



May 13, 2015

Mr. Harold W. Barley
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RE: MetroPlan Board Discussion

Dear Mr. Barley,

I am very concerned about the quick vote during discussion concerning the significant issue of potentially reallocating 30% of state gas taxes to transit projects which amounts to more than \$20 million a year. As an Orange County Commissioner representing approximately 193,000 residents, this reallocation does not correspond with the priority of my constituents and constitutes a major potential shift in funding for which opposing views should have the right to be fully expressed. Although I fully recognize the majority of the MetroPlan Board may agree with this shift in funding, it is my understanding MetroPlan operates under parliamentary rules of procedure, and members are allowed to fully discuss a matter prior to a vote unless the question is called. I was very disturbed Chairman Swan cutoff discussion and took a quick vote on the DDR funding resolution, a resolution that came from a committee he chaired. I will note, I believe the Board discussion was less than ten minutes on this important matter.

I would like clarification on the appropriateness and legality of not allowing a full discussion of significant matters that come before MetroPlan, and the right of the Chairman to arbitrarily and unilaterally call a vote while Board members desire to further discuss a matter. If something needs to be done to protect the rights of dissenting views, I would appreciate being advised as to the same. Due to sunshine laws, I am addressing this matter to you and will not be discussing it with members of MetroPlan except in a properly noticed public forum. I would normally copy Chairman Swan as a courtesy, but I have been advised doing so could possibly be perceived as a sunshine violation.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted B. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted B. Edwards
County Commissioner, District 5

Cc: Steve Bechtel, Esq.

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