

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

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2013

10:00 AM

BART Boardroom, Oakland CA

- The meeting was called to order by Chair James Spering.
- The CCJPA Board approved the minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting and Consent Calendar.
- Managing Director David Kutrosky reported that Governor Brown's May revised state budget included an additional \$18.6 million supplement to the initial \$90.3 million for the three CA Intercity Passenger Rail services. He recommended any excess funds be rolled into contingency funds to help pay for rising fuel costs. A final vote for authorization of the state budget was expected by the end of the week. Motion approved.
- Priscilla Kalugdan gave a slide presentation on the FY14 Marketing and Communications Plan on future promotions to increase ridership in FY14. Promotions included targeting business travelers, weekend fun, Senior savings, and an outreach plan to ride with a Board member. Director Raburn and others wanted to validate the retention rate of riders following the end of a promotion. Surveys were planned to be given to riders to follow the delta change of before and after a promotion. Motion approved.
- Managing Director Kutrosky provided an overview of the draft FY14 CCJPA budget and discussed increased fuel costs, lower ridership, and lower service fees from Amtrak. He discussed the 1 year of actual data from using e-tickets as compared to the previous formulas based on multi-use ticket sales.
- Wendy Goodfriend gave a slide presentation on the Adapting to Rising Tides Project. This included the projections of rising sea levels and future storms that will impact regional rail. Proposed adaptation responses would be to increase maintenance and retrofit vulnerable bridges and levees and work with other stakeholders to develop a regional rail adaptation plan. Director Cohn commented that this would be a good opportunity to address climate changes and to be looking for new alignments. Future Cap and Trade funds should go to CCJPA for projects and supporting rail service. Director Radulovich asked about greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability plans i.e.; locomotive efficiency, solar panels on roofs, and enhancing walking and cycling. Chair Spering commented he would like to see more focus on storm damage concerns.

- Managing Director Kutrosky gave a slide presentation on a draft Vision Plan. Short term from 0-10 years concentrated on blended rail elements of service expansions and service extensions. Medium term from 10-20 years included a full build up of core Sacramento to Oakland round trips. Long term from 20+ years focused on a transformation of the service involving reduced travel times and increased frequency plus responding to rising sea level impacts. Chair Sperring planned to form a subcommittee of up to 5 Board Members to review the draft Vision Plan and indicated any member interested should email Managing Director Kutrosky to participate. Director Cohn requested to be on the subcommittee and commented the High Speed Rail Plan was good, but for Northern California Capitol Corridor improvements for higher train speeds would be beneficial. He would like to see more explicit goals, more information about San Francisco, and would like to add a rail extension to Truckee. He would also like to see an executive summary for each of the 3 parts of the plan and stated that future investment in rail to update early 20<sup>th</sup> century infrastructure should be advocated strongly. Director Murray commented on regulatory issues that could be addressed and wanted to know more about how these recommendations could actually be implemented. Director Radulovich asked about updating the Regional Rail Plan. Director Mallet asked about ridership standards and if the standards are not met whether the service is discontinued. He commented that adding stations divides the service and takes longer to travel. Chair Sperring is looking for advocacy to implement the Vision Plan and asked the future members of the subcommittee to be bold during their review. Motion approved.
- Managing Director Kutrosky provided a Managing Director's report stating that ridership was down -3.6%, on-time performance was up, mechanical delays were up 4.8%, and 3<sup>rd</sup> party delays were up due to grass fires, bridge lifts for barges, and trespassers along the right of way. He commented they are looking to add fencing projects through targeted areas with high incidents of trespassers. Other discussion included the San Joaquin proposal for managing the San Joaquin JPA.
- A public comment was presented that the CCJPA should be looking at increasing train speeds to reduce the travel time and make train travel more competitive with automobile travel.