

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2015**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:59 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Harris, Hume, Jennings, MacGlashan, Miller, Morin, Nottoli, and Chair Schenirer. Absent: Director Serna.

*Note: Chair Schenirer noted that he was going to move Item 6(c) to the end of the agenda because he was waiting on additional material from SACOG.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of August 10, 2015
2. Motion: Rejection of Claim: Angulo-Castaneya, J.
3. Resolution: Awarding a Contract to Delta Wireless, Inc. for Radio System Maintenance and Repair Services (Harbour)
4. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Legal Services for Public Sector Pension Plan Reform with Hanson Bridgett, LLP (Sanchez-Ochoa)
5. Resolution: Approving the Right of Way Agreement for RT Coordination to Support Construction of the "Across the Top" Project with the State of California (Abansado)

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - 1) Federal Update - Holland and Knight
 - b. Blue Line to Cosumnes River College Grand Opening Day Report
 - c. System-Wide Improvement Initiatives (Ham)
 - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Mike Wiley introduced Rich Gold from Holland and Knight (HK) who provided a

description of some key priorities for the Board is to make sure that Streetcar continues forward as soon as Sacramento funding gets approved. HK is working closely with the Federal Transit Administration and the Congressional delegation to make sure they understand the dynamics going on and the plan going forward for getting funding approval. HK is also working to make sure to get a good transportation appropriations package finalized when Congress finalizes the budget for 2016. HK expects that a continuing resolution will be passed to carry the budget through mid-December. HK is hopeful that there will be \$40 – 50 billion in domestic discretionary spending which will go into transportation and transit. The Senate passed its transportation reauthorization measure. The bill is similar to MAP21. The Transportation Infrastructure Committee expects to get a bill through the House. The House did not take action at the same time as the Senate in July, and as a result a patch will need to be passed to take the funding through October 29th of the current program. It is unlikely that a finalized agreement will occur between the House and Senate by the time the patch expires, so there will be another patch on transportation authorization that will go through the end of the year.

Rich Gold introduced Jeff Boothe of Boothe Transit Consulting who noted that the basic difference between the House and Senate level funding from FY15. There is no increase across the formula programs. The only differences between the two bills are the TIGER Program which was funded by the House at \$100 million and the Senate funded at \$500 million. The Capital Investment Grant Program, which is where the Streetcar would be funded; the House provided \$1.92 billion and the Senate virtually eliminated the Small Starts Program under all the Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGA). Currently the House and Senate have honored all the FFGAs. With respect to authorization, the Senate bill authorized the capital investment grants program for a 3 – 5% annual increase. The Senate has set aside approximately 10% of the monies every year to incent to public/private partnerships, to incent financially at the local level by rewarding projects for expedited project delivery if they are willing to accept 25% federal share versus 50% with the idea that the balance of the 75% would be financed against a dedicated funding source at a state or local level. The Senate restored a discretionary bus and bus facilities program. One of the programs in the bus and bus facilities program is the set aside for low and no-emission buses. The idea is to incent the development of electric buses, and encourage transit agencies to lease buses.

Mike Wiley provided a current update to the State report. The following bills have passed the Senate and are now headed back to the Assembly for concurrence: AB422 (McCarty) with a vote of 35-5; AB738 (Gaines) with a vote of 40-0: and AB906 (Cooper) with a vote of 38-0.

Mike Wiley noted that the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College was a tremendous event, and thanked the Board for their participation. Ridership monitored on Monday, August 24th showed that over 1,000 boardings on the extension, and staff estimates that based on the morning counts through the afternoon peak period counts, RT will carry between 1,700 and 2,000 riders on the first day of service. The extension will generate about 2,300 additional boardings.

Speakers: Rick Hodgkins Mike Barnbaum

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution: Recognizing July 26th of Every Year as Sacramento Regional Transit's Americans with Disabilities Act Day (Labrado)

Speaker: Rick Hodgkins

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

8. Resolution: Approving the Agreement for Acceptance of the RT Monthly Parking Pass at Cosumnes River College Parking Areas (Vohlers)

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

9. Resolution: Approving a Collaboration Agreement with the City of Elk Grove

Speaker: Rick Hodgkins Mike Barnbaum Jean Foletta

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

REPORTS, IDEAS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

*Note: Chair Schenirer noted that SACOG had not made the delivery he was waiting on; therefore, we would continue the System-Wide Initiative discussion to the next meeting under the GM's Report.

Director Harris suggested that RT pursue an Memorandum of Understanding the Sacramento State University to use their parking lot at the south end of the University as a park and ride lot, so that users in east Sacramento and River Park could park there, walk to the University/65th Street light rail station, and take light rail to events at

the Golden One Center when it opens.

Director Budge asked staff to look at the section in the System-Wide Initiative work plan about transit oriented development opportunities and park and ride lots that RT owns because she indicated that two were missing.

Director Budge also thanked Captain Leong who spent some time helping some young ladies who were going to be new students at St. Francis helping them to learn how to ride light rail.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum suggested that RT also enter into a Collaborative Agreement with the County of Sacramento and City of Galt (South County Transit Link) for passes/tickets and fares to have a seamless fare structure. Mr. Barnbaum also provided other agencies meeting information.

William Lowell* – Mr. Lowell suggested that RT encourage major retailers to get together with manufacturers of shopping carts to create/produce a “suitcase shaped shopping cart” that would be 6” wide (front and back), and would fit between the forward facing seats on vehicles. Mr. Lowell indicated that he was going to Sacramento State to discuss this with their research department to see if they could help create this type of cart.

Dan Allison – Mr. Allison attended the Blue Line to CRC event, and noted that he had heard comments about linking colleges. There was not any mention of going to American River College’s (ARC) main campus in North Highlands. Mr. Allison is disappointed that this is not being considered with the other extensions because ARC really needs transit because service there is lacking. Mr. Allison would like the Northeast extension “to come back on the table”, along with bringing Davis to the table.

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins agrees with Mr. Allison, and wants Mr. Lowell’s idea of a new cart to be able to fold with groceries. Mr. Hodgkins thinks people need to stay on the Capital Corridor to Sacramento and then take light rail over to the Golden One Center from Roseville. Mr. Hodgkins is worried that the House and Senate do not use transit and do not care about the funding of it. Mr. Hodgkins noted that San Francisco has electric buses. Mr. Hodgkins believes that wheelchairs, in the first car of light rail vehicles, should be spread out at the end of each car so that more wheelchairs can board. Mr. Hodgkins noted that he has no difficulty getting on or off of the CAF light rail vehicles.

Joan Barden – Ms. Barden is concerned about the condition of stops because many are old and there is not enough room for the ramp to deploy for wheelchairs, strollers, shopping carts, etc. Examples of the stops that she uses are 37th & Broadway (north

side), and 29th & J. Often the driver needs to adjust his/her location to accommodate these boardings. Ms. Barden believes that alternate locations need to be identified to assist the operators for these types of boardings. She would like RT to have a fund raiser to help with creating a shopping cart that would fit on the bus. Ms. Barden suggested raising the "lifetime coupon" pass to 80; consider individuals with a budget of in-home supportive services, a sliding scale cost, or offer a list of those social services agencies that can help people who cannot afford the "\$60.00 a month ticket".

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURN

Director Jennings honored Supervisor MacGlashan as today is her birthday. Director Jennings recognized Bonnie Pannell for the outstanding work that she did in making the Blue Line happen. Director Jennings closed the meeting honoring Ms. Pannell.

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary