

SUMMARY
Paratransit Board Meeting
May 26, 2016

The following Directors were present: Don Nottoli, Frances Gracechild, Jill Yungling, 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 Inc.'s (Paratransit) mission and the importance that Paratransit's mobility options play in providing disabled adults more independence by teaching clients how to ride fixed route. Director Leventon also mentioned an award that Paratransit was nominated for in Modesto; unfortunately, they did not win.

Director Leventon introduced a new Board Member appointed by the County, Director Shahid Rehimtoola. Director Rehimtoola provided some background information, including that he has worked for the state for a number of years and has three children, all daughters.

Public Comment:

Michael Barnbaum provided the Board an update of the activities of Ride Downtown 916 as well as providing information on RT's proposed service "re-configurations" and the Connect Card.

Triennial Performance Audit Presentation

Kathy Chambers of Moore & Associates presented the results of Paratransit's Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Performance Audit. Both recommendations from the previous audit had been implemented. The audit team presented no findings or recommendations.

The following item was approved on the Consent Calendar:

Adoption of Resolution No. 07-16 authorizing the CEO to submit the TDA Claim for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and authorize submittal of subsequent claims, if funding revisions are issued.

The following action item was approved:

Adoption of Resolution No. 08-16 authorizing the CEO to negotiate and execute a Contract with the City of Roseville for Travel Instruction Services for the South Placer Regional Mobility Program, and further authorizing the CEO to execute all additional amendments for the duration of the Contract.

The Deputy Director's report highlighted the following:

Staff has actively been participating in a number of community programs and representing Paratransit at various venues. Ms. Fink participated in the annual Metro Chamber Cap to Cap trip; Paratransit was represented at the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Humanitarian Dinner, and participated in St. John's Tea for a Cause.

Destinations Mobility assisted the Make-A-Wish Foundation in donating a rental van to make one family's dream of visiting Disneyland a reality as well as hosting a Paralyzed Veterans of America shuffle board clinic in their auditorium.

Paratransit won the Sacramento Business Journal's Healthiest Employer for the second year in a row.

Paratransit has been evaluating RT's proposed service changes; some cuts could cause an increase in non-American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) trips. Paratransit is keeping this in mind in preparing their budget.

Staff participated in several scheduled meetings of the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) as Paratransit is included in the new proposed measure tax at a 3.5% funding rate for senior and disabled transportation services program, including Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) activities. Six cities and the County have approved the proposed measure, and it will now go back to the STA and then to the ballot.

Innovative Paradigms is in active conversations with San Joaquin Regional Transit District to expand services provided in San Joaquin County to include eligibility assessments for ADA paratransit service.

Paratransit has been working with RT in development of the new combination pass which will allow 44 ADA paratransit trips and unlimited fixed route trips for the month purchased.

The financial report highlighted the following:

Overall trips have increased 3.3%, CTSA by 1%; and Demand Response trips have increased by 6% over the last 12 months. Costs per trip have increased by 3% with CTSA trips decreasing by 3.2%, and demand response trips increasing by 1.95%. The fare box recovery ration is 40% for CTSA trips, and 8% for demand response trips. On-time performance is slightly under 95%.

Community Partnership Updates

Janice Labrado, RT's Accessible Services Administrator, provided a report on how RT's Homeless Navigator, RT Police and Accessible Services, along with Paratransit have collaborated to work with a chronically homeless man who necessitated a wheelchair in getting transportation and connecting with services.

Board Discussion

Director Spaulding brought up the desire to hold a joint Board of Directors meeting with Sacramento Regional Transit.