

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Frost, Hume, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Pannell, Schenirer and Chair Serna. Absent: Directors Cohn and Hansen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of February 24, 2014
2. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Robin Haswell for Project Assistance (Thorn)
3. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Submit a Proposal in Response to the Request for Proposals Issued by the City of Elk Grove on January 10th, 2014 (Vanderkar)

Director Budge wanted to know what sort of lighting is being proposed around the electrical houses at the intersection because there are residences at those locations and is concerned that the lighting is not too high.

ACTION: APPROVED - Agenda Items #1 and #2 - Director Serna moved; Director Budge seconded approval of agenda items #1 and #2 as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Directors Pannell and Frost abstained from agenda item #1 only. Absent: Directors Cohn and Hansen.

Director MacGlashan inquired about the proposal security of \$50,000 required in the bid document, and a concern that if RT were to win the award that negotiations may not be fair. Mark Lonergan indicated that the security is in the bid to protect the City of Elk Grove, and this sort of security is usually in these types of bid documents. Mike Wiley indicated that if RT is selected based on the proposal submitted, the contract would comply with that proposal, and there should not be any reason for the parties not to reach an agreement. The likelihood of the \$50,000 not being returned to RT under those circumstances is insignificant. RT would include in its proposal cost increases over future years based on the financial forecasting model to protect the District.

ACTION: APPROVED - Agenda Item #3 - Director Nottoli moved; Director Budge seconded approval of agenda item #3 as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Noes: Director MacGlashan. Absent: Directors Cohn and Hansen.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

4. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - b. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report, and noted that staff from RT are participating with the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber on the Chamber's legislative advocacy day. Mr. Wiley indicated that during the week of March 3rd, he was in Washington DC with the California Transit Association (CTA). CTA conducted a "State to Federal" lobbying effort, representing all of California. The group was very successful in the first effort to express California's statewide views of legislative priorities.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

5. Information: Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget Planning and Priority Setting (Brookshire)

Dee Brookshire noted that the main purpose of this item is to provide direction for budget planning as revenues exceed operating expenditures. Ms. Brookshire noted that at the last priority setting workshop, the Board identified five categories (building reserves, restore service, improve internal services, investment in personnel, and to fund capital projects). For Fiscal Year 2016, there is a large increase in revenue under the "Fare Revenue" category which is a combination of two things: an anticipated increase in revenue as a result of the South Line opening in September 2015, and a long awaited fare increase.

Director Budge noted that security, vehicle maintenance and replacement should be mentioned in the priorities.

Director Hume noted that the first priority is to eliminate the \$2.25 million dollar draw down on reserves.

Director MacGlashan noted that the numbers shown through 2018 do not match the numbers that are required to match the reserve amount.

Director Morin wants RT to have the resources and latitude to drive a better riding and transit experience for everyone. He cannot support increases in services even though RT gets appeals for additional service frequently.

Chair Serna noted that he was uncomfortable with having a discussion and giving broad direction on ranking priorities without having it be agendaized as a deliberate matter, and that this matter deserves more attention and focus.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

ACTION: NONE- Oral Presentation by Dee Brookshire.

6. Information: Quarterly Ridership Report and Assessment (October - December 2013) (Drake)

James Drake noted that the Quarterly Ridership Report included an assessment of three routes (11, 54 and 95). For the routes created in September 2012, staff has a full year of data with which to analyze these routes. The sunset process applies only to newly created routes, and does not apply to changes systemwide. Route 11 has begun to hit its performance goal. Route 54 is not on pace to hit its goal, but is very close, and factors such as the South Line extension may impact its ridership. Route 95 is not anticipated as meeting its productivity standards by September; however, staff thinks that some minor adjustments to the route would be the best course for this route.

Chair Serna wanted to know if there was any logic in having the discussion about our budget priorities after we have the full two years of data. Mike Wiley noted that the discussion on budget priorities will be held at least once a year, and the service performance is being done quarterly.

Mr. Drake then verbalized the ridership report as written.

Director Hume wanted to get an analysis of the park-n-ride lot counts in comparison to the level of ridership.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

ACTION: NONE- Oral Presentation by James Drake.

7. Information: Title VI Program Update (Covington)

RoseMary Covington indicated that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act is a requirement that states that RT cannot use federal money in a way that discriminates against any of our citizens, specifically minorities and low income people. Title VI has specific requirements for transit agencies. RT is required to do a number of things and this report includes those things. The most visible thing that RT has to do is put notice up of individual rights in public places such as the train, buses and in places where we have transit centers in rail stations. RT is required to have service standards and fare policies which were implemented last year. Title VI has been revised to include environmental justice and language proficiency, and RT has developed a plan which is included in the March 10, 2014 Action Summary

document. The public can provide comments on this document as it has been posted on RT's website, and RT has already scheduled a number of interested party meetings, and will continue to schedule those types of meetings. The Title VI plan has to be approved by the Board and staff intends to come back to the Board for approval in May.

Chair Serna asked what languages are used to provide information, and whether we work with the Society for the Blind to make sure that the visually impaired have an opportunity to provide input. Ms. Covington indicated that Russian, Hmong, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese are the languages that RT provides information in, and that RT's documents are made available in Braille or large print. Ms. Covington also indicated that a presentation will be made to RT's Mobility Advisory Council.

Chair Serna indicated that there may be existing opportunities where people are already convening (neighborhood associations or service groups) where RT can get the information out.

Speaker: Barbara Stanton - Ms. Stanton wanted to know what changes were made on the document from the last version.

RoseMary Covington noted that this report is a report of RT's activities and is not a change from one document to the other. It is a report that is required every three years to make sure that RT is adhering to the federal government's requirements on Title VI and environmental justice.

Mike Wiley indicated staff can provide and identify those areas that are new or changed from previous reports.

ACTION: NONE- Oral Presentation by RoseMary Covington.

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting - February 19, 2014 (Cohn)

No additional comments were provided.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mark Underwood - Mr. Underwood would like to see better coordination between the bus and light rail arrival and departure times for Routes 22, 23, 30, and 62. Mr. Underwood believes that ridership would be increased if each rider's trip times were lessened.

Ronnie Miranda - Mr. Miranda would like improvements on the schedules of the Route

56. Mr. Miranda would like the RT “inspectors” to be more professional.

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 7:07 p.m.

PHILLIP R. SERNA, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary