

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AND PARATRANSIT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2011**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:03 p.m.

PRESENT for RT: Directors Ashby, Cohn, Fong, Hume, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Pannell, Sander, Serna, and Chair Nottoli.

PRESENT for PI: Directors Gould, Gracechild, Kelly Baird, Leventon, Omoto, Pannell, Sander, Yungling, and President Spaulding

WELCOMING REMARKS - Chair Nottoli and President Spaulding

Chair Nottoli and President Spaulding welcomed everyone to the joint meeting including both Boards and support teams, and the riders of Regional Transit and Paratransit Inc. Both noted that this meeting is the first meeting of the joint Boards.

President Spaulding noted that together, RT and Paratransit, are the two largest transit operators in the Region, and have worked cooperatively for three decades. President Spaulding thanked Mike McKeever and SACOG for their hard work and facilitation services that have brought everyone here tonight.

Chair Nottoli noted the long standing working relationship between both staffs, with SACOG assisting in recent times, that has allowed the two agencies to come together with this agreement. Providing accessible transportation for people in our community is very important.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution: Approve Third Amendment to the Collaborative Agreement for Provision of Complementary Paratransit Services between the Sacramento Regional Transit District and Paratransit, Inc. and Exhibit A for Fiscal Year 2011 (Wiley/Steinert/Deavens)

Mike Wiley verbalized the Regional Transit written issue paper and recommended approval of the resolution included with the issue paper. Mr. Wiley noted that Mary Steinert will begin the Paratransit introduction of this item as Linda Deavens is on her way. Mr. Wiley also indicated that Kirk Trost, from SACOG, will provide an overview of the mediation process.

Mary Steinert read a letter prepared by Paratransit, Inc. which introduced the item to the

Board of Directors. The letter recommended adoption of the resolution noting that the significant effect of the third amendment is to update Exhibit A detailing projected ADA service levels and RT's funding contribution.

Linda Deavens noted that Mary Steinert will be retiring from Paratransit very shortly. Ms. Deavens noted that she is grateful to SACOG and the two respective Boards for supporting staff in the facilitation process and for encouraging staff to get together and work things out.

Mr. Trost noted that as of April 1 he has joined SACOG as their General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer. He noted that RT and Paratransit have both faced financial challenges which have caused the fracture in the relationship. During the mediation process, Staff has brought a sense of respect for the other side, a problem solving approach and an intelligent, well informed approach to the negotiations. Mr. Trost noted that he focused the mediation process so that everyone was saying what they wanted to say, and that people were taking a moment to process what was being said.

Mr. Trost noted that future challenges are still ahead related to funding, how to certify ADA riders, how we own/lease bus facilities, how we get funded, and how we share resources. There are still a list of issues that need to be addressed and his hope is to address these quickly.

Speakers:

Rick Hodgkins - Mr. Hodgkins wanted to know how this agreement will change his certification because he uses both RT and Paratransit. Mr. Wiley answered Mr. Hodgkin's questions.

Dr. Jocelyn A. Hicks - Dr. Hicks is happy that RT and Paratransit have come to an agreement, but is concerned about future agreements and whether there will be any changes to service. Dr. Hicks noted that she has chosen to live in an area that is "non-ADA". Chair Nottoli informed Dr. Hicks that RT would discuss the budget at the meeting following the joint RT/PI meeting at 6:30.

Director Pannell noted that Regional Transit and Paratransit are the backbones of the region as far as transportation is concerned, and she is glad that everything worked out.

ACTION: APPROVED - President Spaulding moved; Director Pannell seconded approval of the item as written. Director Omoto asked that the motion be made in memory of their colleague, friend and advocate, Ron Brown. Motion was carried by voice vote from both Boards.

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Rick Hodgkins - Mr. Hodgkins noted that he had a Paratransit driver pick him up on April 2 to go to light rail, and was supposed to be picked up between 9:30 and 10:00. The PI driver indicated to him that he was sorry that he was late and that the driver indicated that Paratransit “does that to me on purpose”, and wants to know why PI does that to the driver. Mr. Hodgkins also asked what he should list on his certification application because he uses RT and PI.

President Spaulding asked Mr. Hodgkins to speak with Paratransit staff regarding his driver issue, and Mike Wiley indicated that Mr. Hodgkins could speak with Laura Ham of RT regarding his certification.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

DON NOTTOLI, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary