

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Hume, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, and Chair Serna. Absent: Directors Cohn and Pannell. Director Schenirer arrived at 6:05 during Item 7.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of February 10, 2014
2. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to UniFirst Corporation for Uniform Rental and Laundry Services (Harbour)
3. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Personal Services - Structural Engineer for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2, Video Infrastructure and Communication Enhancements and Bus Maintenance Facility 2 Project with Luis Moreno (Abansado)
4. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract with Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC for Roll Off and Front Load Waste and Recycling Containers Rental and Service (Cain)
5. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to Agreement Between the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Sacramento Regional Transit District to Relocate 230 kV and 69 kV Facilities RT's South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Abansado)
6. Resolution: Ratifying Contract Change Orders to the Contract for Relocation of (S-150) Center Parkway Lift Station with Division 5-15, Inc. for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Gamble)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Cohn, Pannell, and Schenirer.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - b. Connect Card Employee Systems Test
 - c. Monthly Performance Report (January 2014)
 - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report. Mr. Wiley noted that Senator Steinberg introduced a concept, not legislation yet; regarding Statewide funding that would generate a carbon tax where transit would be a major beneficiary.

Mike Mattos reminded the Board that July 2014 is the "go live" planned date for the RT Connect Card system to begin. The customer pilot program is planned for April 2014 with approximately 200 people helping to test the system.

Director Nottoli asked staff to place a footnote/asterisk on the KRP report noting the reason for major absences. Mike Wiley indicated that he will place a note in the management report about anomalies.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

8. Resolution: Approving Work Order No. 7 to the Contract with Psomas for General Engineering Support Services for the Downtown/Riverfront Street Car Project - Preliminary Engineering and Surveying (Abansado)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Miller seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Cohn and Pannell.

9. Information: Mid-Year Financial Update (Brookshire)

ACTION: NONE - Oral Presentation by Dee Brookshire.

Ms. Brookshire noted that the FY 2014 Operating Budget listed in the issue paper that was adopted on June 24, 2013 should read \$142.7 in revenues instead of \$142.3. January 2014 year-to-date results note a slight decline in revenues over expenditures, with full expectation of receipt of state, local and federal revenues. The areas of
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greatest concern from a revenue standpoint are fare revenue, sales tax base, local and state revenues, federal revenues, and the CNG rebate. Fare revenues are coming in short of the budget and current trends indicate that RT will not recover the shortfall at mid-year. Sales tax base revenues of local transportation funding and Measure A are coming in a little over half of RT's budgeted level. If federal funding comes in at the same level as last year, this will result in \$950,000 less than RT budgeted to receive in this fiscal year. Since RT provides 96 to 91% of the transit rides in the region, it is reasonable to expect RT to receive at least the difference of the \$950,000 in additional preventative maintenance funding, and RT is applying for those funds, and several other grants in the discretionary area. The CNG rebate program ended on December 31, 2013, and has not yet been renewed; RT has \$600,000 at risk in this fiscal year budget. On the expenditure side, RT is monitoring costs carefully to cut costs to cover any additional needs and shortfalls. There are several project adjustments needed in the capital projects. More details will be provided in March.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Jerry Jagers* - Mr. Jagers indicated that there are no bus routes that go within a mile and a quarter of the library. Three routes (Route 28, 72 and 84) were cut back previously. Route 28 has just been increased to the Mather Light Rail Station. This requires patrons to walk on Folsom Boulevard, without sidewalks in many areas, to the library, which is dangerous. Mr. Jagers proposes that Route 28 be extended to the Butterfield station; Route 84 can be changed to go east from Folsom, then to Horn, and around the business district back to Bradshaw; and Route 72 can be changed to go by the library. He believes the ideal arrangement would be the proposed Horn Station.

Pam Whiteley - Ms. Whiteley provided information on the Rancho Cordova library. The Rancho Cordova library serves 56 schools, but is not technically in Rancho Cordova. Ms. Whiteley noted that the library gives out free books to students.

Director Nottoli requested that staff talk about modifying service at the upcoming meeting when RT talks about priority setting for the budget and ridership.

Director Budge noted that Rancho Cordova is about to start construction on the extension of the Folsom Boulevard project, on the south side, that will take it down to Bradshaw.

Sheila Lawton* - Representing IBEW, Local 1245. Ms. Lawton asked the Board give consideration to fair terms for a new bargaining unit agreement for the maintenance employees. She noted that the IBEW members, last week, voted almost unanimously
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to reject the District settlement offer. The IBEW negotiating committee's belief is that they are not that far apart in the area of wage proposals, and believe with additional time, the parties should be able to reach an agreement that the membership can accept. One of the differences keeping the distance is the lump sum payment, and that 1% can help close that gap with respect to that lump sum. Ms. Lawson indicated that the employees realize that the wage proposal does not come close to the wage and benefits disparity that exists here at the District with management.

Lauren Bartlett - Ms. Bartlett noted that she has worked for RT for 22 years as a Storekeeper. There are nine Storekeepers that maintain four warehouses at light rail and bus with over \$18 million in inventory, and the Storekeepers are in charge of all the parts and supplies for the VTA restoration and the Smart Card project, in addition to their regular duties. Ms. Bartlett believes that the Storekeeper is under for the amount of knowledge, skills and responsibilities that they are required to have.

Ron Hoff - Mr. Hoff indicated that he has been a Lineman for 25 years with RT. Mr. Hoff indicated that when he started at RT 25 years ago, the wages were in line with SMUD. Linemen take care of the overhead wires that supply power to the light rail, substations that supply power to the wire, and the signal systems. Mr. Hoff noted that today there is a differential of \$14.00 - 16.00 an hour between RT and SMUD wages. RT linemen do multiple tasks here at RT were as at other properties their crafts are separated. Mr. Hoff noted that each signal system has their own calibration procedure, set up, rules and language and they are expected to learn their items under very little compensation. Mr. Hoff believes that it is hard for RT to recruit to get quality people.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN

*Handout

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

PHILLIP R. SERNA, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary