



SUBJECT: ATN PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

ISSUE DATE: JULY 27, 2011

I. PURPOSE

As a quasi-public agency governed by the Brown Act, Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*, the Anaheim Transportation Network (“ATN”) is required to allow members of the public to speak on any item of interest, so long as the item is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the governing body. The ATN may, however, adopt reasonable regulations, including time limits, on public comments, which will be enforced fairly and without regard to speakers’ viewpoints.

II. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy pertains to and provides regulation of all public comments made at a public meeting of the Board of Directors or the General Membership of the ATN. Nothing in this policy shall abrogate any participant’s constitutional right to attend and participate in meetings of the ATN.

This policy, upon adoption, shall remain in effect until such time it is modified or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

1. The Public Comment portion of the agenda will be placed at the beginning of the agenda, prior to the Consent Calendar and Action Calendar.
2. Each speaker must be recognized by the presider as having the exclusive right to be heard.
3. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. A speaker is not permitted to give the remainder of his or her time to another speaker to increase that speaker’s allotted time.
4. Public Comment time shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may choose to extend the Public Comment time, up to an additional fifteen (15) minutes.
5. After a speaker has finished with his or her comment, the Board of Directors may ask the speaker questions for clarification, which shall not be counted towards the 2-minute time limit.
6. The Board of Directors shall not be required to open up public comment on any item on the Agenda that already has been considered and/or voted upon by the Board of Directors.

7. Any speaker is permitted to make a public comment within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ATN or criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the ATN, or acts or omissions of the Board of Directors. Any speaker that makes a public comment that is not within the above purview, causes persistent disruption, or that breaches decorum of the meeting shall be asked to stop, and failing to do so, shall be required to leave the room.
8. Any speaker may be requested, but shall not be required, to provide his or her name and/or address as a condition to making a public comment.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Director shall be responsible for administration of this policy.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of July 2011.