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San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Governance Council

Regular Meeting

Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector Office
San Gabriel Valley Conference Room
3369 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Called to Order at 5:08 p.m.

Sector Representatives Present:

David Spence, Chair
Rosie Vasquez, Vice Chair
Harry Baldwin
Bart Doyle
Bruce Heard
Henry Lopez
Sharon Martinez
Joseph Mosca

Officers:

Jack Gabig, General Manager
Michele Chau, Council Secretary



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1. **Introductions** – Sector Representatives, staff and audience members introduced themselves.
2. **APPROVED Minutes** of Regular Governance Council Meeting held July 11, 2006.
3. **Public Comment** – none.
4. **Chair's Remarks** – Chair Spence mentioned that Representative Baldwin rode on the high-speed Maglev train on a recent visit to Shanghai. Representative Baldwin provided a brief overview of his experience on the train, which travels at speeds of approximately 250 miles per hour and provides a direct connection to the airport. He stated that Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is considering implementing this type of system in Southern California to better connect the airports.

Chair Spence introduced Karen Gorman, Chief Ethics Officer.

5. **RECEIVED AB 1234 Ethics Training Announcement presentation** by Karen Gorman, Metro Chief Ethics Officer.

Ms. Gorman announced that AB 1234 requires specified local officials (those who receive compensation for their service or are eligible to have their expenses reimbursed) to receive two hours of ethics training every two years. She stated that the first deadline is January 1, 2007. Training will be provided by Metro's Ethics Department at no charge. The Department will be polling for possible training dates and will send out a notice to Sector Representatives. Training is also available from the California League of Cities for a fee. Officials whose term of office ends before January 1, 2007 are excused. A proof of participation will be given to local agency officials receiving the training, and copies of these certificates must be provided to Metro's Ethics Department and maintained as public records subject to disclosure to the media, the public and others for at least five years.

6. **RECEIVED report of the General Manager.**

Mr. Gabig provided an overview of Key Performance Indicators for the month of June 2006. The number of New Worker's Compensation (WC) Indemnity Claims per 200,000 Exposure Hours is nearly at target. Although Monthly WC costs, OSHA Recordable Incidents, and Bus Traffic Accidents exceeded the target, they are within budget. Miles Between Mechanical Failures and Passenger Boardings are trending upward, while Complaints are trending downward. The Sector continues to struggle in the area of On-Time Performance (OTP). Mr. Gabig noted that the OTP task force is in the early stages of implementing various recommendations.

Representative Vasquez inquired about the specific lines on which boardings have increased.

Mr. Gabig responded that boardings have increased agency-wide, and that staff can come back with more information.

Complaint data indicates a decline in the number of complaints agency-wide over the past 18 months.

“How You Doin’?” Program:

Transportation: Division 9 placed 2nd and Division 3 placed 3rd.

Maintenance: Division 3 placed 3rd and Division 9 placed 4th.

Final results for FY06:

Division 3 placed 1st and Division 9 placed 2nd.

Mr. Gabig noted that each Division will receive a \$1,000 award, shared between Maintenance and Transportation. The award is generally used for employee enhancements.

Mr. Gabig presented a slide showing construction of the new Division 9 Transportation Building. After framing is complete, the Sector hopes to hold a “sign the steel” photo op event to celebrate progress on the project. Representatives will be notified of when this occurs.

He announced that the Sector recently received a letter from R.W. Thee suggesting that Metro connect all rail systems to LAX and provide better bus connections. The letter has been referred to the Long Range Planning Department.

7. **RECEIVED report on FY07 Budget** by Steve Rosenberg, Administrative & Finance Manager.

Mr. Rosenberg presented an overview of the FY07 adopted budget for Metro San Gabriel Valley. He reviewed operational cost drivers in the areas of Service (including Operated Vehicles, Hub Miles, Vehicle Hours, and Boardings), Sector Headcount (including Transportation, Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, and Sector Office/Vehicle Operations), Maintenance (including Mechanics, Hub Miles Per Mechanic, Buses Per Mechanic, Service Attendants, Buses per Service Attendant, Fuel Cost Per Hub Mile, and Parts Cost Per Hub Mile) and Transportation (including FTE Bus Operators and FTE Vehicle Hours Per Bus Operator).

Representative Spence asked for clarification on the acronym “FTE.”

Mr. Rosenberg responded that this stands for full-time equivalent.

Mr. Rosenberg reviewed the SGV Sector FY07 adopted budget in terms of various functions (including Transportation, Maintenance and Facilities, and Sector) and cost categories (including Labor, Fringe Benefits, Fuel and Lubricant, Parts, WC Chargeback, General Liability (PL/PD) Insurance, Other Expenses, and Other Sector Support). He provided an overview of budgeted amounts for various departments performing support functions. The largest amounts are being allocated to Transit Security, Central Maintenance and Risk Management.

Representative Baldwin asked about the effective date of the new labor agreement.

Mr. Rosenberg responded that the agreement became effective July 1.

Mr. Gabig reported that the need to accommodate Consent Decree-mandated services, and the shifting of some Rapid bus service and articulated buses to Division 9 contributed to the increase in the FY07 budget. Nevertheless, the budget remains lean on the labor and maintenance side.

Representative Vasquez asked if Divisions 3 and 9 are allocated an equal portion of the budget.

Mr. Gabig responded that it is close to an even split.

Representative Heard asked if the Sector is operating any articulated buses.

Mr. Gabig responded that the Sector's facilities have not been modified to maintain this type of bus.

Mr. Gabig welcomed Joe Mosca, new San Gabriel Valley Sector Representative, to the Governance Council.

8. Consideration of Items not on the Posted Agenda – none.

ADJOURNED at 5:45 p.m.

Michele Chau

Michele Chau, Council Secretary