

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2015**

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

Chair Schenirer announced that Item #11 is being deferred from the agenda to be heard in the future following the budget process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 27, 2015
2. Motion: Rejection of Claim: *Lee, D.*
3. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Personal Service Contract with Evan Kanenaga as the Video and Communications Specialist (Lonergan)
4. Resolution: Approving and Filing the California Environmental Quality Act Addendum for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project (Scofield)
5. Motion: Waive the First Reading of Ordinance 15-06-02, Repealing Ordinance No. 07-06-01 and Adopting a New Ordinance Prohibiting Specified Acts Committed In or On RT Vehicles or Facilities (Spangler)
6. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Transit Vehicle Advertising with Lamar-Obie Corporation (Masui)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Morin moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Jennings.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - 1) State Legislation Update – Mark Watts – Smith, Watts & Company
 - b. Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee Update
 - c. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report.

Mr. Wiley introduced Mark Watts who provided an update on State legislation and the Transportation Cooperative Research Program (TCRP). Mr. Watts noted that the three sponsored RT bills are moving well.

AB 422 (McCarty) would allow RT to access a line of credit over multiple years, but only access what is needed in one year to match the cash flow required to extend anticipated federal grant funds. The bill passed the Assembly last week and is now off to the Senate for approval.

AB 738 (Gaines) deals with the improved and streamlined annexation process and allows for a detachment process in the event it is desired by the joining jurisdiction. The bill passed the Assembly Local Government Committee last week. It is currently on the floor pending movement to final third reading. Mr. Watts expects it to be in the Senate by next week.

AB 869 (Cooper) deals with fare evasion statutes. It allows a two track process under the administrative adjudication process. This bill could open the door to streamlining some of the infractions for fare evasion and other prohibited behaviors. The bill passed the floor last week on the consent calendar, and is now off to the Senate for approval.

Mr. Watts provided a history of the TCRP program. One of the key projects for Sacramento County (the light rail extension) had \$70 million earmarked in statute, but no funding. \$7 million of the funds were allocated for pre-development activities with the rest for construction, and then the state budget went "haywire." The TCRP program was divided into two tiers in 2008, and projects that did not have a source of multiple year reimbursable money were put into tier 2, which is where this project has resided since 2008. The tier 2 project list is about 20 projects long and amounts to over \$480 million. SB 16, the major transportation funding bill, is circulating in the State Senate, and would seek to fund state highway repair, local street and road repair, and has an element in it that would require that the funds that include the TCRP would be repaid before the 2020's. AB 227 exists in the Assembly and was sent to the Budget Committee under the suspense file, while the budget works itself out. The Assembly chief consultant for the budget committee is open to, at a minimum, preserving the TCRP program in statute, in a way that would keep the door open for early repayment, and Mr. Watts is working with the chief consultant to try to figure out how RT can, under the provisions of Proposition 2, have it characterized as budgetary loan. If that happens, there would be the ability to start coming back to the Commission for allocation requests at the State Transportation Commission. This would protect the project and the allocation for the future, and possibly combining it with some acceleration repayments that would fund the program.

Mr. Wiley noted that RT issued bonds (\$86 million) to partially fund the advance of local money to match the federal dollars for the South Line project. Staff anticipated

receiving the TCRP funds to help pay it back for advancing those funds. Staff has been very active in pursuing a methodology to receive to those to pay ourselves back.

Mr. Watts noted that AB 906 (Cooper) passed the Assembly Local Government. The bill is sponsored by the City of Elk Grove that would deem receipt of Measure A money by RT as fulfilling the agreement between the City of Elk Grove and RT.

Mr. Wiley noted that in June staff will be bringing back a new bus shelter and bus bench advertising contract, and the services of the contractor to supply and maintain those shelters and benches. Two bids were received, and it looks as though one of the bids did not meet the requirements of the request for proposal. The one bid, by Clear Channel, will come back to the Board once the review is complete. The bid met all of RT's expectations (significant cleaning program for benches and shelters, aggressive program for rehabilitating the existing shelters, as well as to add additional shelters over time).

Director Serna expressed a concern for one of the other County Board of Supervisors relative to the condition of bus shelters (trash removal) as the County is trying to put its best foot forward for anticipation of the U.S. Senior Open in the county, and whether or not the RFP addresses the issue of trash removal. Mr. Wiley noted that the RFP was very aggressive, and commits the vendor to clean on a 5 day a week basis all of the shelters.

Director Nottoli asked if Clear Channel met all their obligations in the current contract. Mike Wiley indicated that he will provide the history of the current contract in the staff report that will be brought back to the Board for approval of the new contract.

Chair Schenirer noted that Doug Carter will be coming to the Board meeting on June 8th to provide a presentation on RT's overall operation. The Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee will meet on June 12th, and then fully report to the Board on June 22.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Motion: Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance 15-06-01, Authorizing Background Checks on Certain Prospective Employees and Certain Prospective Concessionaires (Bonnel)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

9. FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget (Tyler)
 - A. Receive Public Comments on the Proposed FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets; and
 - B. Motion: To Continue the Public Hearing to June 22, 2015

*Note: A court reporter was present and provided verbatim transcription of the entire item.

Les Tyler reviewed the changes in the operating and capital budgets from the prior presentation on April 13th.

Speakers: Jeffery Tardaguila Rick Hodgkins Genelle Smith
 Pamela Haney

Director Hansen requested a report back on the possibility of forming a 501(3)(c) non-profit foundation.

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Nottoli moved; Director Serna seconded the approval of the continuation of the public hearing to June 22, 2015. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Jennings.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Resolution: Approving the Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan for the Sacramento Regional Transit District for the Period January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 (Holman)

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

11. Information: Update on Potential Fare Structure Changes (Bernegger)

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at a future Board meeting.

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

12. Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA Meeting – May 11, 2015 – Oral Report by Director Budge

Director Budge reported that the County of El Dorado had sent a new representative, Shiva Frentzen, a representative of the Persian community, to this JPA meeting. The highlight of the meeting was a report commission by El Dorado County, with funding from a Caltrans partnership grant, which looked at the corridor that runs from Willow Creek up to Missouri Flat. The report focused on a variety of modes that could be utilized along that corridor and the costs associated with each mode as well as the revenues, the regional tourism dollars, and the regional economic benefit.

Director Nottoli asked that at some future date, the JPA provide a report to the RT Board.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila inquired about the status of the Connect Card program. Mr. Tardaguila suggested that if RT does not meet the August time line to get Cosumnes River “up and running”, that some program could be introduced to promote that coming September there will be the light rail station opening. Mr. Tardaguila indicated that the May Next Stop News does a wonderful job about talking about three position bike racks and the new buses. Mr. Tardaguila noted that, he believes, the public is not aware of how to operate the seat mechanisms on the new buses. Mr. Tardaguila is concerned about the lack of public input on RT decisions (example: revision of the Blue Line light rail schedule).

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins indicated that an operator told him that the aisle way in the new buses is narrower; he has not ridden the new buses yet. Mr. Hodgkins believes that transfers should be brought back as part of the RT fare system. Mr. Hodgkins wants RT staff to build in traffic time into the bus schedules. Mr. Hodgkins noted that he missed a Route 21 because his Route 72 or 74 was late arriving to the bus stop.

Dennis Russak – Mr. Russak indicated that he had recently requested a representative of RT to visit the River City Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. Staff indicated that they were not available until late Summer, and the members of his Chapter felt that is was a delaying tactic. Mr. Russak wants RT to become more transparent to the public. Mike Wiley indicated that he would speak to Mr. Russak’s group.

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 7:09 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary