

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
December 9, 2013**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 6:02 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Cohn, Hansen, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Schenirer, Serna, and Chair Hume.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Action Summary - Board Meeting of November 11, 2013
2. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Printing of Bus and Light Rail Pocket Timetables to JD Graphics (Selenis)
3. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Light Rail Vehicle Americans with Disabilities Act Ramps to UKM Transit Products, Inc. (Espinoza)
4. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to InAlliance for Graffiti Removal, Landscape Maintenance and Janitorial Services at Light Rail Stations and District Facilities (Cain)
5. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to Work Order No. 8 with Atkins for Blue Line to Cosumnes River College Environmental Services (Scofield)
6. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Personal Services Contract for James Busby for Project Assistance (Boswell)
7. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to Work Order No. 1 to the Contract for Legal Services with Hanson Bridgett, LLP, for Public Sector Pension Plan Reform (Bailey)
8. Resolution: Approving the Seventh Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Traction Power Substations with Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. (Norman)
9. Whether or Not to Approve Amendments to Contracts for RT's Health Care Providers (Bailey)
  - A. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve Amendment No. 10 to the Agreement with Delta Dental of California; and
  - B. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve an Amendment to the DeltaCare USA Dental Service Contract; and

- C. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve an Amendment to the Flexible Spending Account and Cobra Administration Agreement with EBS; and
  - D. Resolution: Approving the Amendments to Vision Care Agreement with Vision Service Plan
10. Resolution: Rejecting the Bid and Authorizing Re-Solicitation of Bids for Purchase of Train to Wayside Communication Equipment for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Norman)
  11. Resolution: Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Uniform Rental and Laundry Services for Light Rail Maintenance and Bus Maintenance (Harbour)
  12. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Dynamic Message Sign Procurement for the South Sacramento Corridor Project, Existing System, and Additional Signs (Abansado)
  13. Resolution: Establishing Regular Meeting Schedule for 2014 (Brooks)
  14. There is no item for this number.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Schenirer seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Items 3 and 4 which were pulled for questions. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

3. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Light Rail Vehicle Americans with Disabilities Act Ramps to UKM Transit Products, Inc. (Espinoza)

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved; Director Nottoli seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

4. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to InAlliance for Graffiti Removal, Landscape Maintenance and Janitorial Services at Light Rail Stations and District Facilities (Cain)

Director Budge noted that the conditions of the stations, conditions of the landscaping, the way in which graffiti is addressed is not adequate. Director Budge noted that Rancho Cordova has made an offer to help to take over some the maintenance responsibility. Mike Mattos noted that RT has been adding back resources so that RT can get back to a level where RT was able to maintain the system a lot better. Mike Wiley noted that the agreement with Rancho Cordova is an area that is a pilot project. RT is hopeful that this pilot project will grow and expand over time. The dollar amount allocated is a “start up” in terms of that service.

Director Hansen suggested that from a “best practice” standpoint, it would be healthy as an organization to get a sense of what other companies can provide the service putting out a Request for Proposal for services.

Director Nottoli did not recall having a budget discussion about this maintenance during the last budget discussion, and would encourage RT staff to have this discussion in the spring time when RT is building budgets. Mike Wiley indicated that staff would have the budget discussion with the Board in the February/March 2014 time frame as the preliminary budget is developed.

Director Budge indicated that during the budget discussion the cleanliness of the interior of the vehicles should also be discussed. Mike Wiley noted that RT is already looking at some alternatives to address this issue in a cost effective manner, as well as providing some enhanced security options as well.

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Nottoli moved; Director Cohn seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Noes: Directors Budge and Hansen.***

#### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

15. General Manager’s Report
  - a. Charities Presentation
  - b. Government Affairs Update
    - 1) Federal Legislative Update: Holland and Knight
  - c. Complaint Investigation Update
  - d. Monthly Performance Report (October 2013)
  - e. RT Meeting Calendar
- a. Donna Bonnel provided the Board with an update about the Charities events that RT employees participated in during the year. RT employees raised \$23,000 to support nine worthy charities. Checks were presented to the charities in attendance (Sacramento Hospice Consortium, Sacramento Children’s Home, Previous Den’s Animal Shelter, Breathe California, Shoes that Fit, and Special Olympics).
- b. Rich Gold of Holland and Knight introduced his colleagues, Jeff Boothe and Michael Galano. Mr. Gold noted that Congress has one week left before session ends to finish up a budget agreement. The budget agreement is attempting to replace sequestration cuts with raising fees and other general revenue mechanisms to try and get the funding level up.

Jeff Boothe noted that the current authorization bill expires September 30, 2014. The gas tax, as it is presently constituted, is inadequate to maintain current spending levels. Mr. Boothe noted that they are focused on this bill because Congress undertook a major re-write of both the Highway & Transit titles in the

last authorization bill. It is not expected to have major changes in the structure in the bill. The principal areas of focus are trying to restore some discretionary bus and bus facilities funding, as there is great desire to restore it to previous funding levels and to also create some discretionary funding to allow people to major bus acquisitions or facility projects. Mr. Boothe noted that he was on the Board of Directors for APTA, and APTA now has a position for MAP21 reauthorization that was adopted on Friday.

