

CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2014

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers, Suisun City CA

- The meeting was called to order by Chair James Spring. He welcomed Director Rebecca Saltzman as a new member to the Board. He noted that item number 3 Business Plan Update under Action and Discussion Items had been moved to be the first order of discussion.
- The CCJPA Board approved the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting.
- Managing Director David Kutrosky presented the FY 2014-15 – FY 2015-16 Business Plan Update. He spoke about good passenger feedback while he was on the system and noted most passengers were very pleased with the service. Future plans include providing passengers with real-time train information. He then discussed budget needs and requested a budget increase of about \$2.9 million dollars for FY 2014-15 over the current budget year due to increased costs and expenses. Public comment was given about the upcoming 2014 NFL season and opportunities to market riding the train to attend locally scheduled football games. Director Spring asked that more information on the marketing outreach be provided and also asked about customer satisfaction regarding the food. Managing Director Kutrosky commented the highest satisfaction rating from passengers was about the food and beverages. Motion passed.
- The next item was closed to the public during the Board's session with legal counsel. After resuming the public meeting, it was disclosed that the Board had adopted to retain a law firm for the purposes of litigation not to exceed \$200K.
- Managing Director Kutrosky provided an overview of Amtrak's FY2014 call center charges of \$1.2 million dollars currently in dispute. Based on Section 209 pricing policy, Amtrak is requiring payment but the CCJPA has retained BART to provide call center services. Filings have been submitted to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB) for resolution and he outlined 3 possible STB decisions along with corresponding possible CCJPA responses. Public comment was given about the Amtrak call center handling train trips combined with connecting bus service.
- Managing Director Kutrosky discussed the 3rd track project from Sacramento to Roseville that would increase service from 1 round trip to 10 round trips per day. CCJPA staff gave a slide presentation outlining the highlights of the project with a preferred 45' foot north alignment to the existing tracks at a preliminary cost of \$177 million dollars. Next steps were to finalize the north alignment and present it

to the Roseville City Council. Public comment was given suggesting the presentation also be made to the Roseville Transportation Commission and Sacramento Regional Transit District Board. Director Raburn questioned the benefit for the UPRR. Managing Director Kutrosky stated it would leave enough room for a future freight track to be built. Director Raburn noted the UPRR has been a challenge to work with adversely impacting potential service options in his area.

- Managing Director Kutrosky spoke about legislative matters and the Governor's Draft FY 14-15 budget that provides \$108.9 million dollars for support of the three intercity passenger rail routes. He then discussed the Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds that provides \$250 million for high speed rail and \$50 million for competitive grants for existing rail transit agencies in the state. Chair Sperring asked for specific dollar amounts that CCJPA would receive of the \$50 million so the public could be informed of potential service improvements based on a calculation of specific dollars. Director Cohn requested what percentage would be for CCJPA and Kutrosky responded about 5% or \$2.5 million. Director Frerichs reminded it is a draft proposal. Director Saltzman stated it is only an initial amount and future budgets should be larger. Director Mallet stated he has received sentiments from others that the \$250 million high speed rail portion is a disproportionate share of the \$300 million total. Director Raburn suggested finding new revenue sources by the state applying an oil severance tax since California is the only state that does not. He stated it would compensate future generations for the loss of natural resources. Director Frerichs discussed issuing a CCJPA letter to be sent to the Senate and Assembly Transportation Sub-Committees about proposed funding levels. Director Batchelor commented the \$100 million dollars for Sustainable Communities is too small. Director Murray requested to have the CCJPA letter sent out before a March meeting in Sacramento.