

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2010**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 4:10 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Cohn, Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, MacGlashan, McGarvey, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Tretheway and Chair Miller.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Action Summary - Board Meeting of February 22, 2010
2. Motion: Rejection of Claims: *Hall, M.* *Washington, L.*
Singh, S. *McEntee, P.*
Byers, C.
3. Motion: Rejection of Application to Present Late Claim: *ICBC Insurance*
4. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Temporary Employment Contract with William Harder for Video Systems and Fiber Optics Planning and Installation Services (Thorn)
5. Setting Public Hearings to Consider Adoption of Resolutions of Necessity for Certain Properties Needed for Construction of the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Arnold)
 - A. Resolution: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution of Necessity for Property Located at 4801 Cosumnes River Blvd., Further Identified as Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Number 117-0011-016; and
 - B. Resolution: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution of Necessity for Property Located at 3413 Jola Circle., Further Identified as Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Number 053-0053-007; and
 - C. Resolution: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution of Necessity for Property Located at 7719 Laurie Way., Further Identified as Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Number 053-0064-012.
6. Resolution: Approving the Application of the Personnel Rules and Procedures Between the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Administrative

Employees Association Effective January 1, 2009, to Govern the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees Group (Fong)

7. Resolution: Authorizing Publication of a Proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Goal for RT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (Barcena)
8. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute a Detectable Warning Tile Improvement Agreement with the City of Sacramento (Cain)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Cohn moved; Director Morin seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Item #5 which was pulled for speaker comments. Motion was carried by voice vote. ABSENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, Nottoli and Tretheway.

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Speaker: Rick Hodgkins

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9. General Manager's Report
 - a. Federal Updates
 - b. State Update

c. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley noted nothing further to report on the “Jobs” bill or federal stimulus. A version of the “Jobs” bill has passed both houses; the versions are very different. The staff report provides an update as of Thursday, March 4th. The Assembly and Senate took action to send to the Governor a series of bills that would help to provide some economic relief for the State as well as some funding availability for public transit should the Governor sign that legislation. If the Governor signs the legislation, the State could receive up to an additional \$400 million in State funding.

Directors Cohn and Nottoli suggested an alternate location for the March 22 meeting as well as the Directors being flexible with their calendars to accommodate a change in location/time. In addition, Director Cohn suggested a special meeting that may not be televised.

Mike Wiley noted that the names of the bills that are sitting in front of the Governor to signed are ABX 8 6 and ABX8 9.

Speaker: Kristof Muzur

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Information: Update on the FY 2010 Operating Budget, FY 2011 Projections; and Revenue Impacts on the 18-Month Re-Balancing Plan (Brookshire)

ACTION: Oral Presentation introduced by Mike Wiley. Mr. Wiley introduced both item #10 and #11. Mr. Wiley noted that staff has not made a service recommendation at this time because staff wanted to hear from the Board and the public. Dee Brookshire provided an update on RT's current operating budget highlighting the major impacts to revenues, providing an 18-month rebalancing plan for FYs 2010 and 2011. Ms. Brookshire indicated that the overall outlook for RT has worsened from earlier projections since the FY 2010 budget was adopted. Projections now indicate additional declines in revenues in both FY 2010 and 2011 years.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board acted on February 18th to bring their year to year reduction to a decline of 18.8%. This additional unbudgeted impact to RT is estimated to be \$2.6 million for the subsequent decline of 14% in 2011, for a total two-year decline of \$6.5 million in local transportation funding alone. Measure A funding which is RT's other sales tax based revenue will also decline. The Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) will consider action on March 11 to formally revise Measure A allocations for FY 2010 downward for a total year over year reduction of 15% and is expected to also lower Measure A projections for FY 2011. This will indicate to RT if STA matches the Sacramento County estimate used by SACOG those

numbers will mean a total reduction of \$6.5 million over two years.