Michael Galano noted that there are 55 federal tax credits that are going to expire on December 31, 2013 if Congress does not act. It appears that with only a few days left in the session that they will not be able to act. Two of those 55 credits are important to transit agencies across the country. They are for alternative fuel vehicles and the commute transit parity with benefits.

Chair Hume asked if this is moving the gas tax to vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Jeff Boothe noted that VMT has been declining since 2007 because people are driving less, and then combined with that is also the "Prius" effect. As cars become more fuel efficient because of corporate average fuel economy (café) standards and because of vehicles like Prius that have an impact on the road, but do not pay into the gas tax, we are seeing declining revenues coming into the gas tax. The gas tax has not been raised since 1993. Long term, as we see café standards increase and the fuel economy standards increase, that gap will only increase as well. There is a desperate need to find a supplement to the gas tax because the revenues will not coming as people move to different fuel vehicles.

Director Miller asked what the current gas tax was. Jeff Boothe noted that the current gas tax is 18.4 cents and transit gets 2.5 cents.

- c. Mike Wiley verbalized his written report on the Complaint Investigation Update. Deborah Allison thanked the Board for entrusting her and her team as it was a very important process.
- d. Mr. Wiley noted that the performance report was included in the Board package and due to the length of the meeting he was not going to review it at this time, but would take any questions.

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

16. Intent Motion: To Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the RT Board of Directors for 2014 (Brooks)

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Cohn moved; Director Hansen seconded approval of the nomination of Director Serna as Chair, and Director Schenirer as Vice-Chair. Motion was carried by voice vote.***

17. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Purchase of Transit Buses to Gillig LLC and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Contract (Harbour)

***ACTION: APPROVED - Director Cohn moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.***

18. Resolution: Adopting a Policy Governing Banners on Regional Transit Owned Bridges (Mattos)

Director Budge requested that the item be continued so that the Rancho Cordova Community Council and Rancho Cordova City staff had an opportunity to review and comment on the policy. Director Budge indicated that the Rancho Cordova Community Council was not notified of this action.

Mike Wiley indicated that this was the first attempt at formalizing a banner program, and is a work in progress. If there is a significant demand for this program, RT would look at physical modifications that RT may want to make to the structures, to make it easy to hang something.

Director Miller indicated that he was not in favor of this program because it sends a mixed message to the public that it is ok for RT to hang signs on bridges, but it is against the law for everyone else.

Director Hansen wanted to know where banners would be more appropriate to be placed. He agrees that RT should have a policy in place. Until RT sets a policy of “no advertising” RT needs to be careful about what type of forum is created as a public agency.

***ACTION: CONTINUED - Director Cohn moved; Director Schenirer seconded a motion to continue this item to the January 27, 2014 Board meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote.***

19. Information: Quarterly Ridership Report - July through September 2013, and Annual Passenger Fare Survey Results (Covington)

James Drake noted that there were no dramatic changes to ridership. Bus ridership has been doing well. Staff has seen “troubling trends” particularly on the Gold Line. Saturdays have been trending positively on both light rail lines. Staff anticipates a more detail report on three new routes at the next update, which are subject to RT’s sunset clause, and are not meeting RT’s productivity standards. The Fare Survey Report is done annually by RT Route checkers. The report compares sales to use. Mr. Drake then reviewed his power point presentation.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

***ACTION: NONE - Oral Presentation by James Drake.***

### **REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

20. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority - Meeting of November 20, 2013 (Cohn/Hansen)

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

No additional comments were provided.

21. Paratransit Board of Directors Meeting - November 21, 2013 (Pannell)

No additional comments were provided.

22. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority - November 22, 2013 (Cohn)

No additional comments were provided.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Speakers:

Jeffrey Tardaguila - Mr. Tardaguila noted that there are some “glitches” with the Real Time Tracker listing for Route 87 today (there was no 4:26 ride), and last Thursday. Mr. Tardaguila noted that he had already informed the Mobility Advisory Council and RT’s Marketing staff about the issues.

Mike Barnbaum - Mr. Barbaum suggested that RT revisit the bicycle policy as it pertains to event nights at the new Entertainment Sports Complex. He suggested running 4 car trains on event days with the second and third cars able to hold 6 bicycles each. The front and rear cars would be bicycle free.

Dan Allison - Mr. Allison appreciates the schedule extensions on light rail, and connecting bus lines. Mr. Allison noted that 40% of the lights at Arden/Del Paso were

out. Mr. Allison noted that San Jose (VTA) has a great light rail system (new cars, level board platforms, a card system). He realizes that RT is moving this direction, but would like to see the updates quicker. Dr. Allison does not believe that the tax base is higher enough to run a professional efficient system. VTA has a higher tax base.

Mike Mattos noted that RT is currently relamping the system.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**ADJOURN**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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PATRICK HUME, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary