

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
May 23, 2016**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 5:58 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume, Jennings, MacGlashan, Morin, Nottoli, Serna and Chair Schenirer. Absent: Directors Hansen and Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Laura Ham.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided information on the upcoming San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Meeting.

Rick Hodgkins – Mr. Hodgkins reported that while riding Route 21, boarding at Sunrise and Antelope going toward Mather Field, on April 24th, he encountered a driver who had his son riding with him on the front seat, reserved for the disabled. Mr. Hodgkins could not recall whether it was at 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 that day.

Joan Toomire – Ms. Toomire is concerned that the RT Board is still considering the Green Line alignment through Natomas to the Airport. She requested that the Board “take the Green Line to the Airport off the table”.

Efren Guttierrez – Mr. Guttierrez provided a brief history on air quality and alternative transportation and asked the Board to take care of the current services instead of creating new projects.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila believes the City of Sacramento needs to come up with money to pay for “good customer response on the weekend” for public transportation. He believes that Measure B will fail because the City is not ready for public transportation with plans for closure of downtown streets near the Golden 1 Center. Mr. Tardaguila reported that the new black bus shelters do not have the maps and schedules placed in them yet, and that the black color, in the summer time, will be extremely hot. Mr. Tardaguila believes that outreach is not reaching those that are being affected.

Rory Barlew – Ms. Barlew would like the Green Line alignment from Garden Highway down Truxel to be permanently rescinded. Ms. Barlew would like to see the alignment down Interstate 5.

Arthur Ketterling – Mr. Ketterling believes that RT is wasting money making improvements to K Street if it is being closed. Chair Schenirer asked Laura Ham to provide information to Mr. Ketterling.

Dr. Jocelyn Hicks – Dr. Hicks does not believe that RT should raise fares on July 1.

Tim Boyd – Mr. Boyd encouraged people to use public transportation. Mr. Boyd wanted to know if RT's has an oversight program, and he wants "RT to get busy".

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 25, 2016
2. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of May 9, 2016
3. Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Traffic Signal Installations/Modifications and Trail Lighting Project for the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project to Studebaker Brown Electric (Abansado)
4. Resolution: Approving an Agreement for Acquisition of Easement and an Easement Grant Deed between Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) and the City of Sacramento for the Sale of an Easement Area to Install a Pedestrian Signal Crossing Light within RT's Property at Royal Oaks Light Rail Station (Nakano)
5. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Light Rail Vehicle Tire Kits with Siemens Industry, Inc. (Elder)
6. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for Health and Welfare Benefit Consulting Services with Keenan & Associates (Bonnel)
7. Resolution: Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Brokerage Services for Owner Controlled Insurance Program for South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 with Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services (Spangler)
8. Resolution: Approve the Third Amendment to the Contract with Thompson Coburn, LLP for Legal Services (Spangler)
9. Resolution: Authorizing Release of a Request for Proposals for the Mobile/Online Ticketing (Bernegger)
10. Resolution: Authorizing Staff to Dispose of 66 Surplus Revenue Vehicles in Accordance with Sacramento Emergency Clean Air Transportation Program Agreement (Kennedy)

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Morin moved; Director Budge seconded approval of

the consent calendar as written. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Hansen and Miller.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

11. General Manager's Report
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - b. System-Wide Improvement Initiative (Ham)
 - c. Sponsorship Opportunities for the Golden 1 Center (Masui)
 - d. RT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Wiley did not have anything to report on the topic of Government Affairs.

Alane Masui and Laura Ham verbalized their written reports. Ms. Ham indicated that she would look into Mr. Tardaguila's concern about schedules that have not been installed in the new shelters.

Director Nottoli requested a report back on the criteria for replacement of bus shelters.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Preliminary FY 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets (Bernegger)
 - A. Accept Public Comment on the Sacramento Regional Transit District Preliminary FY 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets; and
 - B. Motion: To Continue the Public Hearing to June 27, 2016.

NOTE: A court reporter was presented to take verbatim testimony.

Brent Bernegger noted that since the preliminary 2017 budget was provided to the public, there has been a slight increase in expenses. On the revenue side, Federal Fund Allocation – discretionary funds as well as Department of Human Assistance contract negotiations and sponsorship opportunities have come in a little lower than budgeted (about \$2 million). Staff is looking at all internal categories to reduce expenses including non-labor expenses.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

ACTION: APPROVED - Director Jennings moved; Director Harris seconded approval to continue the public hearing to June 27, 2016. Motion was carried by voice vote. Absent: Directors Hansen and Miller.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Information: Presentation of Candidate Routes for Service Changes for January 2017 (Drake)

James Drake reviewed the options that were written in the staff report and noted that these changes would become effective January 2017. There have been two open houses thus far with approximately a dozen people in attendance at each; additional open houses continue to occur. Mr. Drake noted that the most common reaction thus far is that the list on page 4 of the report “seems very severe”. Mr. Drake noted that the list is intentionally inclusive.

Mr. Drake noted that: 1) the bus system is more scalable than the light rail system; however, staff is looking at the light rail system as well; 2) this is a very big change – route eliminations dominate the list, but not exclusively; some routes can be redesigned; and 3) low productivity routes dominate the list, but not exclusively.

Mr. Drake then reviewed the proposals listed in the issue paper.

Director Serna requested staff look into having every third or fourth train go to Township 9, preserving some of the headway frequency at the Sacramento Valley Station, but still preserving service at the terminus of the line. Director Serna indicated that he would like to preserve the use of the Green Line car because it is important to the River District.

Chair Schenirer and Director Serna asked staff to provide multiple options including special event use from the units growing at Township 9, just to get to the Arena.

Chair Schenirer noted some potential parking at Township 9 for patrons going to games.

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum
Helen O’Connell
Patty Kleinknecht

Rick Hodgkins
Jeffery Tardaguila
Dan Allison

Al Esquivel
Joyce Adams Watkins

Director Budge provided a comment letter from the City of Rancho Cordova, and provided highlights of the letter, such as combining Routes 74 and 75, and if Route 28 is to be eliminated, then Route 21 should be redesigned.

Director Harris suggested that staff look into the future (beyond two years) when
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suggesting changes. Director Harris provided the following example - Sacramento might get a MLS stadium as well as the upcoming Twin Rivers development and in terms of planning, the Green Line will become very viable. He noted that for now, combining the Green and Gold Lines may be a good thing for some savings, but eliminating the line is not tenable. Route 34 has become ineffective for ridership over the years with service changes, and now two new developments are about to open (Sutter Park and McKinley Village) that could greatly affect the ridership of Route 34.

Director Jennings is concerned about Routes 2, 38 and 6 that serve the Land Park area. He is concerned about the elimination of service to the South Land Park Post Office, and the service to seniors who live in that area. Director Jennings will provide staff with his version of a re-designed route after the meeting.

Director MacGlashan noted: 1) that by eliminating the Route 24, the northeastern part of the county (Orangevale), is removed from any kind of regular service; 2) with an elimination of Route 28 you eliminate service from Fair Oaks; and 3) eliminating the Sunday service in Rio Linda you remove service in that area. Ms. MacGlashan would prefer that routes be re-designed versus elimination.

Director Serna mentioned that Ridership for the Masses (Barbara Stanton) submitted a letter about their concerns with the potential service changes. Director Serna suggested that staff work with SACOG to provide a map with areas of interest (hospitals, schools, libraries, etc.) as well as some social economic information to see a comprehensive picture of the bus and train network as it relates to Sacramento's geography in terms of service needs.

ACTION: NONE – Oral Presentation

REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. Sacramento Placerville Joint Powers Authority Meeting – May 9, 2016 – Oral Report by Director Budge

Director Budge noted that the JPA approved the maintenance plans and received an update on the service running along the line. The train to Latrobe is getting ready to start with a pancake breakfast. Director Nottoli noted that the JPA is adding service.

Chair Schenirer inquired about the level of sponsorships and subscriptions for other organizations. As RT prepares to make service changes, he would like a report on these sponsorships/subscriptions to come back to the Board, and whether these items are negotiable.

Chair Schenirer noted that Director Jennings has an on-going conflict with the Quarterly Retirement Board Meetings, and Chair Schenirer asked if there was a volunteer to take Director Jennings' place on the Retirement Board. No volunteers were identified at this time.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (If Necessary)

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 7:58 p.m.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary