

- NOTICE OF MEETING -
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007; 5:00 P.M.
2910 EAST FIFTH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78702

- MINUTES -

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Lee Walker
Commissioner Margaret Gomez
Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino
Council Member Mike Martinez
Mayor John Cowman
Council Member Brewster McCracken

STAFF PRESENT

Fred Gilliam, President/CEO
Sallie Crosby, Chief Counsel
Gina Estrada, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison
SUPPORT STAFF

The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors convened its Public Hearing on September 17, 2007 and was called to order by Chairman Walker Gomez at 5:00 p.m.

- A G E N D A -

1. Proposed Fare Adjustment.

Dianne Mendoza and Matt Curtis, Business Development gave the attached presentation. Randy Hume, VP of Finance and Administration gave the attached presentation.

Commissioner Gomez handed out the attached material on "Highlights: Transportation Gaps & Barriers Focus Groups."

Carl Webb – spoke on no bus advertisement and no trust in minority outreach, see attached presentation.

Austin Van Zant – What, Why, Really. Money goes to rail not bus, 29 mil surpluses. President/CEO Gilliam said future operating expense 2011, exceed the operating cost. Buses in 09.

Amina Haji – No show.

Glen Gaven – No brochure on any UT buses. APTA study for 10% increase could be 30%. Fare recovery ration, not getting it to 20%. 3 million marketing to

drop 11% in ridership. Keep Austin weird.

Albert Bayer – Spoke on recovery ratio, people will not ride the bus. Austin is the best transit agency and we need to improve ridership.

Victoria Cloud – Opposing fare increase.

Lee Hill – See attachment. Council Member Martinez proposal annual increase. Mr. Hill said no, he ask staff for the numbers. Mayor Cowman asked President Gilliam when was the last fare increase? President Gilliam said 22 years ago.

David Patterson – STS ticket book is tripled, then double for everyone.

Richard Summers – Outreached failed and disagrees on doubling the fares. See attachment.

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- Jennifer McPhail – Restore BGA funds to improve access to bus stop and no fare increase.
- Geraldo Hernandez – Do not double fares.
- Kevin Underhill – No brochure on buses, took away bus transfers and that is a fare increase. Triple bike racks on the buses.
- Bill Eastman – see attachment.
- Ray Hooper – Don't spend money on fancy signs, increase STS service and use Channel 8 and others for free advertising and why does it cost 3 million?
- Eric Blumberg – Follow thru with promise that you will provide better service, if you raise fare than raise the service.
- Gerald Schnalzried – Keep ½ fare prices.
- Marilyn Rogers – Focus on doubling ridership not fares.
- Susana Almanza – see attachment. Prepare to file a civil rights complaint.
- Librado Almanza – Vote no to fare increase.
- Steve Bayer – Against fare increase, fare box recovery ratio. Focus on air quality and congestion.
- Jerrell Campbell Walker – It is ok to raise the fare but it needs a better service.
- Dick Kellerman – Against raising fares.
- Neemah McGlaughlin – Miss-information going around, no one knew in STS, he is against the fare increase.
- Mary Anderson – Title VI requires fairness, spoke on toll roads, CMTA funds are on CAMPO and Leander.
- Pamela Dickinson – Against
- Bruce Burton – Against
- D'Ann Johnson – Against, seek other alternatives. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino asked where can other alternatives come from? Ms. Johnson said, charging for dillo's, charge to park at park and ride lots, increase special events, etc.
- Mona Mehdy- Vehicle users should pay for making the alternatives, against the fare increase.
- Diane Bomar – STS rider, pay fair share, CMTA should be leaders not followers, with this increase it will be triple.
- Alana Larson – STS rider, problems with IVR. Didn't know about this meeting until an operator told her. Against the triple of fares.
- Kis Schludermann – Better service if you increase fare.
- Jennifer Parrott – I am a choice rider and didn't know about this fare increase, improve service and be creative.
- Sherry O'Quin – No show.
- Attachments

The Board of Directors may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government code.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lee Walker, Chairman; Commissioner Margaret Gomez, Vice Chairperson; Council Member Jamie Allen; Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino; Mayor, City of Leander; John Cowman, Council Member Mike Martinez and Council Member Brewster McCracken. Board Liaison: Gina Estrada 389-7458, email gina.estrada@capmetro.org

It was moved by Gomez seconded by Cowman to approve the above minutes. The motion carried a vote of 5 ayes (Walker, Gomez, McCracken, Allen and Cowman) 0 nays.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Date: September 17, 2007

Gina Estrada
Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

