

CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2014

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers, Suisun City CA

- The meeting was called to order by Chair James Spring. He welcomed Director Robb Davis as a new member to the Board.
- The CCJPA Board approved the Consent Calendar.
- Managing Director David Kutrosky presented the FY15 Budget of \$36.7 million. Motion passed.
- The next item was closed to the public during the Board's session with legal counsel.
- Managing Director Kutrosky discussed the CCJPA/Amtrak FY15 Operating Agreement. Motion passed.
- Staff member Jim Allison gave a slide presentation on the proposed On-Board Information System Project (OBIS). The project would put the train cars in compliance with the ADA by providing audio and visual communication using GPS triggering to provide station estimated time of arrival, service messages including train delays, and advertising. Overall cost of \$25 million and CCJPA contribution of \$4 million. Chair Spring questioned the number of screens per car. Director Davis questioned about the audible messages vs. audible advertising. Director Raburn questioned about system integration. Director Mallett questioned GPS integration and the number of the station announcements being too repetitive between some locations. Director Davis questioned the infrastructure for GPS. Chair Spring questioned public domain access so the public can see a train through an application on a smart phone. Director Murray agreed and wanted to see an open source of data so applications could be created. Motion passed.
- Managing Director Kutrosky spoke about legislative matters saying there were no state issues affecting CCJPA. On the Federal level, he discussed HR5449 a bi-partisan bill of funding for rail projects. He recommended sending a letter of support. Director Frerichs suggested being more proactive to be competitive in obtaining funding. Chair Spring in response asked about land use and the connection to train service and requested to add an agenda item regarding feeder systems that connect to the Capitol Corridor. Managing Director Kutrosky talked about how to attract funding. Motion passed to send a letter of support.

- Staff member Jim Allison gave a slide presentation on the draft Vision Plan that covers short, medium, and long term with more specific details on long term as requested by Director Cohn. The planning analysis included the impact of the rising tides being forecast for the region. Director Cohn requested clarification on train times and locations in the presentation and thought it was a good start. He would like to add information that reflects the benefits of the improvements of train speeds and travel times as compared to high speed rail. Chair Sperring agreed. Director Davis appreciated the climate change information and questioned the relationship with the UP and BNSF railroads and if they have any long term plans to review. Director Cohn had concerns over the locations where the rail line alone was impacted by the rising tides. Chair Sperring questioned why positive train control was not in the plan. Director Murray questioned the time line for the 2-4 foot rise and whether it was being alarmist or realistic.
- Managing Director David Kutrosky discussed the freight line crude oil shipments along the Capitol Corridor route that have not affected on-time performance. Carriers will be required to make safety improvements to new oil tanker cars and other safety proposals include shipping de-gassed oil. Director Cohn commended the staff for pointing out that the EIR did not show how it affected passenger rail. Director Murray questioned train speeds and the impact to passenger rail. Director Saltzman stated the Midwest is experiencing delays from slower freight shipments. Director Mallett questioned the route impacts due to the Valero plant in Benecia.
- Managing Director David Kutrosky gave a report on recent station platform safety improvements made at several locations and future plans to make improvements at other locations as well. A member of the public addressed the Board with concerns about specific station platform improvements, especially at the Davis station. Director Murray requested an update at the November meeting. Managing Director Kutrosky also reported on the steady increase in ridership, revenue, and good on-time performance. He introduced several new staff members of the CCJPA.
- Director Cohn reported there would be a meeting in Sacramento on Friday, September 26th, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate improvements to the Historic Rail Depot in the Downtown Railyards.
- A member of the public addressed the Board about lighting in the Sacramento depot building, font on the sign display, train schedule, and luggage rack location on bicycle cars. Another member of the public expressed concerns about the Cal Berkeley agreement and future agreements.