



MINUTES
COMMUNITY TRANSIT TALK (PUBLIC WORKSHOP)
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency

Thursday, March 25, 2010
5:30 PM

Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium, 550 Olive Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all Board members were present with the exception of Director Britton.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Board of Directors, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 19, 2010 at MTD's administrative offices, emailed and mailed to those on the agenda minutes list, and posted on MTD's website

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Davis stated that the Public Comment period was open. He stated that given the nature of the workshop, there was not a need for the formality of a Request to Speak form. This meeting was intended to be an open forum of discussion.

5. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT ISSUES ON THE SOUTH COAST - WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

Assistant General Manager/ Controller, Jerry Estrada briefly outlined the proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Draft Budget.

Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations, David Damiano reviewed the Draft Service Plan.

Following a discussion with the public, the comments presented to staff and the Board included:

- Weekend impacts on workers; especially in the Isla Vista area
- Request for a better connection to Amtrak Goleta Station
- Suggestion of a creative coordination with the Santa Barbara School District to help lower income level high school students with the cost of passes
- Mesa Neighborhood's wish for zip cars, Pedi-cabs, shuttle service, etc.

Chair Davis stated that based on the conversations of the evening the public has a real understanding of the financial issues the District faces, the "trade-off" when making decisions. MTD seeks the support that the public brings to the system that made Measure A happen and the support by the public to make the proposed changes work.

Director Weinberg stated that the main focus of the Board and staff has always been in continuing to provide service for the community. Service is a priority on the District's mind.

Chair Davis thanked the public for attending the workshop and for their comments and suggestions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Weinberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Director Aceves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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