

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

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2012

10:00 A.M.

City Council Chambers  
Suisun City

- Chair Sperring distributed a written copy of the Chair's report. He then moved to the appointment of a vice chair indicating that a selection committee was appointed consisting of two CCJPA Board members. The selection committee recommended Gail Murray as vice chair. Board member Serna asked about the selection process and the rotation of the chair and vice chair appointments between jurisdictions. Director Blalock was one of the selection committee members and responded that they had considered rotation in making this recommendation and that Ms. Gail represented a jurisdiction from the northern portion of the CCJPA corridor and that consideration was also given to selecting someone whose term of office would allow them to serve as vice chair for 2 years and then 2 years as chair. The CCJPA Board approved Ms. Gail as vice chair.
- The Managing Director presented the annual budget for adoption. He indicated that the allocation letter from the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing had not yet been received, but that it was expected shortly. He indicated that there was a clear verbal understanding with staff concerning budget levels. He indicated that the budget reflected a 1.5% reduction with the operation portion reduced by \$500,000. This is based upon the service optimization plan presented to the CCJPA Board at the previous board meeting. The CCJPA Board approved the annual budget.
- The Managing Director presented the operating agreement for adoption. The operating agreement implements the approved budget with 30 weekday trains, a reduction of 2 weekday trains consistent with the service optimization plan, and with no changes to weekend service. He indicated that the volatility in fuel cost remains his most significant concern. It was further noted that the Amtrak service contract is capped at a fixed price for Amtrak labor and that the agreement assumes paying the full incentive to UP which is based upon achieving on-time performance goals. The operating agreement also includes the annual passenger customer satisfaction survey. The CCJPA Board approved the operating agreement.
- The Managing Director presented an update on current State and Federal legislative matters. At the State level, he indicated that the two Cap and Trade bills are before the Governor, but were not yet signed. He indicated that there was a big push to assure transit and transportation gets their fair share of new revenue that may become available. The Managing Director also highlighted the joint powers legislation that would create joint powers agencies to manage the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin services, both are pending the Governor's

signature. At the Federal level, he mentioned the approval of the 6 month Continuing Resolution allowing for funding to continue at FY 2012 levels through March 2013. The Managing Director discussed the Obama administration's nominations to the Amtrak Board. He indicated that Yvonne Braithwaite Burke was nominated and remains the only west coast nomination to the Amtrak Board. The Managing Director discussed the signing of Map-21 which is legislation that reauthorizes taxes that support the Highway Trust Fund through September 30, 2016, and authority to make expenditures from that fund through September 30, 2014. Unfortunately, Map-21 did not have a Rail Title, which would have included a funding program for rail freight, intercity and high speed passenger rail projects. Efforts are under way to look at advancing a Rail Title in the next surface transportation authorization when MAP-21 expires in 2014, or when PRIIA expires in 2013. The CCJPA Board directed staff to send letters of support on the 2 bills forming the JPAs for the Pacific Surfliner and the San Joaquin services as well as a and a letter of support for SB 1117 (regarding state passenger rail planning), provided the Managing Director concurs after researching the current status of the legislation assuring that it is consistent with the Blended Service Plan.

- The Managing Director provided an update on the Rail Safety Act which mandated positive train control by 12/31/2015. He mentioned that the Union Pacific and Caltrain are installing positive train control systems, and that Metro Link has done a demonstration on a portion of their system. He further stated that there are opportunities for improved safety and capacity and the ability to increase train speeds, but there is a need to understand the technology and costs associated with it. He expressed concerns over the reliability and maintainability of a positive train control system. The Managing Director mentioned that the CCJPA is proceeding with the installation of the equipment installed in the locomotives. He indicated that there is currently only one manufacturer and that this was an opportunity to get a head start. He also indicated that a vendor has been selected to assist and advise staff in implementing positive train control. The vendor would be under contract with BART as the managing agency and that the contract would be limited to \$200,000. The CCJPA Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director presented a status update on the progress of the vision plan. He indicated that the work was divided into the early part of the plan, 0 to 10 years, and the later part of the plan, 10 plus years. He indicated that the later part of the plan has been contracted to a consultant, Nelson Nygaard, and that they are working on that part of the plan. The Managing Director indicated that CCJPA staff are working on the early part of the plan which is based primarily on the blended service plan. Also discussed were refined performance standards which will be tied to the roll out of a new pricing program by Amtrak in 2014. He further indicated that they were working to identify programs to increase customer satisfaction, programs to enhance community outreach, and programs to take advantage of joint marketing opportunities with other jurisdictions. He also discussed the need to double the number of trains to Auburn, the importance of

adding the third track between Sacramento and Roseville which would allow hourly service to Roseville, and increasing service between Oakland and San Jose from 14 to 22 trains which will also provides hourly service to San Jose. The Managing Director mentioned the work with Monterey County for an extension from San Jose to Salinas which would provide for 4 trains per day.

- The Managing Director provided an update on the Blended Service Plan. He indicated that an agreement had been reached with UP for service modeling in two areas that include ACE service expansion and the additional trains to San Jose on the Capital Corridor. He also indicated that work was progressing between the Northern California working group and the High Speed Rail Authority on an MOU that would allow each of the agencies to jointly secure funds to finance the implementation of the track capacity improvements and related projects to support the Blended Service Plan. He mentioned that the goal was to have an integrated service between Ace, Capitol Corridor and the San Joaquin service so that there is joint ticketing, shared customer service basically making the service as easy as possible for the customer to use.
- The Managing Director presented the results of the June 2012, onboard survey. He indicated that station staff received the highest scores to date, but that the scores for train crews dropped slightly. He mentioned that areas in the survey showing improvement included station announcements and personal security. The Managing Director reported that those accessing the system by bicycle had increased, and that the primary trip purpose is still for work/business at 60%.
- The Managing Director presented the Managing Director's report. He indicated that for the third month in a row ridership had declined by about 5%. He mentioned that a detailed look at June/July ridership showed declines in boardings in Roseville, Rocklin and Auburn plus some loss to weekend ridership. He indicated that revenue was up by 9.3% allowing CCJPA to meet business plan goals in this area. The Managing Director indicated that the bike access program is close to having the first cab car modified for increased bike storage. He indicated that by February/March it is the goal to have every train with at least one modified car. He also mentioned the installation of security fencing in Suisun City to prevent trespassing. The Managing Director indicated that the second track over Donner pass survey went well and that it appears that the track can be built within the existing right of way. He indicated that funds were currently being sought for this project. The Managing Director informed the Board that 50 police officers have signed up for the fare exemption pilot program which was implemented to augment Amtrak police on board the trains. He indicated that they only respond when asked by a conductor for assistance. The Managing Director mentioned the opening of the new passenger platforms at the Sacramento Valley Station. He indicated that there were passenger complaints over the increased walking distance to the new platforms. He complimented Amtrak for obtaining carts to help move passengers between the new platforms and the terminal. He also highlighted the fact that the auxillary power units are a significant asset, as is the bypass track for freight trains and the fact that

passengers can no longer cross live track. The Managing Director mentioned that September is rail safety month and indicated that there will be public service announcements and social media messages promoting rail safety.

- Representatives from Monterey County made a presentation to the Board supporting rail service to Salinas.
- Director Blalock informed the Board that BART is in the first month of a 12 month celebration for 40 years of service. He indicated that BART started service on September 11 1972. It was mentioned that BART is experiencing record ridership with 400,000 daily riders.
- The next CCJPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 10:00 AM in the City Council Chambers in Suisun City Hall.