

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
700 A-SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007
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 2:00 p.m. Committee Chair Mr. Ernesto Dominguez present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Mr. Ernst Erbe,
Ms. Soledad Galvan,
Ms. Mary Castillo,
Ms. Robin A. Roberts.
Ms. Jane Ratcliff
Mr. Richard Sheldon – Alternate Member

Members absent:

Mr. Keith Pannell
Mr. Alfredo Diaz
Ms. Zulema Lazarin

Members left early:

Ms. Soledad Galvan left at 3:34 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

2. Public Comments

Item 2: Public comments made by Ms. Lea Osborne. Ms. Osborne asked if Sun Metro could pick up students at their home schools. Chairperson Ernesto Dominguez suggested that her concern/question could be placed on next months CAC agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 21, 2007 CAC meeting.

Item 3: Motion made by Jane Ratcliff seconded by Robin Roberts to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2007 CAC meeting. All in favor.

4. Discussion and action on the possible burials at the proposed Mission Valley Transit Terminal site. (Maria R. Perez)

Item 4: Liza Ramirez-Tobias, Program Manager, explained to the CAC that a site assessment had been done at the property. She also explained that an archeologist is hired on contract and that if any remains are found, the project stops until the process is complete.

Ms. Ramirez-Tobias stated that she would contact Maria R. Perez and Mary Castillo if any information comes available.

5. Discussion and motion to designate routes to stop by the senior centers in order to feed seniors without transportation promote their socialization and provide a cool building for non-air conditioned homes. (Zulema Lazarin)

Item postponed from 08-21-07)

Item 5: Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez seconded by Richard Sheldon to postpone Item 5 to the next CAC meeting of October 16, 2007. All in favor.

6. Discussion and motion regarding the removal of bus routes 64 and 21 for their reinstatement or to provide another alternative. (Zulema Lazarin)

Item postponed from 08-21-07)

Item 6: Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez seconded by Richard Sheldon to postpone Item 6 to the next CAC meeting of October 16, 2007. All in favor.

7. Brief explanation of the contract for bench advertisers:

- a. Replacement of destroyed benches,
- b. Moving benches without replacing them,
- c. Use of benches which are damaged, and are not suitable for use.

(Ernst Erbe) Item postponed from 08-21-07)

Item 7: Sun Metro Director, Tim Omick, explained to the CAC that now the enforcement of bus benches had move back to Sun Metro. He informed that Sun Metro had recently met with all the bus bench franchisees to continue with the rule making process.

Mr. Omick informed the CAC that Sun Metro would give a monthly update on the status of bus benches.

8. Discussion and action on the approval of Mr. Robert E. Morrison as a CAC alternate member. (Ernesto Dominguez)

Item 8: Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez seconded by Richard Sheldon to postponed Item 8 to the next CAC meeting of October 16, 2007. All in favor.

9. Discussion and motion that the CAC be part of the Regional Planning Transportation Committee with an at large member. (Ernesto Dominguez)

Item 9: Item 9 was discussed with Item 12.

10. Request update on the bus stop route schedules on bus stop signs. (Alfredo Diaz)
(If not present, please follow up on it – any member)

Item 10: Tim Omick, Director of Sun Metro informed the CAC that Sun Metro is in the process of updating all bus stops and route schedules. No action taken on this item.

11. Request to continue following North American Union by staff. Report only if it affects us. (Jane Ratcliff)

Item 11: Jane Ratcliff suggested that the CAC members read the book titled “The Late Great U.S. A.” by Jerome R. Corsi. No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action on recommendation from the CAC regarding inclusion of one representative from among the CAC members on the newly forming Stakeholder committee (relates to the developing committee bylaws). (Robin Roberts)

Item 12: Robin Roberts presented the CAC a power point presentation on the Regional Coordinated Transportation.

Motion made by Mary Castillo seconded by Richard Sheldon to have Robin Roberts speak before the Mass Transit Department Board meeting in regards to a recommendation from the CAC to expand the role of the CAC.

Jane Ratcliff voted Nay. Motion passed 6 to 1.

13. Review, discussion and possible action on recommendations on the procurement process pertaining to Sun Metro serving as the designated recipient (as referenced in SAFETEA-LU) for the Sections 5316 and 5317 funds of SAFETEA-LU for the urbanized area. (Robin Roberts)

Item 13: Norman Schenck, Assistant Director for Paratransit Services, informed the CAC that Sun Metro will be addressing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) next month in regards to this item. Sun Metro will report back to the CAC.

14. Tony Harley, Northeast resident, would like to express concerns regarding driver's not acknowledging him as disabled even with his Lift ID card. Also, concerns of small buggycarts on busses and new busses. (Richard Sheldon – Alternate)

Item 14: Mr. Tony Harley made comments in reference to concerns/complaints he had with Sun Metro fixed route service.

Sun Metro Director, Tim Omick, suggested Mr. Harley call and report any incidents

15. Discussion on disrepair/messiness (trash) of NorthPark Terminal pictures. Security guards at same terminal not acting professional/allowing teens/young adults to use vulgar language. Guards also reading papers etc. and not "guarding" public. Pothole follow-up of NorthPark. (Richard Sheldon – Alternate)

Item 15: Jerry Davis, Sun Metro's Facility Maintenance Manager, informed the CAC that the potholes and trash issues had been addressed and taken care of at the North Park Terminal. This item will be brought back to the CAC.

16. Discussion on follow-up of Walmart/City of El Paso ramp that was curbed forcing pedestrian traffic to Walmart to walk in street. Pictures to follow. (Richard Sheldon – Alternate)

Item 16: Item 16 was discussed with item 17.

17. Report by Sun Metro staff on the Trans-Mountain/Wal Marts bus stop.

Item 17: Michael Herrera, Sun Metro's Transit Planning Manager, gave the CAC a report on the Trans-Mountain/Wall Mart bus stop.

18. Report by Sun Metro staff on the transportation services or discounts for Ft. Bliss soldiers.

Item 18: Cynthia Grajeda, Sun Metro's Public Information Officer, informed the CAC that she spoke to Ft. Bliss officials and their recommendation was to wait until all construction at Ft. Bliss was complete and also wait until all troops arrived so that Sun Metro could do presentations to all in regards to public transportation. No action on this item.

19. Director's Report on the operations, maintenance, fleet, and service:

- a. Bus Rodeo October 13, 2007
- b. Update on the International Transit Terminal

Item 19: Tim Omick, Director for Sun Metro, informed the CAC of Bus Rodeo on October 13, 2007, he also distributed to the CAC copies of the Director's Report that was presented to the Mass Transit Department Board on August 28, 2007.

Motion to adjourn was not obtained due to the loss of a quorum. Meeting ended at 4:15 pm

Approved as to form:

Department Head/Board Secretary