As a result of the failure of revenues to adequately fund RT programs and facilities caused by these developments, RT is projected to have a fiscal emergency as defined under Public Resources Code Section 21080.32 wherein it is projected to have negative working capital within one year absent action.

Staff is also exploring various options to reduce the cost of ADA complementary paratransit service. In addition to cost saving that may be achieved through the proposed service reductions, cost savings opportunities have been identified in the draft report prepared by Mundle and Associates. The current net cost per trip for ADA complementary paratransit services is \$42.76. A total cost to RT budgeted at \$11,146,520 is included in the FY 2010 budget.

In January RT staff began preparing a cost cutting plan, when it was determined after six months of experience, that fare revenues would not achieve projected levels. RT Executive staff began a series of meetings to plan district wide cost cutting measures when sales tax based revenue were formally revised downward again and the full depth of the projected revenue was known. The first round of approximately 60 layoffs will occur in mid-April. The total number of layoffs could eventually reach 300. Due to the late notice of this decline in revenues and the time required to publically notice and implement service reductions, RT is unable to meet the shortfall with rebalancing strategies during the remainder of FY 2010. As a result, a rebalancing plan is proposed to bring revenue and expenditures into balance by June 30, 2011.

Additional key factors to solving this, and bringing this into balance by end of FY 2011 include the labor unions cooperation on the concessions needed to meet the expected zero based levels for FY 2010 and 2011.

Director Nottoli asked staff to prepare a set of recommendations in priority based upon the funding coming through from the Governor.

Speakers: Michael Williams Mike Barnbaum Kristof Mazur

PUBLIC HEARING

11. To Consider Service Changes for June 2010 in Light of a Fiscal Emergency (Covington)

RoseMary Covington provided a brief overview of some of the considerations RT is looking at for recommendations for service changes at the next meeting on March 22. Ms. Covington covered the financial targets for service reductions, options considered, Title VI considerations for providing no disparity and some of the environmental concerns that come with these changes.

The overall shortfall that RT has to close is \$25 million. Staff looked at a number of options that are provided to the Board for consideration. In addition, staff went back and looked at the current route system and tried to look at a way that we could rearrange our current route system to meet RT's needs and keep the highest performing routes.

Director Pannell requested the ridership numbers for each route, and Director Hume requested the numbers for Option A2.

Speakers:	Gus Marinello	Lynn Clifford	Barbara Jean Larson
	Sabrina Hocker	LilyAnn Mitchell	Audrey Strong
	Stacey Noriega	Ruth Welland	Shayna
	Zylo Marshall*	Francisco Godoy	Catherine Kelybaird*
	Beverly King	Lisa Lavin	Jenee Hernandez
	Helen Cunningham	Jonelle Maes	Lenore Presley
	J. Nicholas	Rashida Felix	Loren Tucker
	Allison Murdaugh	Patricia Gainer	Leoma Lee
	Nathan Schutt	Susan Ladd	Elder Demarco Guice
	Mary Barth	Robert Bartch	Wendy Melton
	William Hollingworth	Jique Bryant	Emmert Long
	Harry Estes	Kenneth Johnson	Anastassia Leoblich
	Andrew Silva	Dr. Jocelyn Hicks	Rick Hodgkins
	Dale Miles	Kristof Mazur	Mike Barnbaum
	Dennis Russak	Pamela Ross	David Chapin
	Sharon Hack	Joyce Clark	Sarah Janus
	Conny Anderson	Shelly Thompson	Rick Bettis
	Melanie Martinez*	Ricardo Adams	Sherida Bray
	Yvonne Waites	Mary Sutton	Beverly Evans
	Gerald Smith	John Meloni	Sheela Gunn-Cushman
	Monique Lozano	Bonnie Trottot	Julio Aguilar
	Linda Dufton	Eric Hoover	Lisa Gorden
	Patricia Gainer	Michael Wilkins	Kathleen Mello*
	Jessica Meinke	Jeffrey Stevens	Melanie Trepanitis
	Gabriel Long	Gary Meloni	Russell Rawlings
	Chris Jensen *	Frank Topping	Eric Wymer
	David Deluz	Tish Oliver	Jeffery Tardaguila
	Tammy Eudy	Linda Deavens	

