

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2015**

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 13, 2015
2. Resolution: Approving the Third Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Tino Bamberger as the Security Program Specialist (Lonergan)

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

3. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - b. Cap to Cap 2015 Update
 - c. Report Back on Concept of "Conductors"
 - d. Ad Hoc System Improvement Committee Update
 - e. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley verbalized his written report.

Jeff Damon explained that the City of West Sacramento is interested in extending the Gold Line to Raley Field, and RT would be the applicant for the TIGER VII grant.

Alane Masui indicated that 322 representatives from the Sacramento region represented the area on the Cap to Cap trip. There were 25 meetings on the Transportation team. Director Hansen noted that the Transportation was one of the largest teams. Eric Johnson and Cheryl Creson were the co-chairs of the Transportation team.

Director Hume inquired as the status of placing barriers at our light rail stations and wanted to know if a fare paid zone could work with RT's system. Mark Lonergan explained that staff is pursuing a fare paid zone which requires coordination with the

City Attorney's office. Mr. Lonergan noted that Tim Spangler, Chief Counsel, is working to revise RT's Ordinance on Prohibited Acts to include that fare paid zone, and the policy will come to the May 11th Board meeting. Staff believes this revised Ordinance is a better option to placing barriers at the stations. Staff is waiting on Doug Carter's assessment of the system to see if there is an economical way to close off the light rail stations.

Director Budge asked about increasing transit officers in RT's security budget. Mark Lonergan and Mike Wiley indicated that in the FY 2016 budget additional resources for security are being recommended as suggested by the Peer Review.

Chair Schenirer reminded staff that Director Harris had suggested that a homeless navigator be used to assist RT. Mark Lonergan indicated that staff was planning to have at least one navigator by July 1. Chair Schenirer suggested that someone who had knowledge of mental health issues would be beneficial.

Mr. Wiley indicated that RT has executed contracts with the City of Rancho Cordova and the Del Paso Business Improvement District for maintenance activities at stations and stops. Staff is currently in negotiation with the Sacramento Downtown Partnership and Midtown Business Association, and initiated conversations with the Power Inn Alliance to do similar activities.

Director Serna indicated that he would like to see the "Systemwide Improvement Initiative" icon on the website enhanced. Mr. Wiley indicated that within the next week staff will be improving the icon in appearance and content.

Speakers: Mike Barnbaum Jeffery Tardaguila

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Motion: To Continue the Waiving of the First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Background Checks on Certain Prospective Employees and Certain Prospective Concessionaires to the RT Board Meeting on May 11, 2015 (Bailey)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Proposals for Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Design Services (Abansado)

Director Serna suggested that if there will be any landscaping in the design, that it be drought tolerant.

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

6. Information: FY 2016 Budget Update (Tyler)

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

Les Tyler reviewed the change since the last budget update on April 13th. In the "Other" revenue category advertising revenue has increased by \$110,000.

In addition, Mr. Tyler answered Board member questions from the last meeting: fare inspection costs, office space/leases, parking fees, authorized funded position counts, potential ways to increase revenues or cost reductions to achieve a balanced budget, fare revenues, and service reductions.

Mike Wiley and Mike Mattos explained the concept of the lower fuel costs and federal credits for natural gas that RT is scheduled to receive.

ACTION: NONE

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum indicated that he will not be attending RT's Board meeting on May 11th due to a conflict. Mr. Barnbaum updated the Board on upcoming meetings in the region.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila inquired as to the issues/problems with the new bus fleet. Mr. Tardaguila noted issues that he is aware of: exhaust systems being changed, blind spots in mirrors, and that the new vehicles were (as of Friday) grounded with a fire suppression issue. Mr. Tardaguila stated that he knows because he asks questions. Mr. Tardaguila stated that riders have told him that the new buses sound like it is backing up and is really loud. Mr. Tardaguila also suggested that law enforcement

should focus on 29th Street, 65th Street and Arden-Arcade and take care of smoking issues.

Mike Wiley asked Mark Lonergan to explain to the Board some of the misinformation that Mr. Tardaguila has provided. In addition, Mr. Wiley will send some written information to the Board for those Board members absent from today's meeting.

Mark Lonergan noted that the experiences with the new buses have been relatively good. Mr. Lonergan noted that this is RT's first new bus design since 1993, and RT has gone through an extensive process of training operators. Every once in a while a bus will go out without a trained operator and then staff will trade the bus out in that situation. The fare box operation, although it is somewhat different, has gone smoothly. The blind spot issue has been addressed by raising the street side mirror to a high level position and extending the arm – this was a minor change before the buses went into service. The mirror on the curb side has been raised also prior to deployment of the new buses based on some of the comments from the operators who were training on these buses. There have been four false activations on three different buses with the fire suppression system. The company that makes the fire suppression system (based in South Carolina) has been in Sacramento twice. Originally they thought they had resolved the problem; however, on Thursday (April 23rd) the fleet was sidelined until the company could go through all the buses because the company was concerned that if the fire suppression system was going off in a false way, would it go off when it really needed to. The company has been very responsive and as of today (April 27th) half of the fleet has been corrected. The company has been down grading the level of technology used so that it is more like the 2008 buses. The company will go through more testing, run a parallel system until they figure out the problem, and return any funds at a later date. As with any new fleet, RT will go through a period of break in. Mark Lonergan indicated that there was nothing that he was aware of with the exhaust.

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 7:00 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary