

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

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2011

10:00AM

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- The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Franklin. Chair Franklin presented a brief report concerning funding for intercity passenger rail at both the State and Federal levels. He indicated that there would likely be stable funding at the State level for operations but that capital funds would be limited. At the Federal level, he indicated that capital funds for intercity rail were targeted for elimination. Chair Franklin also discussed a recent meeting of intercity rail operators who took a significant interest in the Capitol Corridor's E-Ticketing program.
- The Managing Director provided an informational presentation on the FY 11-12 - FY 12-13 Capitol Corridor Business Plan. The plan requires 11 Board members (a 2/3rds vote) in order to be adopted and there were not 11 members in attendance. The Managing Director indicated that a special meeting would be held, likely via conference call, in order to approve the Business Plan. In his overview, the Managing Director indicated that the Business Plan supports a continuation of the same level of service through FY 12-13. Funding includes equipment renovation and the marketing program will target excess capacity off peak and on weekends.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval of the funding agreement for the Yolo Crossover project. This project is funded using Federal Recovery Act funds and is the third of three projects utilizing this source of funding. The other two projects, one in San Jose and the other for the Sacramento Valley Station, have already been obligated. The Board voted to approve the funding agreement for the Yolo Crossover project.
- The Managing Director provided a legislative update to the Board and requested that the Board authorize staff to send a letter supporting the Governor's proposal for transit funding in the FY 12 State Budget, and a letter opposing proposed Federal legislation that would reduce or eliminate funding for Amtrak as well as intercity rail programs. The Board approved both letters.
- The Managing Director provided an informational report to the Board describing the Capitol Corridor's fleet needs, both short term (1-5 years) and long term (5-10 years). The fleet needs are based upon adding service to Auburn and San Jose as well as increasing capacity in the short term which would add 1 locomotive and 16 cars. Over the long term, the service would be expanded to provide 2 trains to Salinas plus additional service to San Jose and Roseville which would require 4 additional locomotives and 19 additional cars.

- The Managing Director presented an action item to the Board requesting a motion supporting Amtrak's pricing policy for state funded intercity rail operations. Currently there is a disparity between states with respect to paying for intercity rail service operated by Amtrak. Amtrak's policy requires states to fund 100% of the operating cost of intercity rail service. Some states, as a result of old agreements, pay less than 100% of the cost with some states paying 0%. The Board approved a motion supporting Amtrak's pricing policy.
- The Managing Director presented an information item related to a proposed fence in the City of Davis that would be installed to stop pedestrians from crossing the Union Pacific's main line. This project was in part funded by the Capitol Corridor which was working in cooperation with the Union Pacific. At the request of Board member Cohn at a previous Board meeting, the project was delayed to provide for additional community outreach. The Davis community responded in opposition to the fence and has requested an at grade pedestrian crossing at this location. There were five people speaking in favor of a pedestrian crossing and indicated that the fence, as originally proposed, would split the community and encourage unsafe behaviors from pedestrians wishing to cross the tracks in this location. It was pointed out that there is not a practical alternative path and that the City would be forced into building an expensive pedestrian bridge to resolve the issue. The Managing Director indicated that he had received a letter from the Union Pacific stating that they were no longer interested in using the \$250,000 that had been allocated by the Capitol Corridor for this project. He indicated that the Capitol Corridor staff would continue working with the community and the Union Pacific in attempt to develop an acceptable solution.
- The Managing Director provided an update on system performance. He indicated that ridership for January 2011 increased 11% over the previous January and that ridership had grown 4.38% over the past 12 months. On time performance remains very high at 96.7% for the month of January and revenues are tracking above the FFY 11 Business Plan by about 2.1%.
- The next CCJPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 10:00 AM at the City Council Chambers in the City of Suisun City.