

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
February 23, 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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of February 9, 2015
2. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Rail Grinding Services for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project and the Existing Light Rail System to Loram Maintenance of Way (Abansado)
3. Resolution: Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Benjamin Louie as the Transit Police Specialist (Lonergan)
4. Resolution: Authorizing the Release of an Invitation to Bid for On-Call ZF Transmission Overhaul Services (Harbour)
5. Resolution: Authorizing Release of a Request for Proposals for Pre-Employment, Department of Motor Vehicle Certification, and Disability Retirement Medical Examinations (Bonnel)

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

6. 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 his meeting with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) was very productive with respect to the Streetcar. Mr. Wiley also indicated that there was a successful local (Sacramento property owner) vote which was received well by the FTA.

Additional discussions with the FTA included information on the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College extension, MAP-21 and reauthorization. There was dialogue about the need for a consistent level of funding, and the biggest challenge with respect to federal funding is the uncertainty associated with the funding.

At the State level, there is activity as RT continues to meet with its local delegation to find sponsors for RT's various legislative interests. At the next Board meeting, staff will provide an update on the various legislative interests staff is pursuing.

Mr. Wiley indicated that the first meeting of the Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee is Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Chair Schenirer noted that the Ad Hoc Committee schedule may change.

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum  
Barbara Stanton

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Resolution: Adopting Service Changes to Routes 25, 61, 65, and 84 for September 6, 2015 (Drake)

Speakers: Tami Dramer                      Mike Barnbaum                      Michelle Pariset  
Barbara Stanton

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

8. Information: RT's Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Position at Mid-Year (Tyler)

Les Tyler reviewed the FY 2015 Financial Position at Mid-Year indicating that RT expenses are over budget by \$242,000; however, revenues are not coming in as estimated. Mr. Tyler reviewed each of RT's revenue categories. Staff's goal is to rebalance the FY 2015 expenses with revenues without using reserves.

Speaker: Rick Hodgkins

Director Serna asked for the dollar amount associated with the loss of revenue associated with fare evasion.

Director MacGlashan asked staff to address the vendor's responsibility related to the delay in the Connect Card project when the update is prepared for the Board.

**ACTION: NONE**

- 9. Information: Update on Current Regional Transit Fare Revenue Discounts (Bernegger)

Brent Bernegger reviewed RT's current fiscal condition. Mr. Bernegger noted that over the past few years, RT fare box revenue has declined. RT's current average fare is \$1.05. Mr. Bernegger reviewed all the discounts that RT currently offers, and the current ridership relative to these discounts. Mr. Bernegger noted that any additional discounts provided would impact RT's revenue recovery. Mr. Bernegger reviewed the issue paper relative to military discounts, student discounts and low income discounts.

Speakers:	Mike Barnbaum	Jamienne Andris	Genelle Browning
	Marcella Cotton	Luz Munoz	Maria Delores Torres
	Rosa Saucedo	Pamela Haney*	Beverly Valley
	Cheryl Harris	Sister Judy Illig	Emily Bender
	Lindsey Slama	Gretchen Semans	

Director Serna asked staff to provide the number of veterans who are students. Director Serna noted that if the Board generally agreed not to compromise revenue, what it would take to keep the budget from being adversely affected, if the Board wanted to pursue the addition of another discounted group.

Director Hansen suggested that RT create a 501(3) (c) foundation that can apply for grants, and thus supplement programs through that foundation. Director Hansen inquired as to the budget impact of the current discounts, and how much the various discounts cost by themselves, versus what is collected?

Director Budge wanted to know if staff has looked for grant funding or funding for other foundations.

Director Hume noted that lost revenue only counts if a person is still in a seat anyway. Director Hume noted that less than 1/2 of the ridership account for 67% of the fare revenue income, and that is only 20 – 25% of the actual cost to operate the system.

Director Morin suggested that the Los Rios contract needs to be renegotiated. Director Morin noted that he was not in favor of reducing the average fare as it is right now. Director Morin does not believe that it solely incumbent upon Regional Transit to try and figure out and generate every discount, that deserving members of society need.

Director MacGlashan noted that distance based fares might be able to address some of the affordability issues.

Chair Schenirer would like the Board to have a policy discussion about what RT should do, where the Board wants RT to go, and how to raise additional funds and sustain them. The Board needs to work with staff to talk about the short and long term, and the trade-offs that will need to occur.

Mike Wiley explained the Rate Structure Committee and their function.

Chair Schenirer asked the following:

1. if we have or can get economic status information for the military;
2. an explanation of how staff arrived at the number listed on page 7 of the issue paper;
3. an understanding of why it is a challenge for operators to recognize patrons if the age limit is increased from 18 to 22 for students;
4. how to get life-long riders and what it takes to accomplish that goal; and
5. an understanding of how to get the 44% of ridership paying full fare number higher.

**ACTION: NONE**

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

Director MacGlashan noted that there have been some concerns about timeliness from riders of the Route 109. Mark Lonergan noted that this Route and the operator have been monitored very closely, and staff has worked with the operator to improve her on-time performance. Mr. Lonergan noted that the morning trip is timely now; however, the riders have raised the timeliness of the afternoon trip, so staff is beginning to monitor that trip now. The afternoon trip does not pull out, but starts with school trips, so it has more opportunity to fall behind schedule.

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

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum\* - Mr. Barnbaum provided an update from the last Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority meeting.

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins noted that on a couple of occasions he had someone read him the bus stop number on the back of the bus stop. He called the 321-BUSS and pressed “1” and it would not let him enter the four digit bus stop number to find out when the next bus was coming. Mr. Hodgkins would like to see garbage cans at every RT stop/bench. Mr. Hodgkins also noted that he sees people hide garbage off to the side of the bus seats (between the seat and the wall), as well as putting garbage on the floor.

### **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 8:31 p.m.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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