

**Regional Transit Chair's Report  
May 11, 2009**

**BOARD INITIATIVES ADOPTED ON JANUARY 26, 2009**

**CREATE A RAIL REGIONAL ALLIANCE/COALITION – HIGH SPEED RAIL**

~~No updates at this time.~~

*At the SACOG Board meeting on April 16, 2009, the Board agreed to create an ad hoc committee of SACOG Board members devoted to rail issues, particularly advocating for enhanced Capitol Corridor service to Auburn, Truckee and Reno, regional rail service, and expediting the Sacramento extension to the High Speed Train (HST) system. The SACOG Board also voted to include \$3 million in funding for improvements to the Sacramento-Roseville-Auburn portion of the Capitol Corridor as a High Priority Project for federal funding. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority are the sponsoring entities. In addition, on May 7, 2009, High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) meeting, the HSRA Board voted to approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with both the City of Sacramento and the San Joaquin Rail Commission to collaborate on work for the Sacramento extension to the HST system.*

**THE BOARD CHAIR ALONG WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO WILL MEET WITH EACH JURISDICTION DURING CALENDAR 2009.**

No updates at this time.

**CONDUCT THE FIRST ANNUAL STATE OF RT BREAKFAST WITH THE SACRAMENTO METRO CHAMBER.**

~~Completed on March 19, 2009.~~

*This breakfast was held on March 19, 2009, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, and was a huge success. Awards were given to Congresswoman Doris Matsui as elected official of the year, Cyris Youseffi and Skip Rosenblum for the Globe Mills development as the transit oriented project of the year, and Dain Domich for transit advocate of the year, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for Agency of the Year.*

**WORK WITH VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS TO DEVELOP AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF DEDICATED LOCAL REVENUE TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSIT MASTER PLAN BY NOVEMBER 2010.**

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## **Agenda Item #18 - Revised 5/11/09**

*The RT Transit Action Plan is scheduled for Board approval next month. The preferred scenario would significantly increase the regional rail and bus network, and would require additional, dedicated local revenue streams. We are currently working with the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) and the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Superior California, who are currently conducting briefings with elected officials in each jurisdiction.*

### **BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH LINE PHASE 2 LIGHT RAIL PROJECT BY DECEMBER 2009.**

Still on schedule. ~~No updates at this time.~~

*RT received word that our South Line Phase 2 project has been included in President Obama's FY 2010 budget and recommended to receive an additional \$40 million in New Starts funding. This is a huge milestone and should pave the way for entry into final design and the execution of a Full Funding Grant Agreement.*

### **BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST PHASE (MOS#1) OF THE DOWNTOWN/NATOMAS/AIRPORT LIGHT RAIL PROJECT BY SEPTEMBER 2009.**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued in February 2<sup>nd</sup> with 7 design build entities submitting prequalification packages on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Upon initial screening, three teams were deemed non-responsive. The remaining four teams were evaluated with three of the four teams determined to be in the competitive range and notified of their eligibility to advance to the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase. In the interim, two of the three teams deemed non-responsive in the initial screening submitted a protest. As a result of the protest process, one team withdrew their protest while the other was advanced for evaluation and determined to be in the competitive range. The completion of the RFQ process has concluded with four teams advancing to the RFP process. An interactive process with the four teams and RT staff will begin shortly with the proposals due in July and recommendation to the Board of award of a contract in August. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board certified the project's Environmental Impact Report which permits the completion of the RFP process to determine the successful design builder and begin the final design and construction of the project.

### **IMPLEMENT THE RT EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE POLICY DIRECTION ON KEY ISSUES.**

~~First meeting held on 02/02/2009. Scheduled to meet the first Monday of each month.~~

Starting on 02/02/2009, the Executive Board Committee has been meeting on the first Monday of each month, replacing the Finance and Operations Committees. The RT Chair, Vice Chair, Roberta MacGlashan and Don Nottoli have been regular attendees. All RT Board members are invited to attend.