

Paratransit Board Meeting
March 27, 2014

The following Board members were present: Bonnie Pannell, Pete Spaulding, Scott Leventon, Catherine Kelly Baird, Frances Gracechild, Steve Gould and Bill Durant.

The following comments were made by the public:

- Passenger (Rashida) voiced appreciation for allowing the vehicle operator to play the radio while in service. She also stated that she does not enjoy the bizzare routes when she has a shared ride.
- Passenger (Loren Tucker) also noted that the vehicle operator's radio provided soothing music to the passengers, some of whom experience pain.
- Passenger (Lisa) requested increased evening and weekend service and longer reservation hours. She also noted that there are no curb cuts from Florin Road to the welfare office.
- Passenger (Leoma Lee) complimented Paratransit by saying that she has been getting good service. She noted that there needs to be better coordination with Elk Grove.

The following items were approved by the Board:

- A contract with Packet Fusion to provide 24 hour maintenance for the phone system.
- Submittal of a grant application to fund the Mobility Management Project in Stanislaus County. The application will seek Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Federal funds (FY 2009) from the Stanislaus County Council of Governments. It was noted that Stanislaus County is experiencing a service expansion.
- Submittal of a grant application for Federal New Freedom funds for the continued operation of the Stanislaus County Volunteer Driver Program.
- Submittal of a grant application for Federal JARC (FY2011 and 2012) funding for the Stanislaus County Wheels to Work Program.
- Submittal of a grant application for Paratransit's Mobility Management Project in Stanislaus County to be funded with Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and Federal Fiscal Year 2012 New Freedom Section 5317 funds for provision of Paratransit's volunteer driver program and eligibility process study.
- Authorization for the CEO to negotiate and accept Federal funds for FY15 and to execute all necessary documents including the subrecipient agreement with Sacramento RT. The Federal funds being sought will support operating and capital activities. The plan is to submit two projects in two years for approximately \$2M.

- Authorization for the CEO to award a contract for heavy equipment for maintenance not to exceed \$55,000.

The CEO's report highlighted the following:

- Paratransit, Inc. has been working with STA to develop a sales tax proposal.
- The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is hosting an International Conference on Shaping the New Future of Paratransit in Monterey in October of 2014..
- The Paratransit staff is very active in a wellness program focusing on walking. The program is being done in partnership with Kaiser.
- Paratransit, Inc. placed first in the paratransit vehicle operators Rodeo competition for the sixth year in a row. Individually they placed 1st, 2nd and 4th in the competition.

The financial report highlighted the following:

- Overall trips are up due to an increase in demand response trips from 27,336 last January to 29,704 trips in January 2014.
- CTSA trips have experienced an 8% increase
- There has been a YTD decrease in DR trips of (.71).
- There has been little inflation YTD.
- Overall YTD cost per service hour increased slightly by 1.6% from FY13 and YTD DR cost per vehicle service hour increased slightly by .8% over the prior year.