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San Fernando Valley Service Sector
Governance Council

Special Meeting

Marvin Braude Constituent Svc Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Room 1A
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Called to Order: **6:33 p.m.**

Service Sector Representatives Present:

Brad Rosenheim, Vice Chair
Kymberleigh Richards
Joan H. Leonard
Nury Martinez
Marsha Ramos
Richard O. Arvizu

Officers:

Richard Hunt, General Manager
William Walker, Council Secretary
Raynard Price, Council Secretary



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1. **RECEIVED** Remarks by San Fernando Service Sector Governance Council Vice Chair Brad Rosenheim. Representative Rosenheim welcomed everyone and introduced Brad McAllester.
2. **PRESENTATION** of **Long Range Transportation Plan** by Brad McAllester, Executive Officer, Countywide Planning and Development. Mr. McAllester presented a DVD presentation of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Afterwards, he reviewed recommendations in the plan that are specific to the San Fernando Valley (pages 26, 30 and 31 of the Draft) and opened the meeting for discussion. Mr. McAllester stated Metro will consider concerns to the plan to be presented to the Metro Board in June, 2008.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.
4. **CLOSING REMARKS** by Governance Council Representatives.

Representative Nury Martinez announced she will be unable to attend the regular May Governance Council meeting.

Representatives requested the following changes and additions into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Representative Joan Leonard expressed concerns regarding the congestion at the Cahuenga Pass and the additional construction in the area. She said there will be permanent gridlock and something should be done now before the space is built out. She also expressed an interest in MTA educating people about congestion.

Representative Marsha Ramos suggested the plan take into account the job centers and heavy transportation activity in the Arroyo Verdugo region (transit corridor between the Red Line and Gold Line). She alluded that this suggestion could replace the “Yellow” Line project which may be an outdated suggestion. She also encourages Metro to reinvest savings from any changes in the Metrolink allocation to where the need is the greatest. She also expressed a desire to be able to use capital funding to promote safety.

Representative Brad Rosenheim shared a concern that the San Fernando Valley only has an investment of \$300M compared to the entire region. He believes the allocation given in year 2001 raises some concerns. There are more highway dollars designated for the Valley over transit projects. Representative Rosenheim said Metro should build upon the base as it creates other projects as opposed to reducing service hours. Other Representatives were in agreement. There was

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much discussion regarding the possibility of a ballot measure allowing for the reallocation of highway funds to transit funds.

He further suggested that the Orange Line be extended to Ventura County in conjunction with the 101 HOV Lane to Ventura county line as a Tier 2 project.

Representative Rosenheim, with other Representatives, put forth the idea of adding enhancements to the Orange Line (capacity, efficiency, effectiveness, grade separations, passing lanes, express services, safety gates, and closing intersections). Most importantly, discussion concluded with a request that consideration be given to include into the Long Range Plan the conversion of the Orange Line Bus into Orange Line Rail as a Tier 2 project.

Representative Kymberleigh Richards recommended the I-405 Corridor Busway move from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1 project as soon as possible to move Rapid Express Service from the Valley into the Westside.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

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