

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

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 6:07 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Cohn, Dickinson, Hume, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Miller. ABSENT: Director Hammond.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Action Summary - Board Meeting of January 25, 2010
2. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to Diede Construction for 12<sup>th</sup> & I Light Rail Station Improvements (Cain)
3. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the City of Rancho Cordova Transit Operations and Maintenance Agreement, and the Second Amendment to the Allocation Agreement with the City of Rancho Cordova for Fiscal Year 2008 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (Vanderkar)
4. Resolution: Approving an Easement Agreement for Storm Drain Pipelines with the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority, Sacramento Regional Transit District and the City of Sacramento at Redding Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street (Arnold)
5. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Grade Crossing Modifications at Bradshaw Road (Austin)

Director Nottoli requested that staff inform the Butterfield/ Riviera East Community Association about the grade crossing modifications at Bradshaw Road.

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Nottoli moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Director Sander abstained from Item 3. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Director Hammond.***

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

Mike Wiley noted no change in the Federal update and introduced Mark Watts of Smith Watts who provided the current State update.

Steve Cohn noted that earlier in the day the Senate voted out the Jobs Bill with 62 votes which included the extension of SAFETEA-LU through the end of the year. The next step would be to go to the Conference Committee. Mike Wiley noted that the House previously approved a Jobs Bill, and it would go to Conference and then come back for a final vote with the House and Senate. The House version of the Jobs Bill included a similar level of funding in Stimulus 2 (Jobs Bill) that RT received a year ago for transit services and through the same formula programs. The Senate version has been changed several times, and staff will report back on the final version.

Mark Watts provided the most current State update to the Board members. Mr. Watts noted that the Senate Democrats prepared a plan, which was voted on by the Assembly today (February 22). The equivalent of 13 cents per gallon will be replacing all but a nickel of the equivalent amount of sales tax that has been lost. That excise tax will be largely dedicated to Proposition 42 -- highway STIP money and Proposition 42 - local road money, and in two years it will also start to fund some Caltrans rehabilitation projects. For transit, the Senate democratic proposal restored the diesel sales tax, which is worth about \$313 million in the 2010/11 year. The Senate democratic proposal would also appropriate, from a current balance, \$400 million directly for the State Transit Assistance program. Upon signature of the bill, if approved, there will be a \$400 million appropriation to carry transit agencies through the next year and a quarter, and at the end of FY 2011, the sales tax on diesel will then be dedicated to transit operations. One additional twist, to the benefit of transit, reduced the diesel excise tax and increased the rate on diesel to be equivalent and, now that diesel will be the funding base for transit that put out another 100 million dollars. Beginning in FY 2011/12 transit agencies will receive about \$350 million per year going forward purely for operations and that will allow money to be available to completely fund intercity rail at the state level which was another concern that many had.

Director MacGlashan asked what the approximate benefit to RT would be. Mike Wiley noted that RT would receive 2.7%. This percentage has traditionally been allocated to RT from the State wide allocation. Applying the 2.7% would be about \$10 - \$11 million a year. In FY 2012, that amount would be just under \$10 million on a going forward basis annually.

Director Dickinson asked about the vote in terms of percentage of excise tax? Mark Watts noted that 6.75 was the new diesel sales tax rate that is in both versions of the bill.

Director Pannell asked how South Line Phase 2 would be affected. Mike Wiley noted that RT will update its 20-year financial forecast with updated assumptions to make sure we understand what it projects into the future and how that might affect our rating to enter into the next phase of the New Starts process into Final Design.

Mike Wiley verbalized the rest of his written report.

Speaker: Leoma Lee

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Information: Mobility Advisory Council End of Year Report (Ham)

***ACTION: None - Oral Presentation by Jan Zolin, Chair of the Mobility Advisory Council.***

8. Whether or Not to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Valley Jurisdictions to Plan a Regional Rail Service in the Merced/Sacramento Corridor, and Make Appointments to Same (Wiley)
  - A. Resolution: Authorizing the Regional Transit Board Chair to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Valley Jurisdictions; and
  - B. Motion: Appointment of One Board Member and One Board Member Alternate to Represent Regional Transit on the Central Valley Working Group; and
  - C. Motion: Appointment of One Staff Member to Represent Regional Transit on the Central Valley Working Group

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Cohn moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the memorandum of understanding. In addition, Director Cohn moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the nomination and election of Director Cohn as member and Director Hume as alternate. Chair Miller moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the appointment of Mike Wiley as staff to serve on the Central Valley Working Committee. All motions were carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Director Hammond.***

9. Information: FY 2010 Mid-Year Status Report on Operating Revenues and Expenditures with Projections to Year-End; FY 2011 Revenue Outlook, and a Re-Balancing Plan for the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Budgets (Brookshire)

Director Hume requested that staff provide, at the March 8 Board meeting, a table showing expenditures since 2003 as well as service levels over this time.

Speakers: Kathleen Mello                      Leoma Lee  
                 Jeffery Tardaguila                      Richard Seyman

***ACTION: NONE- Introduced by Mike Wiley; Oral Presentation by Dee Brookshire. Ms. Brookshire advised the Board that RT's financial situation was not good and that staff continues to look at cost savings measures.***

10. Resolution: Scheduling a Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 to Consider Service Reductions in Light of a Fiscal Emergency (Covington)

Speakers: Greg Geach                      Barbara Stanton                      Mike Thornton  
                 Mike Barnbaum                      Linda O'Neal

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Morin moved; Director Hume seconded approval of setting the public hearing for March 8, with the meeting start time at 4:00 p.m. and a location to be determined. As part of the motion, the Board directed staff to bring back some fare increase information. Motion was carried by roll call vote. AYES: Directors Dickinson, Hume, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Sander, Tretheway and Chair Miller. NOES: None. ABSENT: Directors Hammond and Cohn.***

***Director Sander noted that he will be out of state during the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting but would be happy to telephone conference in, or send his alternate. Legal Counsel will look into whether RT has telephonic rules in their Board procedure.***

***Director Nottoli suggested that since we will be looking for larger rooms for March 8<sup>th</sup>, that we also do so for March 22.***

## **REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

11. Chair's Comments (Miller)

Chair Miller noted that he felt it important to communicate with the employees to realize the value of the work they do as well as communicate open and clearly to the employees.

12. Paratransit Board Meeting - January 28, 2010 (Hammond/Pannell)

There were no additional comments to the written report.

13. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting - February 17, 2010

(Cohn/Dickinson)

There were no additional comments to the written report.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**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 8:35 p.m.

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STEVE MILLER, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

**APPROVED  
FINAL - 3/9/10**