

SUMMARY
Paratransit Board Meeting
June 23, 2016

The following Directors were present: Don Nottoli, Eanad Lott, Frances Gracechild, Jill Yungling, Patrick Hume, Pete Spaulding, Scott Leventon and Shahid Rehimtoola

Tiffani Fink, Deputy Director sat in place of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Linda Deavens.

Director Leventon reflected on Paratransit's mission, and turned the floor to Director Rehimtoola. Director Rehimtoola reflected on what an excellent service Paratransit, Inc. provides to people with disabilities; he is able to go to work and be productive. Director Rehimtoola also requested a moment of silence for the victims in Orlando, and for two Paratransit families who have recently faced tragedies.

Public Comment:

Jeffrey Tardaguila stated that he had hoped Henry (Henry Li) was going to be in attendance, but stated he was probably busy. Mr. Tardaguila referred to a gas leak the previous Friday that displaced some people and some new Paratransit, Inc. drivers who needed some assistance, and were not ready for all the backing up. Mr. Tardaguila commended Paratransit, Inc. for listening to his concerns and stated each time improvement is made.

Brenda Anderson stated that this was her first time attending a Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors meeting. She brought up her concern about problems with share rides going in different directions. She provided a copy of her letter for each Board Member. Ms. Anderson stated that she understands that share rides should be a group of people traveling in similar directions during a similar time frame, however this has not been the case, causing dilemmas, heat stroke and emergency room visits. Ms. Anderson went on to say that problems do not go away and must be resolved, going on to say that the drivers are excellent and the schedulers and dispatchers are at ninety percent.

The following Action Items were approved:

Adoption of Resolution No. 09-16 adopting the Paratransit, Inc. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Operating Budget. Steve Robinson-Burmester stated the growth in demand for Elderly and Disabled transportation is projected to be about 4.8% and a similar growth is expected on the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) side. There is planned expansion for Destinations Mobility and a moderate increase in Transportation Development Act (TDA) monies. There have been some economies of scale which brought about a decrease of approximately 1.2% in the cost per trip. RT is providing about a million extra for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit trips a year. The total Paratransit, Inc. budget is close to 40 million, about a 25.4% increase due in a majority to Capitol Grants (54 vehicles). Personnel are about 50% and taxi cabs are

also a large portion of the budget. Mr. Robinson-Burmester indicated that the budget that was being adopted was conservative.

Adoption of Resolution No. 10-16 adopting Paratransit, Inc. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Capital Improvement Program.

Adoption of Resolution No. 11-16 ratifying the submittal by Paratransit, Inc.'s Innovative Paradigms Division of an application to the City and County of Honolulu for the Mobility Management Project from the Cycle 8 Call for Projects and authorizing the CEO to execute all necessary documents required to acquire the funds.

Closed Session ~ Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

The Board retreated to closed section to discuss an Amendment to the Chief Executive Officer's Employment Agreement. When the open session reconvened, it was announced that no decision had been made.

The Deputy Director's report highlighted the following:

On June 14, 2016, the Sacramento Transportation Authority's (STA) proposed measure plan cleared its final hurdle, and now is officially known as Measure B. While Paratransit, Inc. is not allowed to lobby, the role will be providing factual merits.

Destinations Mobility held a shuffle board clinic for Paralyzed Veterans of America. Staff provided assistance to Women's Empowerment for an event. Ms. Fink outlined travel training in Roseville, and that Innovative Paradigms is busy in Boston. A decision on the provision of eligibility assessments is expected soon in Stockton, and Paratransit staff has been working closely with RT staff in rolling out new fare media. RT reductions in service have been canceled. Through the last call for projects at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, staff has successfully applied to replace six of the smaller CTSA vehicles that are nineteen years old.

June 14th, will be the last day for Wheels to Work.

Director Yungling thanked Ms. Fink for all the work she has been doing and the excellent way she has been doing it.

The financial report highlighted the following:

The rolling year showed a 5.5% increase in trips, with demand response being slightly ahead on the long term growth curve. CTSA has been coming up, but is a little under. The combined cost per trip is up 3.1%, with the demand response up 2.5%. Fare recovery is north of 10%. On-time performance is 94.5%.

Board Discussion

Director Hume commented that everyone is upset because they did not get what they wanted in the drafting of Measure B, but reminded everyone that 100% of nothing is nothing. He encouraged everyone to urge their friends to vote “yes” whether they were more interested in bike trails, roads or transit.

Director Hume also expressed appreciation to RT’s new General Manager/CEO, Henry Li, stating he was the sole reason that the service cuts were no longer on the table. Director Hume encouraged everyone to send emails to Henry in support and appreciation and commented that it is a new era (at RT).