

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2009**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Cohn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Action Summary - Board Meeting of February 9, 2009
2. Rejection of Claims: *Fijalka, D.* *Love, D*
3. Resolution: Awarding a Sole Source Contract to Clever Devices for the Purchase of Seventeen GPS Activated Stop Announcement Systems (Miller)
4. Resolution: Conditionally Awarding a Contract to VendSight, Inc. for Vending Machine Enclosure Advertising and Beverage Sales at Light Rail Stations and Promotional Partnering (Cain)
5. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to The HLA Group Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. for Morrison Creek, Franklin and Center Parkway Station Design Services for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Jaiyeoba)
6. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Light Rail Maintenance and Operations Agreement with the City of Folsom (Lonergan)
7. Resolution: Amending and Restating Title VI of the RT Administrative Code Pertaining to Budget Procedures (Tyler)
8. Resolution: Amending Exhibit A of Resolution No. 09-02-0024 and Exhibit B of Resolution No. 07-12-0161, and Approving New and Modified Job Descriptions, the District's Authorized Classifications, Positions and Salary Grades, and the District's Authorized Salary Grade Values Resulting from the Water's Classification and Compensation Study (Bonnell)
9. Resolution: Conditionally Confirming Dedication of Elk Grove-West Vineyard Transit Impact Fees and Conditionally Confirming Dedication of Elk Grove-West Vineyard Transit Impact Fees (Brookshire)

- A. Resolution: Confirming Intent to Dedicate Elk Grove-West Vineyard Transit Impact Fees to the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Light Rail Extension Project; and
- B. Resolution: Accepting the Sum of \$400,000, Plus Accrued Interest, in Satisfaction of the Obligations of the County of Sacramento under the Joint Facilities Agreement for the Cosumnes River College Station/Transfer Center

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Miller moved; Director Nottoli seconded approval of consent calendar items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9. Motion was carried by voice vote. Director Tretheway recused himself from voting on Item #5 because of campaign contributions. Items 4 and 8 were taken separately.

Director Nottoli, in reference to Item #9, asked that we remember the need to cross Highway 99, as part of the South Line, to get some east/west connectivity so passengers do not get lost (i.e. shuttle, bus connection, etc.).

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Speaker: Barbara Stanton

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hammond moved; Director Dickinson seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

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ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hammond moved; Director Tretheway seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 10. General Manager's Report
 - a. Federal Update
 - b. State Update
 - c. River City Community Services - Check Presentation
 - d. Paratransit Four Party/CTSA Designation Status Update (Behrens)

- e. Monthly Performance Report (January 2009)
- f. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley noted that the Stimulus package was approved by Congress and signed by the President. RT Staff has been working closely with SACOG because Federal stimulus dollars will flow through existing formula programs (5307, 5309, New Starts). The SACOG Board deferred action at their last meeting to give RT time to work with transit partners throughout the region to make sure that we have full agreement with the allocation of the federal transit dollars through the 5307 program. RT needs to take full advantage of the federal stimulus dollars to fund bus and rail preventive maintenance, this year and next year. One of the favorable aspects of the stimulus bill is that there is \$750 million throughout the country in New Starts funding that has been authorized in the stimulus bill. These funds will replenish the federal contingent commitment authority. Prior to the action on that bill, the Federal Transit Administration had exhausted their contingent commitment authority. In order to enter into a full funding grant agreement (FFGA), the FTA had to have additional contingent commitment authority. With the stimulus bill, there is now \$1.5 billion of contingent commitment authority available to the federal government to enter into FFGA.

Director Pannell and Mike Wiley received a call from Congresswoman Matsui indicating that in the FY 09 federal budget, RT has been funded in the Omnibus bill in the House for the South Line Phase 2 for \$7 million in FY 09.

The State Budget has been signed and the State has raided the State Transit Assistance account beginning in FY 2010 and running through, at least, FY 2013. The State will provide zero funding in the STA account. The adopted State budget also implemented a reduction in funding of \$153 million state-wide in the STA account which will impact RT this current fiscal year, reducing state funding by an additional \$3.9 million dollars. RT has already absorbed an \$18.3 million reduction and this adds an additional reduction of \$3.9 million.

Mike Wiley presented a check to Eileen Thomas from River City Community Services, which were donations from RT riders over the holiday season. Ms. Thomas noted that the River City Community Services is having their empty bowls charity soup luncheon on March 10. Artists and students from Sacramento County have been making handcrafted bowls. \$25.00 includes an empty bowl and a soup luncheon from some of the restaurants in Sacramento.

Bruce Behrens reported back to Director MacGlashan about the use of court reporters noting that there is no legal requirement to employ court reporters to prepare written transcripts, however, on a couple of occasions, having to do with environmental documents, fare increases, service changes and some workshops for projects we have retained reporters. The average cost of \$3,000 a year was expended, for the last three years, and RT selected those instances where we needed a precise verbatim statement above the normal recording. On occasion, the use of a court reporter is appropriate because the alternatives do not provide as complete of a record.

Bruce Behrens responded to Director Hammond's request about the status of appointments to the Paratransit Board relating to the change in Measure A. Measure A changes the funding but does not alter the membership on the Paratransit Board. The RT Board may choose two members (Board or public) to sit on the Paratransit Board. The designation of Paratransit as the CTSA (Community Transportation Service Agency) is a question that SACOG, one of RT's partners in the Four Party Agreement, is considering at this time.

Director Hammond asked what the legal status of the Four Party Agreement would be if the money from the City is replaced by Measure A money. Mr. Behrens noted that the parties are free to walk away or modify the agreement as they choose. The agreement is still in place and the membership on the Board that is set up by that agreement stays in place unless it was to be changed by the members.

Mike Wiley review the Monthly Performance Report. Ridership is continuing up. Director Cohn asked for a report on how RT is doing on fare recovery versus other transit properties in the region.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

11. Resolution: Recognizing Rosa Parks Day (Wiley)

Speaker: Michael Harris

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hammond moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

12. Resolution: To Delegate Increased Procurement Authority to the General Manager/CEO for Projects Funded in Whole or in Part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Mattos)

Director Hammond requested a project by project report on contracts awarded and money spent on projects relating to the ARRA by zip code relative to small business. Chair Cohn suggested that staff provide a report, in addition to the small business report, regarding monies spent from the stimulus money. Staff should report back on March 9th when/how the report will be generated (monthly or quarterly) as well as a

refresher on RT's current Procurement Ordinance procedures.

Speaker: Barbara Stanton
Bill Smith

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Tretheway moved; Director Nottoli seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

13. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Release Requests for Qualifications and Requests for Proposals for Transit Oriented/Joint Development at RT's Administrative Complex and a Building Located in the City of Sacramento Downtown Central Business District (Arnold)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Tretheway moved; Director Dickinson seconded approval of the item with a change in terminology from "Central Business District" to "Central City". Motion was carried by voice vote.

14. Information: Mid-Year Status Report on Operating Revenues and Expenditures with Projects to Year-End; FY 2010 Revenue Outlook; and Further Re-Balancing Strategies for FY 2009 (Brookshire)

Dee Brookshire reviewed the revenue outlook for RT; noting that the State has taken away revenues from the STA account. The declining economy has resulted in sales tax losses that have been reflected in local transportation funds and Measure A STA revenues. RT has noted a change in buying patterns from monthly passes to single fare tickets by customers since the fare increase went into affect. This may also be due to State furloughs. Projections to balance the budget in FY 09 and 10 are based on receiving additional 5307 stimulus funding in both fiscal years.

Director Hume asked why City of Elk Grove's contracted amount was the only one that increased.

Director Nottoli suggested that RT find additional creative ways to find additional revenues by going to STA to consider additional swaps of money or an advance in funds.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

ACTION: NONE - Oral Presentation by Dee Brookshire*.

15. Information: Charging for Parking at Light Rail Park and Ride Lots (Mattos)

Mike Mattos reviewed the purpose for charging for parking at light rail lots and noted that the Focus Group provided input on how RT should structure the charges.

Director Morin asked that staff bring back the chart which reflected what other transit

agencies charge/not charge for parking. Director Morin wanted to know if Portland had any plans to start charging for parking. He also noted that BART charges at some stations and not others. In Folsom, Director Morin, notes that this will not be a popular choice.

Director MacGlashan suggested that RT hold a public hearing on parking before the Board votes on the item. She also suggested that RT needs to look at the impact on surrounding neighborhoods before implementing the new program.

Director Dickinson noted that the times demand this type of additional revenue. This new revenue source becomes a surrogate for either distance based or peak hour fares. Director Dickinson is concerned about the neighborhood spillover affects.

Director Pannell noted that parking is a viable program because of the economy at this time. She is concerned about how to handle the Cosumnes River College and Sacramento City College students/facility when it becomes reality. She also noted that this new program needs good public outreach.

Director Tretheway noted that the number one goal is increased ridership. Director Tretheway does not believe that this program can be implemented in July. He also noted that the station proposed for DNA-MOS1 (Richard Blvd.) needs to charge a premium for parking.

Director Hammond believes it important to spend some time on outreach. RT should be prepared to pay for what it takes to protect the neighborhoods from the infringement of some riders. She suggested that RT staff contact the City's Transportation Department to see how much staff costs are for permanent parking in a neighborhood.

Director Sander does not favor this approach because it is a significant increase for a small select group of riders. He noted that Rancho Cordova, has large shopping centers adjacent to light rail lots and this would push riders out of the park and ride lots into the private shopping areas, and cause his police department a great deal of trouble, in addition to inhibiting the business in the shopping centers. Are we going to guarantee riders who purchase a monthly parking pass a parking space? He is also concerned about the ridership impact.

Director Hume is willing to consider all options relative to the decrease in the economy versus cutting service. He agrees with Director Dickinson about this program being a surrogate to a distance based fare or peak hour based fare. He is happy to see that RT plans to install bike lockers (for charge) at light rail stations.

Director Nottoli indicated that to improve the quality of service, on time schedules, trying to weed out problems with theft in the parking lots by having better security/patrols at the light rail stations, all come with costs, but he thinks that building public confidence is most important to make the connection, get the ride, and if they drive, that they are safe within their person/property. Director Nottoli does not believe that we are going in the

right direction. RT has worked very hard over the past 25 years to improve our relationships with neighborhood, communities, and business partners, and knows that RT has the ability to break those partnerships.

Director Miller is concerned that the focus groups, which were polled in December, may now have a different view given that furloughs have occurred since that time. He would like to see a more scientific survey.

Director Cohn suggested that staff bring back this item for conceptual approval within 30 days. He noted that the proposal was pretty modest when you consider what some of the alternatives could be. He noted that the Council gives City staff the authority to charge whatever the market would bare for parking.

ACTION: NONE - Oral Presentation by Mike Mattos.

16. Resolution: Establishing a Schedule of Fees and Charges (Mattos)

Speakers: John Hughes
Barbara Stanton

Director Nottoli noted that Exhibit A to the resolution indicated a check charge of \$15.00, but in the issue paper it is \$25.00. The Exhibit to the resolution will be corrected.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hammond moved; Director Miller seconded approval of the item with the change to Exhibit A. Motion was carried by voice vote.

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

17. Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting – February 18, 2009
(Cohn/Dickinson)

Directors Dickinson and Chair Cohn did not have any further information to provide.

18. Chair's Report (Cohn)

Chair Cohn noted the written report.

Director Tretheway reminder the public that the K Street Streetscape Groundbreaking event will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 10:00.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Paul Phillely - Mr. Phillely indicated that he had 40 expired (August 2008) single fare tickets. He would like the Board to change their policy on exchanging expired tickets.

2. Eric Hoover - Mr. Hoover talked about special elections unrelated to RT and the ability to download Adobe for free. He wanted to know where RT is going to store the trains for the special transit line downtown. He suggested that the State have volunteers at the State Capitol operating the elevators.
3. Jeffrey Stephens - Mr. Stephens is here on behalf of his friend who states that the bus (Route 51) goes past her and does not have the full bus sign on them. He depends on RT for his transportation.
4. Mike Barnbaum - Mr. Barnbaum noted that Yolo County and the City of Elk Grove changed their fare structures. He noted that the Folsom City Council will also hear a similar item at their meeting on March 24th. On March 11th, there will be an open house for the DNA MOS-1. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on March 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN

*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



STEVE COHN, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: 

Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary