

General Manager's Report April 25, 2016

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

Nothing to report at this time.

STATE

Nothing to report at this time.

CAP TO CAP UPDATE

Metro Chamber Capitol-to-Capitol 2016

Alane Masui and Diane Nakano attended "Cap to Cap" (April 9 - 13) representing RT at several meetings. Some of the meetings attended include: Senate Finance Committee (Majority), Federal Transit Administration, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Minority)/Office of Peter DeFazio; House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee/Subcommittee on Highways and Transit (Majority); Office of Congressman Ami Bera; and Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer.

The focus of discussion at FTA was the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project. The desire by the team to get a construction grant agreement executed by December 31, 2016 was shared. The concern over local financing was expressed and Director/Councilmember Hansen addressed the City of Sacramento's plan. The team also suggested that the submittal, review and approval of the Project Management Plan and supporting documents was needed sooner rather than later to minimize review later this summer. RT staff was recently informed that a Project Management Oversight Consultant had not yet been assigned. Ed Carranza from FTA Region IX participated in the meeting by phone.

Following the Cap to Cap discussion, RT staff met briefly with FTA staff to discuss the Buy America challenges with the PG&E gas transmission system. A number of components were determined by PG&E and FTA to be non-compliant, some parts as recently as this year. A waiver is being sought to provide relief from the disruption that replacement of those parts could bring. RT staff also connected with PG&E staff during Cap-to-Cap and plan to have follow-up conversations.

OPTIONS FOR CLEANER POSITIONS

Light Rail Vehicle Cleaning Update

Staff has been exploring opportunities to increase the level of daily cleaning on the light rail vehicle fleet. RT has historically used employees in the service worker job classification to clean the District's buses and light rail vehicles. Service workers are fully trained to operate revenue vehicles. For the bus fleet, cleaning is performed as the vehicle is being fueled and

driving is a necessary part of the job. For light rail, the light rail vehicles are cleaned while they are stored, either in RT's light rail maintenance facility or remotely stored at several locations on the light rail system. The Light Rail Service Worker does have a variety of duties that include, in addition to cleaning; the periodic need to operate trains both in the yard and on RT's mainline. However, not all personnel assigned to cleaning trains need to also be able to operate them.

RT negotiated a demonstration agreement with the IBEW that would have created the position of part-time cleaner and would have allowed RT to hire up to 15 people into this position. The rate of pay for this position, \$14.49/Hr., was significantly below that of the Light Rail Service Worker position, top rate of \$22.17/Hr., and the position had only those fringe benefits required by State and Federal law. The demonstration agreement was taken to the IBEW membership for approval, but unfortunately was voted down.

In anticipation of the demonstration agreement, RT was holding a number of Light Rail Service Worker positions vacant to fund the 15 part-time cleaners. Since the demonstration did not pass, staff is moving forward with a combination of filling 6 vacant positions with permanent, full time, Light Rail Service Workers and 5 vacant positions with 8 Seasonal Light Rail Service Workers. The Seasonal Worker provision of RT's labor agreement with the IBEW allows RT to hire seasonal workers into several of RT's entry level job classifications. Seasonal workers can be used during the spring and summer months for a period not to exceed 4 months. RT is limited in the number of seasonal workers that can be employed to half of the staffing in a particular job classification to a maximum of 10. They are paid at the entry level rate for the job classification that they are filling, for Light Rail Service Worker this would be \$16.60/Hr., and only receive the minimum benefits required by State and Federal law.

The savings from the limited benefits for the seasonal workers will allow a slight increase in staffing during the 4 months that they are employed. Budgeted staffing for Light Rail Service Workers is at 22 positions. The combination of hiring 6 full time, permanent, Light Rail Service Workers and 8 full time Seasonal Light Rail Service Workers will bring filled positions to 24 or 25.

During the 4 month term of the seasonal service workers, staff will continue discussions with the IBEW in an attempt to develop a less expensive approach to cleaning light rail vehicles. Ideas for discussion include the expansion of job duties in existing lower paid job classifications, the creation of a new full time cleaner position, and the potential for subcontracting. It is staff's intent to have a long term solution in place prior to the end of the seasonal worker term.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – CEMO CIRCLE

Oral report by Tim Spangler.

SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

RT's Prohibited Acts Ordinance was amended and approved by the Board in July 2015 in order to create paid fare zones and more effectively address nuisance behavior. Six stations were selected for a paid fare zone pilot program: Alkali Flat, Mather Field / Mills, 16th Street,

Arden / Del Paso, Broadway, and St. Rose of Lima (9th & K). The striping and signage for the pilot program is now in place for the six stations listed above; photos of the signs as installed at Broadway station are attached. In addition to the signage, RT personnel are advising customers of the requirement to have a ticket to ride in order to be within the zone. As RT implements other enhancements to the overall safety and security program within the next couple of months, such as the smart phone reporting app and new fare enforcement personnel (Transit Agents), additional information will be shared with the public regarding the paid fare zones. If the paid fare zone pilot is successful, we will roll out the program to the rest of the system.

Overall our Officers, Transit Officers, Supervisors and Operators should be congratulated for their efforts to make the system safer. Robbery and theft continues to trend downward with a 64% decrease year to date compared to 2015. Year to date there have been 14 robberies this year compared to 22 in 2015, and 29 in 2014. RT Police Services efforts are further supported with the recent addition of Omega Ramos the Homeless Navigator through a contract with Sacramento Steps Forward. We are encouraged by stories of individuals who are homeless finding housing and other needed services through relationships cultivated with RT's Navigator. We look forward to introducing our navigator at a future RT Board meeting and sharing some of these success stories in more detail.





Broadway Station

RT Ordinance &
Paid Fare Zone Signage

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RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

May 9, 2016
Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
Board Room
1415 L Street, Suite 300
5:30 P.M

May 23, 2016
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

June 13, 2016
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

*Pending Board Approval of Agenda Item 10 on tonight's Agenda

Mobility Advisory Council

May 5, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

June 7, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

September 1, 2016
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

June 15, 2016
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

September 14, 2016
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

Paratransit Board Meeting

May 26, 2016
2501 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA
6:00 P.M