

## **General Manager's Report March 14, 2016**

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

#### **Legislature**

The major development related to legislative activities this week was the transition from Speaker Toni Atkins to new Speaker Anthony Rendon, which occurred on Monday, March 7.

Assembly Speaker Rendon represents the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, which covers several cities in South East LA County. Mr. Rendon was initially elected to the Assembly and began his service in 2012 and is the first Assembly Leader to serve under the new term limits, thereby potentially serving in the capacity of Speaker for up to 8 years.

With this change in leadership, it is anticipated that there will be a reorganization of the remaining leaders, especially among the membership and chairs of the Assembly Standing Committees. Announcements of these shifts in committee chairs could occur as early as this week.

### **RT CONTRACTING RESPONSIBILITIES UPDATE**

Oral report by Tim Spangler.

### **SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Staff will present a number of reports on March 14 to support ridership and revenue growth, cost control, and an increase in fare revenue. RT is diligently pursuing increases in ridership through service enhancements. The Board will be asked to approve a fare inspector (Transit Agent) and part-time Cleaners position to increase overall safety and quality of service. The increase in positions can be achieved at no additional cost, by trading savings in other areas for the additional positions. We will be adding more service next year to support downtown's economic growth, including Golden 1. As we increase quality of service and provide a convenient alternative, this effort will help us to bring new riders to the system and increase fare revenue.

Also related to service quality, we are expecting bids next week on Phase 1 of the system wide station improvements, including upgrades to several starter line stations, such as 7th & Capitol, 8th & Capitol and 9th & K. These improvements will also provide improved security and convenience for RT's customers. The required striping is now complete to designated "Paid Fare Zones" at the six stations selected for the initial pilot: Broadway, 16th Street, Alkali Flat, Arden Del Paso, St. Rose, Mather Field / Mills Station. RT completed installation of the paid fare zone signage the week of March 7, which will allow RT's security team to begin education of passengers and enforcement of the program. It is expected that the paid fare zone program will reduce loitering and other nuisance behavior at RT stations.

In addition to these efforts, we need to make progress in the implementation of fiscal responsibility policies by complying with our fare recovery ratio mandates and beginning to build reserves. The modified fare increase proposal presented by staff for approval on March 14 will slowly rebuild prudent reserves, while considering the needs of RT's passengers and the overall quality of service.

**AIR RESOURCES BOARD/ZERO EMISSION BUS REGULATIONS**

Oral report by Mike Wiley.

**RT CALENDAR**

**Regional Transit Board Meeting**

March 28, 2016  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

April 25, 2016  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

May 9, 2016  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

**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**

March 16, 2016  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

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

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

**Paratransit Board Meeting**

March 24, 2016  
Sutter Senior Care  
1234 U Street  
Sacramento, CA  
6:00 P.M

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