

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2010**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 4:08 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Cohn, Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Miller.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Action Summary - Board Meeting of March 8, 2010
2. Resolution: Amending and Restating the Cooperative Agreement with the State of California, Acting By and Through Its Department of Transportation (Brookshire)
3. Resolution: Authorizing Execution of License for Bus Parking with San Joaquin Regional Transit District (Mattos)
4. Resolution: Authorizing the Release of the Invitation to Bid for Purchase of Magnetic Encoded Ticket Books (Brookshire)
5. Resolution: Authorizing Regional Transit to Elect to be Subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to the Administrative Employees Association and Management and Confidential Group Employee Groups, Fixing the Contribution for Employees and the Employer's Contribution for Retirees at Different Amounts and Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute Any and All Assignments, Forms and Documents Necessary to Effectuate Enrollment (Bailey)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director MacGlashan moved; Director Morin seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Cohn, Hammond, Hume and Sander.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6. General Manager's Report
 - a. Federal Updates
 - b. State Update
 - c. Monthly Performance Report (February 2010)
 - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila Chris Mazur

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report. In addition, he noted that the Governor had not signed/vetoed the two bills as yet.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

7. Motion: Revise the Park Pay and Ride Pilot Program (Mattos)

Speaker: Rick Hodgekins

Director Dickinson requested that staff look into overnight parking at light rail stations and how to communicate that program to the public.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Cohn moved; Director Dickinson seconded a motion to expand the Park Pay and Ride Program to the lots in the City of Sacramento, and requested that Staff contact the other jurisdictional areas (County, Folsom, Rancho Cordova) to work with them to see if there is any interest in expanding the Park Pay and Ride Program. A report back on jurisdictional progress was requested in 90 days. Motion was carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Directors Cohn, Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Miller. Noes: None.

8. Information: Review of Cost Allocation Model & Alternative Strategies for Paratransit Service (Covington)

Speaker: Linda Deavens Kathleen Mello

Rosemary Covington introduced Subhash Mundle of Mundle and Associates to review the Cost Allocation Model & Alternative Strategies Report with the Board.

Director Cohn requested to know why the cost per Paratransit ride was so significantly different between agencies.

Mike Wiley explained to the Board that he had staff looking further into the transferability of the Paratransit monthly pass on to fixed route service.

Chair Miller requested that Staff set up an Executive Committee Meeting in the next few weeks, preferably April 5th, to discuss the issues relating to the cost allocation model.

9. Resolution: Declaring State of Fiscal Emergency Under the California Environmental Quality Act (Brookshire)

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

10. Resolution: Adoption of Service Reduction Proposals (Covington)

Speakers:

Debbie Johnson	Randy Hicks	Diane Treas	Elaine Hufnagle
Barbara Stanton	Melanie Martinez	Etta Larrabee	Reginald Ento
Linda Dufton	William Lowell	Antonio Silva	Mike Barnbaum
Chris Mazur	Eric Wymer	Loren Tucker	Kenneth Johnson
Robert Barth	Mary Barth	Monique Lozano	Julio Aguillar
Tammy Eudy	Pamela Ross	Jessica Meinke	Kathleen Mello*
Rick Hodgekins	Dennis Russak	Jeffrey Stephens	Jeffery Tardaguila
Melanie Trepanitis	Robert Laffoday		

Signed Up But Did Not Speak:

Paul Cousins	Shawn Harr	James Jones	Joy Tilton
Maria Gutierrez	John Carman	Elvira Diaz	Rashad Spicer
James McMillin	Tonya Hargis	Dale Miles	Vic Wursten
Linda Deavens	Shayna M.	Ruth Welland	Bonnie Donner*
DeMarco Elder	Lisa Lavin	Harry Estes	Emmert Long
Dr. Jocelyn Hicks	Linda Clifford	Bonnie Trottot	Mary Sutton
Mary Barker*	Michael Walker		

Left Written Comments:

Sherry Lautbaugh Anonymous (1) Anastassia Loeblich

Director MacGlashan indicated that she needed more information about other non-service cuts before she could make a decision on service cuts.

Director Dickinson wanted to know how many personnel layoffs will be made from within RT from the General Manager down. He also requested that staff identify where 12.5 million would be cut from other than the service.

Director Cohn asked that staff provide a revised set of options on service reductions and provide additional information on the budget numbers since the Governor signed the legislation while we were in the meeting.

Director Hume suggested decreasing headways and creating single routes from those that would be eliminated. He indicated that people would be willing to wait longer for a bus as long as they had a bus.

Director Sander requested that staff provide the percentage of management cuts that have already occurred, in what capacity and if there were any efficiency lost as a result of that elimination. Director Sander noted that we can only cut administrative staff so far until our required liabilities are in danger. We need to focus on the recovery -- what do we do after this?

Director Nottoli expressed concern about keeping a backbone system and trying to build it back in the future. We need to find a way to figure out how we are going to keep the agency solvent.

Director Pannell is concerned that when RT makes cuts, we always target those people who have to work, and do not have cars.

ACTION: CONTINUED - Director Hammond moved; Director Nottoli seconded a motion to continue Board member deliberations. Chair Miller continued deliberations to Monday, March 29th @ 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Rancho Cordova. Motion was carried by voice vote.

11. Resolution: Approving a Retirement Incentive Program for All District Employees and, Upon Execution by Employee Representatives, Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute the Agreements and Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute Amendments to the RT - IBEW 1245, RT - ATU Local 256 and Salaried Employee Retirement Plans that are Necessary to Implement the Program (Bailey)

Director Nottoli requested additional information regarding the realistic costs of the program and how many employees would take advantage of this temporary enhancement.

Director Dickinson suggested that the General Manager/CEO have discretion over who is able to take the enhanced retirement offer. What is the net savings/cost to the District if it is more than avoidance of unemployment? Do you need the service conversion to make this work with the bargaining units?

Chair Miller wanted to know if only one employee took advantage of this program, would RT save money, or was there a minimum number of employees who had to take advantage for RT to save money?

Director MacGlashan indicated that she is concerned that the public would not approve of pension spiking.

Director Tretheway indicated that the City of Sacramento, in the past, had a policy to use discretion about who was able to take advantage of their program. Some employees were denied an opportunity to take advantage of early retirement.

Director Morin noted that the City of Folsom did something similar to the City of Sacramento. Their concern was that upper management would collectively take advantage of their program when the "rank and file" was the targeted group in their case.

Director Sander is worried that RT gets the short term savings, and that in the long term RT is paying the extra two years, 4%-5% to the retirees, taking the upfront benefit and then paying this off over time. He believes that from a public perspective this would not look very good.

Director Hume concurred with the concerns of spiking because it happened in Elk Grove.

ACTION: CONTINUED - Director Tretheway moved; Director Pannell seconded a motion to continue the item to the Board meeting of April 12th. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Cohn and Hammond.

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

12. Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Authority - March 8, 2010
(Nottoli)

No additional comments were provided by Director Nottoli.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No speakers in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Section 54957.6
District Negotiator: Dan Bailey
 - (1) Employee Organization: AFSCME
 - (2) Employee Organization: ATU
 - (3) Employee Organization: IBEW

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

There was no closed session report.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN

*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary