

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
October 26, 2015**

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

Chair Schenirer asked the Board to reorder the agenda as there were a number of people in attendance to discuss item 11. Director Morin moved; Director Harris seconded a motion to move Item #11 after the Consent calendar. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Director Hume.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of October 12, 2015
2. There is no item for this number.
3. Resolution: Approving Exhibit A to the Collaborative Agreement with Paratransit, Inc. for the Provision of ADA Paratransit Services for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (Labrado)
4. Resolution: Declaring Property Located Near the Intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard as Surplus Property (Scofield)
5. Motion: Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 15-06-02, Prohibiting Specified Acts Committed in or on RT Vehicles or Facilities, to Modify the Provisions Related to Penal Code Section 640 (Spangler)
6. Resolution: Suspending Fares on the Holiday Bus from December 1, 2015 through January 3, 2016 (Young)
7. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Operational Assessment and Recommendations for Cost Reduction and Revenue Growth Services with Douglas Carter and MBO Partners (Mattos)
8. Resolution: Setting a Public Hearing for December 14, 2015 on a Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for Changes to the Los Rios Pass Program (Vohlers)

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

Hume.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

11. Resolution: Amending and Restating Title XII of the Sacramento Regional Transit District's Administrative Code Pertaining to Laws and Rules for Use of Light Rail, Bus Vehicles and Facilities (Spangler)

Speakers: Barbara Stanton                      Lee Thao                      Pamela Haney  
                 Mike Barnbaum                      Bob Erlenbusch

**ACTION: APPROVED – Chair Schenirer moved; Director Serna seconded approval of the item with an amendment to Exhibit A, Section 12.114 to remove “K” (“Emanating a noxious odor...or medical condition.”) from the list of rules and re-letter the section. Motion was carried by voice vote. Noes: Director Budge. Absent: Director Hume.**

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

9. General Manager's Report
- a. Government Affairs Update
  - b. System-Wide Improvement Initiatives (Ham)
  - c. Forming a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation (Spangler)
  - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley reminded the Board that Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is Elk Grove Free Ride Day on Regional Transit. A brochure was distributed by mail to all residents in the City of Elk Grove last week.

Laura Ham noted that RT is seeking additional input from its customers regarding the changes in the downtown area impacting the 7<sup>th</sup> & K light rail station. RT is finalizing the details for an open house and other survey efforts, and will be publicizing those hopefully by the end of the week. RT has entered into a partnership for cleaning and security with the Mack Road Partnership for all stations from Meadowview south, and all bus stops on Mack Road. RT donated two trucks as part of the agreement to the Mack Road Partnership.

Ms. Ham noted that the RT ticket smartphone application pilot program is close to being ready to launch; hopefully in mid-November, and the goal is to have specifications ready for a full solicitation on a complete application about 90 days after the pilot starts. The regular and discount single ride tickets, and the regular and discount daily passes will be available on the application during this pilot.

Ms. Ham introduced Ryan Loofbouroow, Executive Director of Sacramento Steps Forward. Mr. Loofbouroow noted that the homeless navigator program will assist RT in

getting assistance for those individuals who need housing assistance. The individual coming on board will join a team of 15. They will work throughout the county and have access to Sacramento Steps Forward coordinated entry where individuals are interviewed that are experiencing homelessness, identify their needs, and take appropriate actions.

Chair Schenirer inquired as to how RT plans to survey riders regarding the cleanliness of the stations/stops that the Business Improvement Districts are helping RT keep clean. Laura Ham indicated that RT's Customer Advocacy had received some responses from patrons about the improvement to the stations. RT staff is monitoring the stations for the level of cleanliness. At this point, staff has not pursued implementing a customer survey yet. Chair Schenirer suggested that the survey either be proactive or passive and that signs be placed at the stations/stops that say something like – your station/stop is being cleaned by (whomever).

Tim Spangler reported that RT can establish a 501(c)(3) for purposes of providing lower/subsidized fares for economically disadvantage people and people that are in the military. Staff also surveyed other transit agencies such as Southwest Ohio Regional Transit (SWORT) who has a program called "Everyone Rides Metro Foundation". It was formally funded by JARC funds, which have been now consumed into the formula funds along with funds from the City and local foundations. SWORT has entered into MOUs with various local agencies that provide services, and fares are purchased and provided to people at no or reduced charge. The foundation essentially raises the money for fares and then provides that money to the organization to give the tickets out. The Dayton Regional Transit District (RTA) does something similar although they do not use a non-profit. They have formed a "Transit Access Fund" which they previously funded through JARC funds, and then partnered with other non-profits to administer the money that was provided from the fund. The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (North Carolina) has a "Making Waves" foundation which is funded by grants and donations, and they partner with other agencies that assess the individual and buy the fare. Tri-Met in Portland has an Access Transit Fare Relief program which is administered through a third party non-profit called "Ride Connection". The funds are provided by Tri-Met to this foundation and then they are used to offset their costs.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

10. Service Changes to the Rancho CordoVan (Drake)

A. Hold a Hearing on Service Changes to the Rancho CordoVan; and

B. Resolution: Adopting Service Changes to the Rancho CordoVan.

Speakers: None

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

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

Director Harris noted that has ridden RT's buses and trains recently. His objectives were to find out if he could make the transit system work for him in his daily life, and to gather as much information about RT as he could to be a more capable Board member. He believes that he could become a regular rider. He suggested that RT look into updating the equipment to hang the bicycles in the light rail cars. He indicated he is looking forward to RT's new mobile application to collect fares. He has decided to continue his travels throughout the system. He has had a wonderful experience on trains and buses. He noted that the rider experience changes throughout the day. Cleanliness is an issue – the light rail stations are marginally unacceptable; the cleanliness on the buses he has used as been fine. Director Harris suggested that everyone give RT a chance; it is a good system.

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

Speakers:

Ellen Johnson – Ms. Johnson wanted to thank RT for fixing the benches in her neighborhood (Broadway and 38<sup>th</sup>/39<sup>th</sup>). She asked that the area be cleaned. Ms. Johnson asked that RT place garbage cans at these stops also. The kids from American Legion School vandalize the area. Chair Schenirer will contact Principal Echols about the activities of kids around that area.

Shannon Lucas\* - Ms. Lucas has noticed that RT is not very accommodating for one group of riders – families with young children. She is a mother of 15 month old twins, and she and her husband ride every day to work and day care. It is a struggle to carry them and their other work bags. She indicated that if they use strollers (per Rule #6), the kids have to be removed from their strollers, strollers folded, and she has difficulty

getting the kids and bags on to the train. Ms. Lucas provided the Board with some suggestions to improve her experience such as allowing strollers in the wheelchair area, and if wheelchairs need the space, the stroller can be folded or the passengers can get off the train; removing additional seats from the train making more room for strollers, wheelchairs, and abled bodied persons; and/or allow strollers to board via the ramp or steps and stay where bicycles are allowed or move to the center of the car where there are no seats. Boarding via the steps would be consistent with Rule #1 which allows electronic personal assistance mobility devices to board via the steps and stay where bicycles are allowed. If none of these suggestions are feasible, she suggests that RT's Rule #6 be enforced equally in regard to utility carts, which are also required to have their contents removed and be folded. The unequal enforcement of Rule #6 is unfair and may be considered discriminatory.

Director Hansen noted that two bus stops on Broadway (by Arthur Henry's and Oakpark Brewing) are not marked with red curbs, and it difficult for the buses to get in and out because people park near the stops.

**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 6:58 p.m.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

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