

Saturday, May 8, 2010 10:00 A.M.

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## MINUTES

**Special Board Meeting  
Board of Directors**

**One Gateway Plaza  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room**

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Called to Order at 10:10 A.M.

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Directors Present:

Ara J. Najarian, Chair  
Don Knabe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Antonio Villaraigosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Diane DuBois  
John Fasana  
José Huizar  
Richard Katz  
Rita Robinson  
Zev Yaroslavsky

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Officers

Arthur T. Leahy, Chief Executive Officer  
Michele Jackson, Board Secretary  
Karen Gorman, Ethics Officer  
Karen Gorman, Acting Inspector General  
County Counsel, General Counsel



**Metro**

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1. **RECEIVED AND FILED** staff report regarding **adopted fare changes to become effective on July 1, 2010.**

Chair Najarian convened the meeting and began his remarks by informing the audience that six regional fare forums were held that sought input from several riders at six locations throughout Los Angeles County prior to the Special Board meeting held May 24, 2007 that authorized a fare increase to be implemented in three phases over a six year time period. The Chair asked whether lapsed time or changes in the economy invalidate the Title VI findings that were provided in 2007. Interim Planning Officer Doug Failing responded that the findings remain valid and that the findings were updated in March 2010. He also noted the pending increase would have taken effect in July of 2009 but was postponed because of the passage of Measure R, a transportation sales tax initiative on the November 2008 ballot. Deputy Executive Officer of Planning Conan Cheung added that more than 700 public comments (written, oral or otherwise) were submitted, that only regular fares would increase (elderly, disabled and student fares would not be impacted for another three years) and that the fare change is only the third in over fifteen years, leaving the agency with some of the lowest fares among peer agencies in the nation.

Chief Executive Officer Art Leahy concluded the presentation by stating his seven goals to guide the agency in the upcoming year to improve our transit system into a world class public transit system. He reiterated the financial problems that the agency will face in the upcoming year and said the fare increase needs to proceed in order to avoid further negative impacts to the transit system.

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2. **RECEIVED public comment.**


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➤ RECEIVED Directors' Questions and Comments regarding staff report

Director Huizar asked whether the Rider Relief Transportation Subsidy Program would remain the same under the FY 2011 budget or be increased to compensate for the increase in fares. Interim Chief Planning Officer Failing responded that subsidies were increased for the subsidy program in FY 2011.

ADJOURNED at 10:55 A.M.

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