

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OF THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
700 A-SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006  
2:00 P.M.

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Mass Transit Department Board met at the above place and date. 2:05 p.m. Committee Chairman Mr. Edmund Davis present and presiding.

**Committee Members Answering Roll Call:**

Mr. Edmund Davis,  
Mr. Ernst Erbe,  
Mrs. Soledad Galvan,  
Mr. Ernesto Dominguez,  
Mr. Frederick Shuford,  
Mr. Alfredo Diaz,  
Ms. Zulema Lazarin arrived 12 minutes late,  
Mr. Keith Pannell arrived 30 minutes late,

**Committee Members Absent:**

Ms. Eva Carter

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting.
4. Discussion and action on Bus Bench issues:
  - a) replacement of destroyed benches.
  - b) putting more benches out-especially where there are none. (Mr. Ernst Erbe)
5. Discussion and action on route change for routes 41 and 36. (Mr. Ernst Erbe)
6. Giving guard at Wm Beaumont a two-way radio to call the driver at the V.A. to pick up passengers. (Mr. Ernst Erbe)
7. Review of Ms. Robin Roberts' presentation to the CAC of the Coordinated Regional Transportation and questions to Ms. Roberts. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)
8. Discussion and action on the upcoming Transportation Summit on November 1, 2006. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)
9. Presentation by Mr. Efren Meza, El Paso MPO regarding results of Regional Transportation Coordinated group survey, and request for assistance by CAC with Sun Metro to further the disbursement of the survey. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)
10. Update and discussion and action on the CAC Subcommittee's activities on the Transportation Mall Project. (Raymond L. Telles, Assistant City Attorney)
11. Discussion and action on the nomination of alternate CAC Board Members, per the Mass Transit Department Board's recent approval of the addition of such alternate members. (Raymond L. Telles, Assistant City Attorney)

12. Discussion with the Director on:
  - a. Fall Service Adjustments Presentation
  - b. Director's experiences with the CAC and opinions on increasing effectiveness.

**1. Call to Order.**

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

**2. Public Comments.**

Patricia Robertson requested information and provided comments on three issues: (i) Sun Metro Disaster Preparedness; (ii) Route #23 on the weekends; and, (iii) the Wal-Mart bus stop. Mr. Scott provided factual responses to the questions raised by Ms. Robertson.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting.**

Mr. Dominguez made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Galvan. All in favor.

Mr. Dominguez made a motion to move on from item 4 to item 7 to have the guest speakers discuss their items. Mr. Erbe seconded the motion. All in favor.

**7. Review of Ms. Robin Roberts' presentation to the CAC of the Coordinated Regional Transportation and questions to Ms. Roberts. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)**

Ms. Roberts returned to provide a summary of her presentation from the last CAC meeting and answer any questions that the CAC have about the Coordinated Regional Transportation program. Motion made by Ms. Lazarin to forward to the Mass Transit Department Board a request for a resolution of support for the program, seconded by Mr. Dominguez. All in favor.

**8. Discussion and action on the upcoming Transportation Summit on November 1, 2006. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)**

Mr. Dominguez made a motion to place an item on the Mass Transit agenda for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting on the Transportation Summit in November in support of the Rio Grande Council of Government's (RGCOG) request for "appropriate funding support". Mr. Pannell seconded. Ms. Lazarin abstained, as she is employed by the RGCOG.

Mr. Scott introduced Mr. Kevin Bunce as the Interim Director of Sun Metro.

Mr. Erbe made a motion to take item 9 after item 8, seconded by Mr. Shuford. All in favor.

**9. Presentation by Mr. Efren Meza, El Paso MPO regarding results of Regional Transportation Coordinated group survey, and request for assistance by CAC with Sun Metro to further the disbursement of the survey. (Mr. Ernesto Dominguez)**

Mr. Efren Meza Transportation Planner for the MPO passed out the Transportation Survey and will place an item on the Mass Transit Department Board asking for Sun

Metro's assistance in distributing the survey. No action was taken by the CAC.

**4. Discussion on Bus Bench issues:**

**a. replacement of destroyed benches.**

**b. Putting more benches out-especially where there are none. (Mr. Ernse Erbe)**

Mr. Scott explained to Mr. Erbe that if he sees a bench that is destroyed he can call 533-3333.

Mr. Scott also stated that not all bus stops have to have benches, as there are restrictions on their placement – such as ADA compliance requirements and state right of way issues. No action was taken by the CAC.

**5. Discussion and action on route change for routes 41 and 36. (Mr. Ernst Erbe)**

Mr. Scott stated that changes to these routes have been combined with other routes to ensure continued service. No action was taken by the CAC.

**6. Giving guard at Wm Beaumont a two-way radio to call the driver at the V. A. to pick up passengers. (Mr. Ernst Erbe)**

Mr. Scott discussed the history of this item and the problems with implementing such a request. No action was taken by the CAC.

**10. Update and discussion and action on the CAC Subcommittee's activities on the Transportation Mall Project. (Raymond L. Telles, Assistant City Attorney)**

Mr. Ernesto Dominguez stated that this item should be deleted and maybe brought back at another time.

**11. Discussion and action on the nomination of alternate CAC Board Members, per the Mass Transit Department Board's recent approval of the addition of such alternate members. (Raymond L. Telles, Assistant City Attorney)**

Raymond Telles stated that this item would be placed on the October CAC Agenda so the Board can nominate and approve its proposed 3 alternates.

**12. Discussion with the Director on:**

**a. Fall Service Adjustments Presentation**

**b. Director's experiences with the CAC and opinions on increasing effectiveness**

Mr. Scott stated that the Fall Service Schedules would be passed out at all the terminals a week in advance so that all Sun Metro passengers would be aware of the changes.

Mr. Scott discussed his experience with the CAC throughout his years as Sun Metro Director.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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Department Head/Board Secretary