Sign Up But Did Not Speak:

Nate Barnhardt	John Carman	Bernard Brown
Rafael Aguilera*	Angel Leyvas	Valerie Rubendall
Richard Dixon*	Steven Jones	Seiha Hong
Miranda Waters	Chet Olesky	Tammy Headley*
Michael Covey*	Stacy Shaw	Shawn Harr
Donna Pirtle	Antonio Silva	Etta Larabae

Rev. William Sassman*
Albert Weaser
Victoria Deal

Joseph Henning
Cleophas Daniels
Andrew Franco

Kathy Melvin
Rosetta Traylor*

Provided Written Comments:

Jackie Mahone-Tyson
Garrett Cookson
Linda Patterson
Joseph Henning
Douglas Grandt
Animous (1)

Tom Hopkins
David Engberg
Ceairaco Cabrellis
Jeremy Bray
Malinda Staten
Melessa Stephens

Gloria Areo
S. Smith
Eva Cabrellis
JDD Doran-Hammer
Linda O'Neal
JR

Director Hume - Could we see what Option X (the bare bones system feeder network) looks like visually? Would like a true matrix of what the cost to RT from Paratransit is, how that is derived (door to door service versus feeding into the RT network), why do we not allow transfers back and forth. Is there an opportunity to convert a neighborhood shuttle bus so that it is not a single user vehicle? We need to find efficiencies in Paratransit, if this system is going to survive.

Director Cohn requested staff to provide a review of the Mundle Report review to the Board sooner than April, as well as a report back on the pilot parking program. He wanted to know what service RT operates now? We need to have more of a discussion of administratively what we are doing to be as efficient as possible.

Director Nottoli suggested that express service may be able to be combined with neighborhood ride services. We should preserve service to people who are dependent on getting to medical appointments, treatments and to jobs. Director Nottoli suggested that we look at the demographics of the ridership we serve and look at some system reconfigurations.

Director Morin noted that back a few years the STA went through the Measure A renewal, and there was an escalation of Paratransit funding. What was the time period of that escalation, and how can that potentially help some of this service reduction issue with the Paratransit people. He indicated that he was not certain where the funds flow from and to. Do these funds help supplant some of the shortfall from RT?

Director McGarvey relayed Director Sander's concerns. Director Sander suggested changing the frequency of trains from 15 to 20 minutes rather than cutting them, and suggested that police and fare inspection services should not be cut.

Director Pannell wanted to know if 30 minute and hour service had been considered. Mike Wiley noted that staff will bring back all options (frequency reductions, maintaining services by time of day, elimination of any duplicate services, feeder services, etc.) Director Pannell suggested expanding the park pay and ride program to the Meadowview, Florin and 47th Avenue light rail stations.

Director MacGlashan suggested looking at geographic equity in addition to other criteria, so that we are not leaving large areas without any bus service. Director MacGlashan would like to know how increasing the headways achieve savings.

Chair Miller suggested that staff look at restructuring the service so that we use the money we have to make everything work.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speaker: Don Smith - Mr. Smith expressed his concern with the layoff process that the Administrative Employee's Association is using, which is not similar to the IBEW or ATU union groups use. He feels that the random process the AEA used is based age. He believes that the process used was also based on disciplinary action, and had a favoritism aspect to it. Mr. Smith wants to know why a significant number of managers are not being laid off. He is also concerned that medical benefits for employees and retirees are being changed.

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
 - (4) Employee Organization: AEA
 - (5) Employee Organization: MCEG

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 9:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Chair indicated no report out of closed session.

ADJOURN

*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary