

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2015**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Harris, Hume, Jennings, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Serna and Chair Schenirer. Director Nottoli arrived at 6:04 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of March 23, 2015
2. Motion: Rejection of Claims: *Vincente, C. Miranda, A.*
3. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to Allied Waste Services of NA, LLC dba Republic Services of Sacramento for Roll Off and Front Load Waste and Recycling Container Rental and Service (Cain)
4. 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 Bus Route 25 Enhancement and Connect Card Implementation Projects (Tyler)
5. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO or Designee to Execute Grant Documents with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to Receive FY2014-15 Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) California Transit Assistance Funds (CTAF) (Tyler)
6. Approving Personal Service Contract Amendments for Audible Project Infrastructure and Hardware Installation, and Improvements at Bus Maintenance Facility II (Mattos)
 - A. Resolution: Approving the Eighth Amendment to the Personal Services Contract for William Harder for Audible Project Infrastructure and Hardware Installations, and Improvements for the Bus Maintenance Facility II Project; and
 - B. Resolution: Approving the Seventh Amendment to the Personal Services Contracts for Glenn Keema and Liam Harder for Audible Project Infrastructure and Hardware Installations, and Improvements for the Bus Maintenance Facility II Project; and

C. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Personal Services Contracts for Cody Keema and Kirk Naranong for Audible Project Infrastructure and Hardware Installations, and Improvements for the Bus Maintenance Facility II Project.

7. Motion: Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Background Checks on Certain Prospective Employees and Certain Prospective Concessionaires (Bonnell)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director MacGlashan moved; Director Miller seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of Item #7. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Nottoli.

7. Motion: Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Background Checks on Certain Prospective Employees and Certain Prospective Concessionaires (Bonnell)

Director MacGlashan was concerned about the contents of Exhibit A attached to the Ordinance. Some of the offenses included for some jobs, but not others are very serious offenses and Director MacGlashan believes all of the offenses should be applied to all employees.

Director Budge concurs with Director MacGlashan's theory. Director Budge believes that Exhibit A is not a logical list.

Director Nottoli suggested that this item be held over for two weeks unless there is an urgency to move forward.

Chair Schenirer suggested Dan Bailey meet with Directors MacGlashan and Budge, and Tim Spangler to work out the details of Exhibit A.

ACTION: ITEM CONTINUED - Director Serna moved; Director Jennings seconded a motion to continue this item to April 27th. Motion was carried by voice vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - b. Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee Update
 - c. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report.

Mr. Wiley indicated that the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and RT have entered into an agreement to work on items relative to the suggestions of the April 13, 2015 Action Summary

Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee, and Matt Carpenter from SACOG is present to explain some of that agreement. Mr. Wiley also indicated that Doug Carter is conducting a diagnostic review of RT; a systematic approach of what RT does.

Matt Carpenter noted SACOG's commitment to working with RT particularly regarding the data analysis, creating an effective partnership to identify service improvements, strategic development opportunities around light rail stations, and the balance between lifeline transit and choice rider with respect to ridership and farebox recovery.

Director Hansen requested a map on density that would support transit, where transit that matches that density, and where transit that does not match.

Doug Carter noted that RT has aspirations to improve services to connect communities to activity centers for everyone. His focus is to help look at the way RT performs business today, and try to find ways to reallocate monies to accomplish more of RT's future goals, and find opportunities that can be managed by RT, others that will have to be worked out with labor and some that will involve RT's riders. Mr. Carter indicated that he should have an interim report by the end of May or first of June. At that point, he plans to recommend three/four areas and will then need another 8 – 10 weeks to analyze them further (early August). These will be short, medium and long-term items to implement.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

9. Resolution: Authorizing Staff to Release the Sacramento Regional Transit District Proposed FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets and Set Notice of a Public Hearing for May 11, 2015 (Tyler)

Chair Schenirer asked staff to report back on the following: identify filled and vacant positions; how much revenue RT receives on charging for parking; what are the potential savings by not leasing office space; and what part of the increase in dollars for FY 2016 is related to decreasing fare evasion.

Director Harris suggested that staff hire a Homeless Navigator to ride the train. Chair Schenirer suggested that staff work with Ryan at Sacramento Best Forward regarding this issue.

Those Directors that spoke all agreed that it is not the time to raise fares. Director MacGlashan also indicated that it is also not a good time to raise the cost of parking.

Director Hume asked for a report back on the use of “conductors” on the light rail trains to engage riders about their fares, and have the public get used to being examined about their fares.

Speaker: David Taylor

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Harris moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

10. Information: Fare Policy Discussion (Covington)*

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum Pam Haney Beverly Valley
Arthur Ketterling

RoseMary Covington asked the Board to provide their impact on the role that fares play within the structure of RT’s organization, and how it relates to RT’s revenue picture, the way service is provided and priced, and the way our customers are treated within our fare structure.

Director Nottoli suggested that RT find a simpler methodology for fares, possible universal fares, and revisit/renege contracts (i.e. Los Rios, County Department of Human Assistance, etc.) to offset the cost of operations.

Director Budge suggested that staff provide a way to eliminate/minimize fare evasion.

Director Hume noted the disparity of the value of the average fare collected.

Director Morin suggested that staff bring back some form of the transfer.

Director Jennings suggested that patrons have an easier understanding of our fare structure, wants to hear from the public, and have their input included in the policy.

Director MacGlashan has an interest in distance based fares which would be a fair system for all and would increase ridership. Those patrons traveling longer distances would pay closer to the true cost of the service.

Director Miller suggested fairness and simplicity (distance and speed of travel). He suggested express rail service for events to the Entertainment and Sports Center.

Chair Schenirer suggested that staff frame future discussions with options such as distance based fares, single fares, discount fares, free fares noting the risks and rewards, and the short and long term affects for each of these ideas.

ACTION: None

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

11. Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting – March 26, 2015 (Hume/Nottoli)

No additional comments were provided.

12. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting – March 27, 2015

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

No additional comments were provided.

Director Miller noted that the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority meeting scheduled for April has been canceled.

Director Budge noted that the Friends of the Rancho Cordova Library held a ribbon cutting on April 6th to introduce the new bus service down Folsom Boulevard to the library.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum suggested that Route 1 “drop off only” on Orange Grove Avenue, and allow Route 1 to “pick up only” in front of the Unocal 76 Station, so that patrons using Route 1 can get to the new Walmart Supercenter.

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 8:06 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary