

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
700 A-SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 20, 2009
2:00 P.M.

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Mass Transit Department Board met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Committee Chair Richard Sheldon, present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Mr. Richard Sheldon
Mr. Walt Phillips
Ms. Robin Roberts
Mr. Ernesto Dominguez
Mr. Daniel Estrada
Mr. Troy Hicks
Ms. Suzanne Fabian
Mr. Lawrence Harley (Alternate)
Ms. Jane Ratcliffe (Absent)
Ms. Amy Lechuga (Absent)

Agenda

1. Call to order.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Public Comments

Item 2: No Public Comments.

3. Approval of the minutes of the CAC meeting of August 18, 2009.

Item 3: Motion made by Walt Phillips to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Ernesto Dominguez. All in favor.

4. Discussion and action on implementation of By-Laws for CAC. (Cynthia Osborn – Assistant City Attorney)

Item 4: Hardcopies of the By-Laws were handed out to the members and discussed by Cynthia Osborn. Committee members agreed and had minor changes. Motion made by Walt Phillips to revise the by laws as discussed and present for adoption at the November meeting. Ernesto Dominguez seconded. All in favor.

5. Presentation on Pedestrian Safety efforts by George Atkins of the Citizens Advisory Commission to the El Paso Police Department to educate the elderly community about how to reduce and prevent pedestrian deaths/accidents. (George Atkins CAC EPPD & Sun Metro – PIO Laura Cruz-Acosta)

Item 5: No action taken.

6. Presentation and discussion of proposal to name the Westside Transfer Center, the “Al Jefferson Westside Transfer Center”. (CAC) (Postponed from 08/18/09)

Item 6: The CAC previously had approved the naming of the “Al Jefferson” Westside Transfer Center, and that staff will take the application to Council for approval. No action taken.

7. Discussion and action on ADA accommodations at Downtown Transfer Center. (Jay Banasiak – Sun Metro)

Item 7: Mr. Banasiak invited CAC members to visit the Downtown Transfer Center for recommendations on ADA accommodations. Suzanne Fabian suggested more grab bars installed in other stalls. Ernesto Dominguez seconded. All in favor.

8. Discussion and action on the bus stop at the Walmart at Transmountain. (CAC)

Item 8: Mr. Sheldon discussed the pathway at Walmart. Michael Herrera stated he would go discuss this issue with Walmart officials first. Troy Hicks made a motion to request that the MTB speak to Walmart. Robin Roberts seconded. All in favor.

9. Status on letter sent to the Far West Texas / El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee. (CAC)

Item 9: Mr. Banasiak stated that a letter had been sent out to the steering committee. No action taken.

10. Status on measures to replace CAC members whose terms expired on November 1, 2009. (CAC)

Item 10: Mr. Banasiak stated that there are no vacancies. No action taken.

11. Request that bus stops be added on Alcan and McCombs at Sun Valley. (CAC)

Item 11: Michael Herrera stated he would follow up on this item with a report.

12. Director’s Report on: (Jay Banasiak – Sun Metro)

- a) Ridership.
- b) Affordability
- c) Safety
- d) Maintenance
- e) Customer Satisfaction,
- f) Paratransit

Mr. Banasiak discussed the Director’s Report.

Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez to adjourn meeting, seconded by Walt Phillips, at 5:05 p.m. all in favor.

Approved as to form:

Department Head/Board Secretary