

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



"ATTENDANCE There was a quorum based on the presence of Craig Buck, Jay Flynn, and Kenneth Silk. Pat Davenport, deputy of Councilwoman Greuel who is the Chair of the City Transportation Committee was also present. Donna Goodling of the Bus Riders Union was also present.

MINUTES The Minutes of the last meeting held on April 26 were approved.

M.T.A. There was a general discussion of the M.T.A. and it was recognized that the conduct of the M.T.A. might be influenced by communication with its members are particularly the Mayor who is also the Chair and has appointed some members. Donna referred to meetings of the M.T.A. Board downtown and of its Valley sector at 6:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday.

M.T.A. CONSENT DECREE There was discussion of the consent decree that the M.T.A. is subject to which was issued in 1996 and due to expire in October 2006. Donna stated the Bus Riders Union wanted the consent decree to be extended due to concern that in the event of expiration there would be a decrease of service, more overcrowding and increased fees. Donna stated the Bus Riders Union was asserting the M.T.A. had breached provisions of the decree regarding by decreased service, delay in increasing service and overcrowding. There was discussion of the effect of expiration of the decree on any breaches of the decree by M.T.A.

BUS LINE 156 Donna also mentioned that when the Orange Line began service M.T.A. decided to delete the former portion of the route of Bus Line 156 west of Kester and east of Santa Monica and Highland. She asserted that the portion of Line 156 which was deleted should be reinstated because this deletion was a violation of the decree and has resulted in a decrease of riders and poor service.

ACTION BY SONC There was a recognition that if SONC agreed with the Bus Riders position the most appropriate action would be through a SONC resolution and communication with the M.T.A. and particularly the Mayor. Donna acknowledged that she did not have information on some pertinent matters and referred to Lisa at the Union. It was recognized that prior to taking action SONC should obtain further information from the Union. It was further recognized that prior to taking action SONC should attempt to obtain information from the M.T.A. regarding its position.

There was discussion of formulating questions regarding this matter.

OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA The other matters set on the agenda (i.e.. update on Red Flag day, prioritizing 2006 projects and developing an action plan for 2006) were tabled.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M."