

**CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

WEDNESDAY November 16, 2011

10:00AM

Suisun City Hall

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- The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Franklin. Chair Franklin highlighted the performance of Capitol Corridor service over the past fiscal year achieving record highs in ridership, revenue and on-time performance. He also indicated that the CCJPA had received the State allocation of funds for FY 11-12. Chair Franklin summarized a meeting with the Governor's staff to thank them for their support in funding \$48 million for fleet replacement/expansion for the Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin and Pacific Surf liner intercity rail services as well as supporting efforts to retain Amtrak's policy providing support to State intercity rail services. Chair Franklin pointed out that December 11th marks the 20 year anniversary of the CCJPA. He also mentioned that a 10% discount will be offered on single and multi ride tickets for the period December 1 through 15.
- The Managing Director presented an update on current Federal and State legislative activity. At the Federal level, it was noted that the Senate passed a Minibus which included \$1.481 Billion for Amtrak but did not include the restrictive language from the THUD Appropriations Subcommittee that would have prohibited Amtrak from using any Federal dollars to support state funded trains. It was also reported that the capital account for high speed rail was zeroed out again in FY 12 for the second consecutive year. At the State level, it was reported that CCJPA staff had been working with Caltrans to submit FY 12-13 operating budget requests for the Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin and Pacific Surf liner intercity service. The budget request totals \$90.3 million and represents current levels of service for these three systems. The Governor releases the draft State budget on January 10, 2012, and the expectation is funding will continue to support current service levels. It was also reported that the Governor's decision on funding High Speed Rail, also expected in January, will be determinant in the release of the High Speed Rail connectivity funding supporting the Capitol Corridor's capital program.
- CCJPA Staff provided an informational presentation on Positive Train Control (PTC). PTC is a collision avoidance system designed to prevent train to train collisions, accidents in work zones, over speed operation, and operating through misaligned switches. PTC is a Federal mandate impacting all freight and passenger railroad operations in the United States requiring full implementation by 12/31/2015. The Union Pacific Railroad is scheduled to complete installation of PTC on the Capital Corridor service by the end of 2013. The CCJPA is responsible for the installation of the PTC equipment installed on the vehicles and has budgeted \$12 million in Proposition 1B funds for this purpose. In addition to collision avoidance, some of the benefits of PTC include the elimination of one of the impediments to higher speed operation. PTC also allows a train crew to receive mandatory orders while operating

where current practice requires the train to stop for the crew to write down the new operating instructions. Some of the negatives include a reduction in track capacity resulting from longer assumed stopping distances under PTC operation. Departure delays could also increase related to the failure of PTC equipment. Also, the failure of PTC equipment on any train in a service on a corridor triggers a requirement for all other trains operating in that same corridor to reduce operating speeds.

- The Managing Director presented the Capitol Corridor Annual Performance Report for FFY 2010-2011. This item was presented for the Board's review, comment and approval. The Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director presented a pilot program that would allow sworn law enforcement to ride the Capital Corridor service in uniform without charge as a method for enhancing security on the system. This program would be brought back to the Board after one year with a report on its use and any results. The Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director brought back the CCJPA Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requesting Board approval to release the CIP to other jurisdictions. The program had been modified based on comments from the previous meeting. The Board approved release of this item.
- The Managing Director presented the Managing Director's report. The Managing Director reported that the Donner Pass project was a tier 2 project for funding in the Northern California Trade Corridor Program. This project would allow for a third train to Auburn and is supported by the CCJPA. The Managing Director also highlighted the monthly performance report which is also the year end report for FFY 11. He indicated that ridership increased 8% above the pervious year and revenue increased 12%. He further indicated that on time performance at 95% was better then any intercity rail system in the country with Amtrak's premier Acela service only at 85%. The Managing Director provided an update on the surveillance improvements at unattended stations. He indicated that all of the cameras and equipment has been installed and the program is in its testing and acceptance phase, nearing completion.
- CCJPA staff provided a presentation on the Marketing plan for the upcoming year. It was noted that the marketing budget is the same as in previous years, \$300,000. The focus of next year's campaign will be on business travel in the east and south bay in conjunction with the opening of the Santa Clara station. There will also be effort put into service periods with available capacity and for special events. The program will take advantage of the templates built in the current year but the campaigns will generally be of a shorter duration to stay within the available budget.
- The Managing Director and Board member Steve Cohn praised all involved in obtaining the \$20,000 in funding from AQMD and ARB to acquire additional standby power generators for the Sacramento Valley Station. It was noted that this both a

green project and one that will reduce operating cost through a reduction in diesel fuel consumption.

- The next CCJPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 10:00 AM at the City Council Chambers in Suisun City Hall.