

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD MEETING  
July 24, 2017**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 5:31 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Hansen, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Miller, Schenirer, and Chair Morin. Directors Nottoli and Serna arrived at 5:35 and 5:38, respectively.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair Morin.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Arthur Ketterling – Mr. Ketterling wants to know if SacRT received a \$13 million dollar grant.

Justin Mendoza – Mr. Mendoza is discouraged that there is a “transit rider’s union organization claiming to be an independent democratic member run union and transit riders organizing for a better transit system in Sacramento”. He does not believe that they are independent because they have taken \$2,500 from the Amalgamated Transit Union. When he attended their meeting, he was told that it is not the public’s job to reach out to SacRT in bringing about awareness of public transit and its needs. He is forming an initiative called “SacRT Goes Forward” to assist SacRT in their needs.

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided an update on upcoming meetings from other jurisdictions.

Barbara Stanton – Ms. Stanton received a call from Gale Morgan. Mr. Morgan was on an in-bound light rail car (#201) from Watt & I-80 and there was some outdated information at the front and back of the light rail car. Ms. Stanton suggested that staff walk through the car before they leave to check that the information in the car is current.

Robert Coplin – Mr. Coplin stated that he is a SacTRU member, and “no puppet for anybody”. Mr. Coplin wants to know why we need a trolley in Sacramento. Mr. Coplin believes that SacRT is “not good at running the system, needs better routes, better light rail system, better light rail cars, and is not seeing it...and wants to know why.”

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila stated that “4 and 5 is a bunch of gobbledygook to try and explain to the public about your problems with your 2011 dealing with your trustee and investment plan and everything else. This looks like a golden parachute and that is not what it is talking about, is it?” He wanted to remind staff that more revenue could be generated by running the 67 and 68 later. Mr. Tardaguila wants different

reporting categories on the SacAlert app; has had two Connect Card machines fail; wants the air conditioning fixed; noted a problem with the elevator; wants schedules adjusted for all the bus routes that are coming in; and hopes that by September that SacRT will use their ambassadors to do a better fostering for the route optimization study. He wants to know how staff eliminates bus stops and how the public is informed about those eliminations.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of June 12, 2017
2. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Release an Invitation to Bid for Rancho Cordova Instrument House and Substation Wraps (D. Abansado/N. Nance)
3. Resolution: Authorizing Solicitation of Proposals for Streetcar Construction Management Services (G. Gamble/N. Nance)
4. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Adopt and Execute a Revised 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Document with Retroactive Applicability to 2011, and All Documents Necessary to Update and Implement the Revised Plan Document (D. Bonnel/B. Bernegger)
5. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate and Approve an Agreement with MassMutual for Providing an Option for an Alternative Retirement Service 401(a) Plan (D. Bonnel/B. Bernegger)
6. Resolution: Approving a Right of Entry Agreement Between the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District for Installation of an Underground Water Pipeline within SacRT's Right of Way at 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute an Easement (B. Bernegger)
7. Resolution: Approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Contract with Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Hodson, LLP for Legal Services (T. Spangler)
8. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets (D. Goldman/B. Bernegger)
9. Resolution: Approving Amendments to the FY 2017 Capital Budget, the FY 2017 Operating Budget, and the FY 2016 Operating Budget (D. Goldman/B. Bernegger)
10. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to Extend the Light Rail Stations Maintenance Agreement and to Include Soundwall Maintenance with the City of Rancho Cordova (G. Gamble/N. Nance)

- 11 Resolution: Approving the Right of Way Contract – State Highway for a Temporary Construction Easement with the California Department of Transportation for Construction Purposes within SacRT’s Right of Way Located at Freeport Boulevard (B. Bernegger)
12. Resolution: Approving the First Amendment to the Contract for On-Call Trane Chiller Repair and Preventative Maintenance with Climate Control, Inc. (G. Gamble/N. Nance)
- 12.1 Resolution: Authorizing Travel Outside the United States for Henry Li, General Manager/CEO, to Represent Sacramento’s Transportation Industry to Assist the Sacramento-Jinan Sister City Relationship with China to Develop a Comprehensive Transportation Strategy for the Sacramento Region (H. Li)

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Budge seconded approval of the consent calendar with the exception of items 6, 7, 11 and 12.1. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

6. Resolution: Approving a Right of Entry Agreement Between the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District for Installation of an Underground Water Pipeline within SacRT’s Right of Way at 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Execute an Easement (B. Bernegger)

Speaker: Brenda Anderson

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Hume seconded approval of the item was written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

7. Resolution: Approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Contract with Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Hodson, LLP for Legal Services (T. Spangler)

Speaker: Brenda Anderson

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Jennings moved; Chair Morin seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

- 11 Resolution: Approving the Right of Way Contract – State Highway for a Temporary Construction Easement with the California Department of Transportation for Construction Purposes within SacRT’s Right of Way Located at Freeport Boulevard (B. Bernegger)

Speaker: Brenda Anderson

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Schenirer moved; Director Miller seconded approval**

**of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

12.1 Resolution: Authorizing Travel Outside the United States for Henry Li, General Manager/CEO, to Represent Sacramento's Transportation Industry to Assist the Sacramento-Jinan Sister City Relationship with China to Develop a Comprehensive Transportation Strategy for the Sacramento Region (H. Li)

Speakers: Brenda Anderson                      Coco Cocozzella

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Director Kennedy seconded approval of the item as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

13. General Manager's Report
  - a. Government Affairs Update and Employee Recognition
  - b. Districtwide Performance Update
  - c. RT Meeting Calendar

Mr. Li reviewed his written State report.

Mr. Li informed the Board members that SacRT required emergency repairs on the UTDC light rail vehicles relating to air conditioning issues at the end of June 2017. A State of Emergency was declared, and as required by SacRT's Procurement Ordinance, the Board must be informed within 30 days of the declaration, The State of Emergency allows staff to proceed with work prior to execution of a contract.

Mr. Li provided information relating to upcoming improvements to make SacRT more clean, safe and convenient, and to improve customer service. SacRT is working diligently to get additional funding to improve the customer experience. Last month, SacRT was awarded a \$13 million grant from the California Transportation Commission, and will use \$8 million to fund the replacement of fare vending machines along with new digital information signs with updated security features. The funds will also be used to fund the relocation of a traction power substation. These funds are limited for an intended purpose.

Social media has been a large part of communicating with the public. Mr. Li indicated that Dale Schornack, formerly of ABC10, is now riding SacRT to his new job, and showed the Board a video Mr. Schornack produced about his experience on SacRT.

Mr. Li recognized Lieutenant Lisa Hinz for her extensive work in the Sacramento Police Department, and noted that she has taken over the responsibility of SacRT's Police Services after Captain Leong's departure. Mr. Li recognized Deputy Alex Ladwig for his bravery and sacrifice for enhancing the security of SacRT's system.

Mr. Li commended the Finance Department for working diligently to secure a \$13  
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million grant. Mr. Li introduce Brent Bernegger who reviewed SacRT's financial results for FY 17.

Director Hansen would like SacRT to recognize Norm Leong for his service. Mr. Li indicated that he had already tried to get Captain Leong to be recognized at a Board meeting, and Captain Leong declined. Director Hansen indicated that he would contact Captain Leong.

Brent Bernegger reviewed the preliminary fiscal year end budget noting that there will still be a few year-end adjustments, and an actuarial liability assessment done during the first week of August for workers' compensation and general liability. SacRT is looking at a positive \$2.7 million operating surplus for fiscal year 2017. SacRT, last week, paid the line of credit down to zero. Mr. Bernegger then reviewed his power point presentation.

Speaker: Mike Barnbaum

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

14. Information: Watt/I-80 Rehabilitation and Security (N. Nance/L. Hinz/M. Lonergan)

Lt. Hinz noted that upon instituting the Transit Agent (TA) program, the first station that was staffed with the TAs was Watt/I-80 back in May 2017 as it was important to regain control of that station. As soon as the TAs started doing their job, there was immediate pushback, some more violent than others. As a result of this violence it was necessary to staff armed police officers to support the TAs. Lt. Hinz provided the crime statistics as it related to the Watt/I-80 station as well as the entire system. As a result of the violent activity at this station, security has increased making security presence very visible. During the evenings, in addition to Police Officers, SacRT has a contracted with Paladin Security to use two armed guards to patrol the station. The Security Operations Center is also 24/7 and gets instant dispatch, instant access, and support for the video system, allowing them to relay information immediately. SacRT's Information Technology group installed 16 more cameras and a public address system in both stairwells at Watt/I-80.

Neil Nance provided the improvement process for Watt-I-80 (3 phases – 60, 90 and the Watt/I-80 Transit Master Plan). Mr. Nance reviewed photos of Watt/I-80 indicating that staff had walked the station compiling a list of approximately 100 items that need attention. Some items have already been addressed, while others will require more time

to complete. The first 60 days included removing the portable restroom because the restroom was abused; landscaping below the bridge was removed and replaced with bark, as the foliage was being used to hide drug paraphernalia, human waste, etc.; and stairwell gates were installed on the top of both sides of Watt Avenue so that the gates can be locked, as well as the elevators, during non-operational times. The station is being painted on the bus side.

In the next 90 days, SacRT is looking to remove the bicycle lockers, repair the Watt/I-80 east elevator; repaint shelters, replace trash cans on both the light rail and bus sides, repaint the bus loading curb on Watt Avenue, and add some ADA non-slip adhesive to the stairwell.

The Watt/I-80 Transit Master Plan is to enhance passenger safety, convenience and mobility in order to increase transit ridership. The project will improve the pedestrian environment along Watt Avenue, rethink how the multi-modal transit center can be optimized and evaluate the overall bike and pedestrian connectivity.

SacRT has great partners engaged with us on this transformation: Sacramento County Sheriff, Caltrans, Paladin, Watt PBID and WalkSacramento. We are also planning on bringing in other partners.

Mark Lonergan noted that SacRT is giving consideration, and beginning to study the possibility of closing the upper level, running all the buses to the lower level, creating a much enhanced bus to bus, and bus to rail transfer facility at the lower level, not using the upper level anymore. This provides a much more convenient transfer, the ability to create a much more secure environment. The one negative is travel time for passengers. SacRT needs to do the study that looks at how many thru riders we have on Watt Avenue, what the impact is to their travel time, what the impact is to riders who are transferring, and these factors will be a major influence on the decision. Nothing will be done without public outreach. This is something that is seriously being considered.

Speakers: Helen O'Connell    Mike Barnbaum    Barbara Stanton  
                  Jeffery Tardaguila

**ACTION: NONE: Oral Presentation by Neil Nance, Lisa Hinz and Mark Lonergan.**

**REPORTS, IDEAS AND QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

15. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting – June 21, 2017 (Harris/Miller)

No additional comments were provided.

16. Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting – June 22, 2017 (Hume/Hansen)

Director Hume augmented the report by noting that recognition of the loss of Frances Gracechild. Director Hume also noted that he had been nominated to be the Vice

President of the Paratransit Board.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION** – Recessed at 7:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Announce Closed Session Items:
  - a) Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54954.5  
Labor Negotiator: Andrew J. Morin, Chair
    - 1) Title: General Manager/CEO

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no closed session report.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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ANDREW J. MORIN, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary