



**CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING
2910 East Fifth Street Austin, TX 78702**

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Monday, September 29, 2008

5:00 PM

Capital Metro Board Room

I. Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM on September 29, 2008 at Capital Metro Board Room, 2910 East Fifth Street, Austin, TX.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Martinez	Board Member	Present	
John Trevino	Board Member	Present	
John Cowman	Board Member	Present	
Margaret Gomez	Interim Chair	Present	
Jamie Jatzlau	Secretary	Present	
Brewster McCracken	Board Member	Present	
Mike Manor	Board Member	Present	

II. Action Items:

- Regarding January 2009 Service Changes
Brief presentation given by Roberto Gonzales from the Planning Dept. - Changes proposed for January 2009, concerns from citizens regarding Bus Route 171 and 290 frontage Road. Public meetings will continue tomorrow regarding this issue.

III. Executive Session of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:

Go to Executive Session - None

Return from Executive Session

IV. Public Comment:

- John Button** - Cap Metro 14 yrs., drivers being harassed on breaks/bath room breaks by staff, salary and medical issues.
- Carlos Aleman** - Cap Metro not caring for the individuals they serve, Management, light rail, etc... Announcer not calling out stops, IVR STS still don't work.
- Diane Aleman** - Oak Hill issue - 2009 service changes -If info. given is correct, IVR problems, needs oversight, listen to your drivers, listen to the ideas & implement them.
- DeJean Melton** - Proposed changes for route 171 bus route, bus access critical to neighborhood, students (200) need to keep bus service in the neighborhood.
- Keith Watson** - Proposed 171 Route changes - Oak Hill area.
- Barbara Welch** - Route 171 - she has been riding everyday since 1994, impact this decision could have, difficult to get in and out of Park & Ride, seriously consider not taking the bus route away.
- Evan DeWandler** - Route 171 service changes - Leaves very little options.
- Scott Freshour - Route 171 service changes - West Creek neighborhood - would like

to keep route.

9. **Drew Williamson** - Proposed 171 service changes - has Petition with 176 signatures to keep the 171 bus Route & Park & Ride, maintain current level of service - (see attached Petition with citizen signatures).

Mike Manor - Is it possible to see a map of this service area?

Commissioner Gomez - Staff will work with you regarding this issue. No action will be taken on this issue tonight.

Scott Freshour was asked by Board to show the area at issue on the map displayed by staff, the area proposed to be eliminated.

Brewster McCracken - Is the proposal to eliminate altogether?

Roberto Gonzales - No, eliminating two.

B. McCracken - What is being achieved by eliminating this route? What kind of ridership - usually 20 a day, if we stop services, balancing issue, if it's cost neutral, should be okay.

M. Gomez - Staff will work with you.

Mike Martinez - Will receive a proposal regarding that land?

M. Manor - Let's work on issues.

V. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:54 PM

John Trevino moved to adjourn

Mike Martinez seconded

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: *Commissioner Margaret Gomez, Interim Chair/Vice Chair; Council Member Jamie Jatzlau; Council Member Mike Martinez; Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken; Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino; Mayor John Cowman and Mike Manor, Board Member. Board Liaison: Gina Estrada 389-7458, email gina.estrada@capmetro.org*

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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Date: September 29, 2008