

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
March 23, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Detrick, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, Serna and Chair Schenirer.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of March 9, 2015
2. Motion: Rejection of Claim: *Ferguson, D.*
3. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Robin Haswell for Project Assistance (Boswell)
4. Resolution: Approve the Second Amendment to the Contract with Weintraub Tobin for Legal Services (Spangler)
5. Whether or Not to Approve the Second Amendment and Work Order No. 15 to the Contract with Atkins North America, Inc. (Damon)
  - A. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Environmental Support Services with Atkins North America, Inc.; and
  - B. Resolution: Approving Work Order No. 15 to the Contract for Environmental Support Services with Atkins North America, Inc.
6. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO or Designee to Execute Documents with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to Apply for and Receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds for the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion Project and the Expansion Portion of the Bus Route 65 Realignment Project (Tyler)
7. Resolution: Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Contract for an Integrated Transportation Efficiency and Accessibility Management Systems with Trapeze Software Group (Mattos)
8. Resolution: Approving a New Sacramento Regional Transit District Cafeteria Plan, Effective January 1, 2015 (Bonnell)

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Budge seconded approval**

**of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

9. General Manager's Report
  - a. Government Affairs Update
  - b. State of RT Breakfast Update
  - c. Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee Update
  - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report and added that RT's first bill (AB 422) was heard and successfully passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. AB 422 deals with RT's borrowing authority under RT's line of credit.

Mr. Wiley indicated that RT has surpassed the 500 attendee mark for the State of RT Breakfast, and RT has more sponsorships this year than in any previous years.

Mr. Wiley indicated RT staff is working on providing an icon on our website so that staff can provide the community with updated information on the Ad Hoc Committees. Since the writing of this report, there have been additional members added to several of the working groups of the Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee. Dion Dwyer and David Taylor have been added to the Security and Fare Evasion group; and Roger Kittredge and Michael Ault have been added to the Rolling Stock, Light Rail Vehicles and Buses group.

Speaker: Barbara Stanton

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

10. Information: Update on the Green Line to the Airport Project (Damon)

Jeff Damon noted that the RT Board selected the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to the Green Line to the Airport Project in 2003, and reaffirmed it in 2010. The LPA is currently being refined into segments.

The first segment is around the Sacramento Valley Station location. The key issues in this segment are integration with the Streetcar Project and double tracking on H Street.

The second segment is from Township 9 to West El Camino which involves the crossing of the American River. One of the issues in this second segment is the aesthetics of the bridge (look, function, low level or iconic).

The third segment is West El Camino to 99. The most interesting issue is what will happen with the reuse of the Sleep Train Arena, should the alignment come off of Truxel and penetrate directly through that development area, and is there an opportunity for a transit oriented development, or what should that be.

The fourth segment is from 99 to the Sacramento Airport. The Greenbriar Project has been delayed. Previously the Airport was going to extend one of the runways to the south; however, the Airport has changed their plans of extending the runway, and RT is now able to save about a ½ mile of track alignment by going directly into the Airport. With the new Terminal B, instead of stopping a ¼ mile away from the Terminal, RT could bring the station into the Terminal.

Director Serna expressed his concern that the environmental review documents may become stale. Mike Wiley indicated that RT is partnering with the local jurisdictions and the Sacramento Transportation Authority in evaluating the possibility of a November 2016 ballot measure. RT wants to proceed, so that it is as flexible and ready as possible in the event that, local leaders decide to move forward as soon as November 2016 with a local ballot measure to fund transportation improvements.

Director Hansen wanted to make sure that stations that are being built in the future are compatible with low floor cars, and that future plans include the extension of the Blue Line into the City of Elk Grove.

Director Detrick indicated that the cost to extend light rail to the Airport is about 4 times higher than extended light rail to Elk Grove. Director Detrick indicated that 25,000 people drive into Downtown via I-5 and Highway 99. Director Detrick hopes that the RT Board would reprioritize the extension to Elk Grove in their priority list.

## **ACTION: NONE**

11. Information: Update on the Regional Smart Card Project (Connect Transit Card) (Mattos)

Mike Mattos introduced Robert McCrary, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Project Manager for the Connect Card. Mr. McCrary noted that the current thinking is that the program will go live this summer, probably in a phased approach; however, staff will not roll out the program until the system works completely. Mr. McCrary noted that the vendor has failed to perform; there are key pieces of software that do not meet the standards of quality. There has been some incremental progress since the beginning of this year, but some key deliveries on this software are still outstanding.

The core software is proprietary; however, SACOG retains certain rights, especially to the web content. The hardware, the largest investment, is standard across the industry. The

mobile application is not part of the project, but the system is compatible for adding that at a later time.

Director Hansen would like to see RT be at the lead of innovation. Mike Mattos mentioned that staff is already exploring options for mobile applications and other technology.

Director Jennings asked about employee testing. Mike Mattos indicated that the employee's cards to date had limited distribution. The rest of the employee cards are scheduled to be issued very soon.

Speakers: Barbara Stanton                      Mike Barnbaum

**ACTION: NONE**

12. Information: Quarterly Ridership Report – October – December 2014 (Vohlers)

Greta Vohlers reviewed the purpose of the ridership report for the new Board members and discussed the quarter's observations.

- For bus, things are relatively unchanged for weekdays and Sundays. There was a slight decrease on Saturdays.
- For light rail, ridership was down for all service day types.
- ADA Paratransit service was up by approximately 13%.
- On time performance on weekends approached 77%, Saturday and Sunday was down slightly compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- All commute routes were trending down for the 24 month period that ends December 2014. Eleven routes were showing positive trends. On Saturday, Routes 38 and 62 had decreased by 10%.
- Weekday rail ridership, the Blue Line was down for all service periods except the "Other" service period. Other is defined as the time period before 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. The Gold Line ridership was trending down for am and pm peak periods, but up for mid-day and "Other" service period.
- There was an increase in the number of missed/canceled trips by 39%. When compared to ridership, there was not a correlation between the routes that RT was normally canceling and ridership. During the last quarter of 2014, RT in the media for a number of safety and security related issues, and gas prices continued downward.

- Weekends – Route 5 is no longer on the list of routes that failed to meet their service standards; Route 28 – still missed the service standards but is up 8% from the quarter before (changes to this route to increase productivity will be occurring soon); Route 109 failed to meet its service standards; Route 95 still did not meet the service standard (but changes to this route are occurring soon).

Ms. Vohlers reviewed the service change process in the event the Board wanted to make any changes to any routes.

Director Hansen requested that staff evaluate bus service to the Airport on a regular headway, and suggested a special fare (increased fare service like in Washington D.C.) for this service.

**ACTION: NONE**

13. Resolution: Approving Amendments to the FY 2015 Operating Budget and the FY 2015 Capital Budget (Tyler)

Les Tyler reviewed the requested amendments to the FY 2015 Operating and Capital budgets.

Director MacGlashan expressed her concern about relying on the sale of the Cemo Circle property to balance the budget, because it is a one-time source of funds to apply to an operating budget, and it seems optimistic that escrow would close in FY 2015.

Mike Wiley indicated that staff is very sensitive to the use of reserves, and staff continues to focus on reducing and controlling expenses.

Chair Schenirer asked staff to find an alternative to taking reserves in FY 2015.

Director Hansen suggested that staff make strategic investments in morale for employees and riders. He suggested that there may be things that are not too costly, but that the Board should budget for, to boost morale (spontaneous joy stops), and suggested that the Board members could participate in these activities.

**ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Schenirer moved; Director MacGlashan seconded approval of the item with a modification that staff come back with some other alternative to using the proceeds from the Cemo Circle property to balance the 2015 budget. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

14. Information: Update on the FY 2016 Operating Budget (Tyler)

Les Tyler provided the first look at the FY 2016 Operating Budget and highlighted the important aspects of the budget. The FY 2016 budget will be coming back to the Board on April 13<sup>th</sup> to release for a 60-day review, and set a public hearing, with the goal of

approving the budget at the June 22, 2015 Board meeting.

Chair Schenirer believes that it is not the time to increase fares, and reminded the Board that they wanted “quality” first and “expansion” second, but maybe “quality” first and “retraction on some things” now to pay for the quality might be necessary. Chair Schenirer reminded everyone that as the working groups and consultant come up with recommendations, these recommendations will come to the Board for discussion first. He is hopeful that the Business Advisory group will find new ways to engage the public in different ways that are helpful to RT.

**ACTION: NONE**

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

Director Harris noted that he had taken a tour of RT’s facilities which included the Security Operations Center (SOC), and suggested that the members of the Security and Fare Evasion working group take a tour of the SOC.

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

Speakers:

Barbara Stanton – Ms. Stanton mentioned the transformation of the Watt/I-80 station, and that the paint is very blue. Ms. Stanton is relaying an issue presented to her by Gale Morgan, a member on the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commission. Mr. Morgan is a transit dependent rider that uses a mechanical wheelchair and has waited in the elements for the light rail operator to bring the train to the platform to board at Watt/I-80, noting that the light rail operator is on break prior to bringing the light rail vehicle to the platform. Mr. Morgan wrote to Customer Advocacy with suggestions, and received a response that he was not happy with. Ms. Stanton noted that there were issues with the response: 1) the letter was address to a “Ms. Morgan”; and 2) that Customer Advocacy indicated that they were unable to provide a solution because the operators have to take a break, and if they do not get a break we will get fined, and RT cannot change the policy; however, if you want to speak to a customer service representative to assist with scheduling an alternative route for his trip, please call.... Ms. Stanton indicated that at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, there is no alternative. Mr. Morgan will not take Paratransit because of cost, and believes that his was unacceptable response. Ms. Stanton wanted to know how to elevate this situation to see if there is a solution for Mr. Morgan and others using the ramps at Watt/I-80. Ms. Stanton indicated that “we” wrote a letter to Mike Wiley and Mark Lonergan and received no response (February 19<sup>th</sup>), and this has been going on since December.

Pamela Haney – Ms. Haney noted that April 9<sup>th</sup> is National Stand Up for Transportation Day. In honor of this day, Wellspring Women’s Center and a number of local non-profit organizations are assisting the population with getting existing discounts that RT offers,

should they qualify.

Arthur Ketterling – Mr. Ketterling noted that when he calls 556-0258 for City Ride on a Friday, he is told that they are unable to make a reservation for a Monday ride because he has to give his request one business day in advance, and he does not understand that answer. Mr. Ketterling noted that you cannot call on the weekend because they are not open to take reservations. Also, he is pleased staff is trying another deviation to Route 95, but was unaware of the change until he saw it in the Next Stop News.

**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 7:53 p.m.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary