

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2015**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 6:02 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, Serna and Chair Schenirer. Director Hansen arrived at 6:22 p.m. Absent: Director MacGlashan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of October 26, 2015
2. Motion: Rejection of Claims: *Davis, A.* *Young, C.* *Riola, R.*
3. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to Contract for Personal Services with Walter May for Project Inspector on the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Abansado)
4. Resolution: Approving the Modified Job Description for the Senior Information Technology Business Systems Analyst (Bonnel)
5. Resolution: Repealing Ordinances 81-1, 83-1, 85-1, 87-1, 89-1, 05-03-01, Relating to Procurement (Spangler)
6. Resolution: Approving the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement with Michael R. Wiley as RT's General Manager/CEO (Spangler)
7. Resolution: Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Amendment of RT's Prohibited Acts Ordinance to Allow RT to Issue Citations for the Failure to Yield a Seat Reserved for the Elderly or Disabled (Spangler)

Speaker – Item #7 – Jeffery Tardaguila

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Serna moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Hansen and MacGlashan.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - 1) Federal Legislative Update – Holland and Knight

- b. System-Wide Improvement Initiatives (Ham)
- c. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley introduced Holland and Knight and Booth Transit Consulting.

Rich Gold talked about the budget agreement that was reached for the upcoming appropriations process where funding levels were finalized through December 11. Right before Speaker Boehner left, there was a budget agreement that provides an additional \$50 billion for defense and domestic discretionary spending for this Fiscal Year (FY) (2016) and \$30 billion for FY 2017. The debt limit has been increased and will go through March 2017. Congress has not sent an appropriations bill to the President yet this year. There are 12 bills left to pass including transportation.

Jeff Booth talked about specific transportation appropriations bills and the authorizing bill that is going to conference between the House and Senate. There are two primary general fund programs: TIGER Grant Program and the Capitol Investment Grant Program. The formula programs have to be authorized and the Surface Transportation bill has made progress in the House and Senate. The Senate passed its bill at the end of July that provides 3 years' worth of funding and six years' worth of policy. The House passed its bill by a substantial majority that provides the possibility of funding up to six years. This would provide a long term authorization bill which has not been done since 2005. As it relates to the Streetcar Project, for Small Starts, the Senate raised the threshold for the capital cost from \$250 to \$300; the 5309 share from \$75 - \$100.

Michael Galano talked about the tax extenders bills (51 tax provisions that expire every year). Included in those tax provisions are the alternative fuel vehicles refueling property provision, incentive for alternative fuel and alternative fuel mixtures, and mass transit Perry provision. The President's budget that comes out the first week in February 2016 for FY 17 should include the Streetcar Project. The House and the Senate bill create a competitive bus program, for vehicle replacement initiatives going forward (for clean fuels vehicles); there will be a competitive pot of money to pursue in FY 17.

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Laura Ham noted that outreach has begun on the 7th & K light rail station. Staff encouraged patrons using the 7th & K and 7th & Capitol light rail stations to take RT's survey or call, and take the survey on the phone. A fact sheet was shared with patrons. An open house is planned on November 17th at the Library Galleria from noon – 6 giving people an opportunity to get more in depth information about all of the changes taking place around 7th & K and 7th & Capitol stations. Staff has prepared a couple of concepts to rehabilitate and upgrade the station to more of a flagship station. Meetings have occurred with various stakeholders.

Mike Wiley noted that the free ride day in Elk Grove was well received. Mayor Davis joined RT staff at the Cosumnes River College (CRC) station. Staff was placed at the November 9, 2015 Action Summary

CRC Station and Franklin Station. There were many enthusiastic people and a percentage of the people were new riders trying the system for the first time. Patrons riding noted that they heard about it through the direct mail piece that RT jointly prepared with the City of Elk Grove. Once data is received, it will be shared with the Board through Executive Summary.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

9. Adoption of Fiscal Responsibility Policies (Bernegger)
 - A. Resolution: Repealing Resolution No. 10-09-0125 and Approving a Comprehensive Reserve Policy; and
 - B. Resolution: Approving Fiscal Sustainability Policy; and
 - C. Resolution: Approving Farebox Recovery Policy; and
 - D. Resolution: Approving Fare Change Policy

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Miller moved; Director Hansen seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director MacGlashan.

10. Information: Public Scoping Meetings for the Green Line to the Airport Project (Damon)

Jeff Damon noted that staff has been working on pre-scoping meetings and technical work over the past year and, RT is about to undertake the formal process for the environmental document that will entail a formal notice which will be the Federal Register this week per discussions with FTA and three public scoping meetings (open house format) are scheduled for early December. Following the scoping meetings, individuals will be able to provide written comments on the methodology and process. The comments will be summarized and brought back to the Board. Over the next 18 months staff will be working on the preparation and release of the draft environmental document. Through the 18 month period, additional opportunities will be provided for public comment.

ACTION: None

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

11. Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting – November 2, 2015 – Oral Report by Director Budge

Director Budge indicated that she, Director Nottoli, and Alternate Sander attended this meeting along with Folsom and El Dorado County representatives. She reported that the JPA heard and reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the first three miles of the Trail Project, and approved the trail to go forward.

Director Budge noted that she moderated the meeting of the Unmet Transit Needs in RT's Auditorium today in partnership with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and RT. Folsom Stage Lines and Paratransit, Inc. were in attendance.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila asked that the General Manager search include many more efficient means of communication. Finally today, the Route 22 at Arden/Del Paso has the correct schedules placed at the station. Mr. Tardaguila would like parking at the 65th Street Light Rail station. The new UTDC trains smell because they sat for a long period of time before being placed into service. He suggested that Plexiglas be installed on the steps so there is not a blind spot. Mr. Tardaguila wants RT to consider customer convenience which means having good customer service on the weekends, especially since the Golden 1 Center will be open next year.

Ellen Johnson – Ms. Johnson thanked RT for placing trash cans on Broadway at 39th Street. She noted that it was a little cleaner. She noted that security is having a problem removing the homeless from the benches on Broadway.

Chair Schenirer noted that he had passed along Ms. Johnson's comments about the school kids to Mr. Echols, the principal at American Legion.

Cheryl Harris – Ms. Harris asked RT to keep up the good work.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN – Director Nottoli acknowledged Mr. William Lowell, a frequent participant at RT meetings over many years who passed away in October. Director Nottoli recognized Mr. Lowell’s contributions to RT and noted his constructive comments about bus shelters, his shared poetry with the Board, his contribution to the Mobility Advisory Council, and asked the Board to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mr. Lowell.

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned in honor of Mr. Lowell at 6:57 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary