

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2009**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:08 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Dickinson, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Cohn. ABSENT: Directors Hammond and Hume.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Action Summary - Board Meeting of April 13, 2009
2. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to CirclePoint for Community Relations Services for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Scofield)
3. Resolution: Approving the Agreement with the City of Sacramento for Peace Officer Assignment (Lonergan)
4. Resolution: Approving Second Amendment to Contract with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. for Civil, Track and Structure Design Services for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 (Scofield)
5. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Weed Abatement Services (Cain)
6. Resolution: Approving Amendment #1 to Work Order 53 to the Contract with Psomas for General Engineering Support Services (Abansado)
7. Adopt Ordinance 09-05-01, Amending and Restating Chapters 1 and 2 of Title I of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Administrative Code Pertaining to Procurement Activities and Disposal of Surplus Property (Miller)
8. Resolution: Scheduling a Public Hearing for June 8, 2009 to Consider Service Reductions (Covington)
9. Resolution: Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Submit Grant Applications and Execute Grants for Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Tier 2 Projects (Brookshire)
10. Motion: Receive and File Quarterly Investment Report as of March 31, 2009 (Brookshire)
11. Resolution: Approving Work Order #2 for Paragon Partners, Ltd. to Provide

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation and Property Management Services for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Arnold)

12. Resolution: Agreeing to Comply with the California Transportation Commission Policy for Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up for Rail Right-of-Way for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Arnold)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Morin moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of items 3 and 5. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Hammond and Hume.

3. Resolution: Approving the Agreement with the City of Sacramento for Peace Officer Assignment (Loneragan)

Speaker: Barbara Stanton - Concerned about 2% increase

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

5. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Weed Abatement Services (Cain)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director MacGlashan moved; Director Miller seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Hammond and Hume.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

13. General Manager's Report
 - a. Federal Updates
 - b. State Updates
 - c. Government Finance Officers Association - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
 - d. Monthly Performance Report (March 2009)
 - e. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report.

Mr. Wiley noted that RT is proposing to submit a grant application for 9 million dollars requesting funding for photovoltaic cell arrays on the roof of the new bus maintenance facility at McClellan.

RT participated in a briefing session with Chairman Oberstar of the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee with our congressional representative Doris

Matsui. RT received a broad level of background with regard to what Chairman Oberstar terms the retransformation of SAFETEA-LU. The reauthorization is scheduled to come out of the House around Memorial Day.

Last Friday (May 8) RT received word from the White House that South Line Phase 2 had been included and recommended in the President's budget for fiscal 2010 to be funded from the New Starts Program. RT has the full and complete backing of the Administration and the White House with regard to the South Line Phase 2 Project. In the President's proposed budget, there are 5 projects to be funded out of New Starts program. The only west coast project is Sacramento's South Line Phase 2. It is clear that with the increased level of federal commitment RT needs to be very focused on making sure that we secure the local match to match the federal dollars. RT has roughly 66 million in Transportation Congestion Relief Funds that are state bond funds that are critical to this project. RT has a number of alternative strategies to backfill that funding if we are not successful in receiving those funds. RT must focus its attention to the state level, and put as much pressure as we can on the state to make sure they follow through with their commitment to provide the state matching funds to match the federal New Starts funds.

Mark Lonergan noted that when RT purchased the last 91 buses they came with the latest version of the Cummins ISL G engines with 2010 emission standard. Other engine manufacturers are struggling to achieve the 2010 standard. RT has the cleanest engine available today on the market without going into the electric/fuel cell technology buses. Because these are unique engines, RT had a team from Cummins come to check the emissions which showed a true rating of the engine. Mike Wiley noted that these vehicles are very economical as well -- seeing a decline in fuel costs because of the rate of consumption. Mark Lonergan indicated that the buses have been very well received by the operators, noting that they are "very peppy" off the line.

Speakers: Ron Emslee - Bus Shelter - Broadway & 32nd Street/Working Women
L. Roberts - Safety at Oak Park Bus Stops
Terrance Johnson - Bus Stops/Shelters on Broadway & Security
Mike Barnbaum - Revised MAC Meeting dates

Chair Cohn suggested that RT Police talk with City Police to see what can be done about the criminal activity at this stop.

Director Miller asked whether RT had received a recommendation from City Police as to whether the bus shelter should be removed.

Director Dickinson suggested that RT staff get together with City Police/POP Officers, and include Member Hammond, and examine the alternates for this bus shelter/stop.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

14. Resolution: Recognizing National Public Works Week (Nakano)

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Jerry Way, Sacramento Chapter President of the American Public Works Association, and Director of Transportation from the City of Sacramento, accepted the resolution.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Pannell moved; Director Tretheway seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond and Hume.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget (Brookshire)
 - A. Accept Public Comment on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget; and
 - B. Motion: Continue Public Hearing to June 22, 2009

Speaker: Rick Hodgkins - Wants more service from Citrus Heights to the Franchise Tax Board

Chair Cohn asked staff to bring back an information item on a potential pilot program for parking at light rail stations, if the costs for the program are revenue neutral.

Director MacGlashan asked staff to identify the area of the routes listed in Item #8 when they come back to the Board at the June 8th meeting.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Tretheway moved; Director Pannell seconded approval to continue the public hearing to June 22, 2009. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond and Hume.

16. Proposed Amendment to the Short Range Transit Plan (see New Business Item #17 below)

Speaker: Rick Hodgkins - Does the plan include more transit service?

NEW BUSINESS

17. Resolution: Adopting the Amended Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 (Marx)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Nottoli moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond and Hume.

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

18. Chair's Report (Cohn)

Chair Cohn did not have anything further to add.

Director Miller noted that he received a complaint about some offensive advertising at the bus stops in Citrus Heights. He asked about RT's policy on advertising. Mike Wiley reviewed the policy verbally, and asked Director Miller to provide the location of the advertising that was offensive.

Director Sander noted the special operation that was run at the Cordova Town Center light rail station. Residents in Rancho Cordova (RC) reported problems. The problems were isolated to a couple of inebriants who frequented a liquor store directly across the street from the station. RC Police and Code Enforcement are dealing with the liquor store. However, RC did a sweep with RT fare inspectors, RC Code Enforcement, RC Police Department, and the RT Police Department and within a four hour period they arrested 12 people and issued 110 citations for fare evasion. Director Sander thought that the number was high, but RT Police indicated that the number was low for a special operation. Director Sander asked his Police Department to work with RT Police, and other Police Departments in the region to think about how we might better police these facilities.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Rick Hodgkins - Supports streetcars; Is Route 21 going to be cut?

Mike Barnbaum - Amtrak is looking to see what they can do to have betterment of service on long distance trains.

Barbara Stanton - Conducted her own survey of light rail riders. They would be willing to pay .50 - 1.00 to park at light rail stations; Did Route 18 get cancelled today because of mechanical problems?

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



STEVE COHN, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: 

Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary