segment between 120th and Albertoni. Continue to operate on Main, and extend service from Harbor Green Line to LA Southwest College.

444	Hawthorne Artesia Harbor	Shorten route to operate between Palos Verdes Drive South and the Artesia Transit Center feeding new Harbor Transitway Trunk.
445	Harbor	Harbor Transitway End-to-End from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM Serves all Harbor Transitway Stations to 7th/Metro.
446 /447	Pacific Avalon Harbor	Shorten route to operate between Pt. Fermin and the Artesia Transit Center. Convert Line 447 trips to Line 446 when City of LA implements second San Pedro DASH on 7th St.
450X	Harbor Transitway	Provide 20" frequency effective June 26, 2006. Consider articulated bus for added capacity.
New	Harbor Transitway	Harbor Transitway Trunk from Artesia Transit Center to 7th/Metro from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
710	Crenshaw	Shorten route to Wilshire/Western Red Line Station, eliminating service to Hollywood.
711	Florence	Extend route to the LAX City Bus Center on the west and to Norwalk Green Line Station on the east.
740	Hawthorne	Effective June 26, add service capacity with 45' buses. Add stop at Hawthorne/Manhattan Beach Bl.
New	TBD	LAX to South Bay to Long Beach
New	TBD	LAX to West LA to Mid-Wilshire

Mr. Greene announced the key elements and milestones:

- Network Master Plan – May 2006
- Implement Pilot program – December 2006
- Resource Plan – January 2007

- Marketing/Communications – On-going through 2007
- Capital/Facilities – November 2006
- Implementation Plan – April 2007
- Full Implementation – June 2009

6. RECEIVED Chair's Remarks

Chair Price congratulated everybody on recent ridership increases of 7% to 8%. She also mentioned:

- A pilot project implementing solar powered bus stops. She announced that there is one being installed on Artesia at Kingsdale next to the Galleria Transit Center.
- Beach Cities Transit on the cover of Metro Magazine.

7. General Manager's Comments - None

8. RECEIVED Public Comments

- Council Member McTaggart commented that on his way to the meeting the operator of Line 444 stopped at one of the stops that had been eliminated because there was a lady standing there and the operator recognized her as a regular. He commended the operator for taking the time to stop and informing the passenger that the Line 444 does not stop on that corner anymore.
- Council Member Addleman informed the Council that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority includes Los Angeles County under Supervisor Knabe's constituency.
- Council Member Hudson said that she is pleased that the Carson North/South shuttle will begin serving the Artesia Transit Center.
- Norman Hobson commented that line duplication is not necessarily bad but relieves overcrowding of the main line.

- Dorothea Jester commented that timetables on the buses were dated September 2004 and automatic announcements were wrong. She expressed concern about blind passengers when landmarks are hard to spot in the evenings.
- A. Sachs commended Metro for the increase of the Rapid Bus program but expressed concern that it may be creating gaps in service. Mr. Sachs said that he is familiar with Lines 740 and 40 that run through Hawthorne and Lawndale where there are only one or two Rapid stops and a large community of people have to use Line 40. He also said that he went to Union Station to pick up line schedules but the racks were empty.

Chair Price informed Mr. Sachs that one of the staff will address his issues.

- J.K. Drummond commented that the enunciator on Bus #7914 was off. He complained that he was issued a day pass on Line 550 instead of the Metro to Muni transfer that he requested. When he tried to get on the Torrance bus, the operator refused to accept the day pass. He asked why the southbound Line 550 stop at Artesia Transit Center is far from the southbound Line 205 stop since these lines both serve Vermont Av.
- Jose Melendez commented that using the Rapid bus on the Express route is okay.



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