



Expo

Exposition Metro Line
Construction Authority

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July 5, 2007 – 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 381B**

Called to Order at 2:40 P.M.

Directors Present:

Jan Perry, Chair
Mike Bohlke
Alan Corlin
Pam O'Connor
Bernard Parks
Vivian Rescalvo

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Carey, Clerk of the Board
Samantha Bricker, Chief Operations Officer
Joel Sandberg, Director, Engineering & Construction
George Joseph, General Counsel

1. Called to Order at 2:40 P.M.
2. Roll Called
3. **APPROVED** Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held July 5, 2007

The vote was unanimous.

4. **RECEIVED** Public Comment (On/Off Agenda)

Mr. Damien Goodmon of Save Leimert Neighborhood Coalition submitted four documents. Two of the documents contain several questions and he requested that the Board direct Authority staff to respond.

5. **APPROVED** on Consent Calendar

- b. Salary Structure Update
- c. City of L.A. FY08 Annual Work Plan
- d. Caltrans FY08 Annual Work Plan
- e. Department of Water and Power FY08 Annual Work Plan

Items 5.a and 5.f were pulled from the Consent Calendar to be discussed in open session.

The vote was unanimous.

- a. Lobbyist Update

Director Corlin asked if any of the five lobbyist firms currently have a relationship with Metro or had a relationship in the past.

Mr. Thorpe stated that none of the five firms listed have a current relationship with Metro, however, staff would research their past history and report back to the Board with the results.

Director Corlin made a motion that Authority staff ask the lobbyist candidates whether they had a relationship with Metro and whether they had worked for Metro in the last six years. The motion was moved and seconded.

Director Parks stated that as a point of clarification, if the lobbyists have represented Metro, they could have represented them on a myriad of issues so they should probably state what issues they represented Metro on so that there would be no confusion.

Chair Perry asked that Director Parks' language be included in the amendment.

Samantha Bricker commented that the Authority had compiled all of the resumes and she did not recall seeing any of the lobbyists currently working for Metro or associated with Metro in the past. She said Authority staff was planning on submitting all of the resumes to the Board and would go back to all of the lobbyist applicants and ask them to specifically address this particular issue, and that staff would send out a follow-up memo to the Board with the results.

RECEIVE AND FILED the Lobbyist Update with Director Corlin's **amendment**, and clarification by Director Parks.

The vote was unanimous.

- f. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Time Warner Cable and the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority.

Chair Perry and Director Parks recused themselves from voting on Item 5.f. Director O'Connor called for the vote.

APPROVED the CEO recommendation to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Time Warner Cable and the Exposition Construction Authority.

The vote was unanimous with Chair Perry and Director Parks abstaining.

Director O'Connor turned the Chair back over to Director Perry.

- 6. General Board Action Item(s)
 - a. **APPROVED** the Chief Executive Officer recommendation on the CalPers Final Resolution and Contract.

The vote was unanimous.

- 7. General Board Discussion Item(s)
 - a. **RECEIVED** the Monthly Project Status Update

Joel Sandberg, Director of Engineering & Construction, gave a powerpoint presentation on the Monthly Project Status Update and the Jobs Program.

- 8. CEO Comments

Mr. Thorpe commented that the Authority spent the morning giving the Federal Transit Administrator a tour of the Eastside Project, Phase I of Expo, and some of Expo Phase 2. The Administrator commented favorably about our efforts in improving mobility in Los Angeles.

Mr. Thorpe stated that the Authority had extended an offer to Monica Born for the position of Transportation Project Director for Phase 2. A memo informing the Board of her selection had been sent out and Ms. Born will be joining the Construction Authority. Ms. Born will be introduced to the Board next month.

9. Board Member Comments

Chair Perry stated that before going into closed session, she would like to go back and re-visit Public Comment and give the two speakers three minutes each.

RECEIVED Public Comment from Mr. Damien Goodmon and Mr. Charles Folletta.

Chair Perry stated that before the Board went into closed session, she would like to make a verbal motion that staff be allowed to view UCLA's virtual presentation of the Expo Line.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. George Joseph, general counsel for the Authority, commented on Item 10.b, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Chief Executive Officer, that if there was any discussion of the amount of any salary adjustment, it needed to be disclosed in open session after the conclusion of closed session.

10. Convened to Closed Session at 3:05 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session at 4:10 p.m.

Item 10.a - No reportable action taken

Item 10.b – Continued to the next month

11. Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Juanita Carey, Clerk of the Board