

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

WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2012

10:00AM

City Council Chambers  
Suisun City

- Chair Sperring opened the meeting with an action item electing the Chair and Vice-Chair for a 2-year term, 2013 and 2014. Board Member Blalock provided a brief report from the nominating committee. The Board approved James Sperring as Chair and Gail Murray as Vice-Chair.
- The Managing Director presented the annual performance report for FY12, October 2011 through September 2012, for comment and approval. It was noted that the report shows the recent four months of declining ridership, but still showed a 2% increase in ridership for the year. The report also shows revenue at 5% above the target, and on time performance at 94%. The Managing Director indicated that the Capitol Corridor remains first among Amtrak operated services in on time performance and has held this position for 3 consecutive years. The report also highlights the implementation of WiFi and e-ticketing technologies as system enhancements during the past year. The Managing Director further noted that the report contains the highest customer satisfaction survey scores in the history of the CCJPA placing 5th in the country. The CCJPA Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director indicated that there was no action required on legislative matters but provided an update on several issues. With respect to the State Budget, it was noted that the FY 14 budget will be the first year of Section 209 pricing for Amtrak operated intercity passenger rail services. This will result in a stabilized price for the Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin services which already pay 100% of their operating cost. It will result in an increase in cost for the Pacific Surfliner which currently pays 70% of its operating cost but will move to 100% in FY 14. The Managing Director discussed the outcome of the tax measures in Alameda and Los Angeles Counties. Both measures came very close but fell short of the 2/3 vote requirement needed to pass. The Managing Director also expressed concern over the projected reduction in State and Federal funding over the next few years and expressed the importance of States staying engaged and working toward solutions. Chair Sperring requested that staff look at an intercity rail conference within the State to discuss funding as well as other issues.
- The Managing Director introduced a staff presentation on the draft CCJPA Bicycle Access Plan. The draft plan attempts to balance the needs of bicyclists with the requirements of the ADA by focusing on education, encouragement, enforcement and engineering to address the needs of bicyclists. The plan emphasizes a number of operational fixes including double stopping specific

trains at the Berkeley station to accommodate bicycles, prioritize car assignments with more bicycle storage, completing the retrofitted cab cars increasing capacity from 7 to 13 bicycles, and adding stickers to the sides of cars so that passengers with bicycles know where to board and how many bicycle spaces are available. The plan also discusses secure and consistent storage at stations as well as bicycle sharing, and a folding bicycle lease program providing bicyclists options to bringing bicycles on board the trains. Staff indicated that they would be conducting a mode of access survey through December 15 to help determine the mix of options to include in the final program. CCJPA Board and public comments will be taken from January 15, 2013 through the planned final adoption of the program at the February CCJPA Board meeting. The CCJPA Board engaged in a lengthy discussion over providing options that would reduce the need to bring bicycles on board the trains. Concerns were expressed over conflicts between bicycles and other riders, particularly riders with disabilities.

- The Managing Director presented a proposed policy establishing goals and objectives for an extension of Capitol Corridor trains to Salinas. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County has been working with CCJPA staff to bring passenger rail service from the Bay Area into Salinas. The preliminary service plan would bring two early morning peak period Capitol Corridor passenger trains from Salinas to San Jose, continuing to Sacramento with two returning afternoon trains from Sacramento to Salinas. The purpose of this action is to bring the proposed goals and objectives to the CCJPA Board for approval. Kimberly Craig, mayor pro-tem from Salinas was present expressing support for this action. Board member Cohn asked if the goals and objectives could be applied to other service extensions, for example Capitol Corridor service to Truckee. The Managing Director indicated that they could. It was also mentioned that the service to Salinas is not drawing resources from, or negatively impacting, existing Capitol Corridor service. The CCJPA Board approved this item.
- A representative from the Caltrans division of rail rail made a presentation on the California State Rail Plan. It was indicated that this plan is being prepared to meet Federal PRIIA requirements. It was indicated that the final plan would be completed in May 2013. Public workshops on the draft plan will start in February 2013 with workshops located in Fresno, LA, Sacramento, San Diego, and the Bay Area. The presentation went into the specific detail of the draft plan. It was indicated that the plan has a 40 year horizon, but is primarily focused on the next 10 (State requirement) and 20 (Federal requirement) years with 2013 being the base year. Board member Cohn noted that the plan did not include a service expansion to Truckee. He mentioned the effort to attract the Winter Olympics and the importance of rail service to that effort.
- The next CCJPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 10:00 AM in the City Council Chambers in Suisun City Hall.