Agenda Item #27

CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2017 10:00 AM City Council Chambers, Suisun City CA

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Lucas Frerichs. Two new members were introduced, Deborah Allen, BART and Teresa O'Neil, VTA.
- The CCJPA Board approved the Consent Calendar.
- Board asked audience be excused for Closed Session, meeting was reconvened at 10:45 AM.
- Budget and Business Plan Review was discussed. Extensive outreach with workshops and comments were solicited from passengers on the train. There were some negative comments for recent subpar performance. Meeting was held with UP and Amtrak to address the problems including the incident of rocking/jerking on the Capitol Corridor train. Service was showing a flattening of ridership lately. Projection of increasing ridership with expansion to Roseville by FY 2023. Maintenance costs are down due to using fewer cars for service. Member Rayburn thanked staff for the tremendous outreach to customers and the public. Member Sperring asked about the growth potential only including expansion to Roseville. There are infill and more possibilities along the current alignment for other ways to increase ridership. Partnering with local small community transit was discussed. Governor's Budget with Cap and Trade money available. Recent Senate Bill 1 addresses transit service with dedicated money for inner city rail. Eight agencies are listed asking for \$400 million. Assembly Bill 1 also asks for transportation funding, but does not dedicate any to rail. Board discussed letters of support for both Bills and the State Amendment reducing the threshold for transportation funding to 55% pass. The Board agreed that support for SB1 is clear because of specific language for rail. Support in concept for AB1. Motion passed with 12 yes and 1 abstain.
- Vision Plan updated with discussion on separating passengers from freight lines. Phased process of improving service through partnerships and uniting the regions and combining plans into one vision. This is the great opportunity if we coordinate correctly and cohesively. Motion passed.
- Alternative fuel pilot program was discussed. Pilot program will combine one alternative fuel locomotive with one diesel for reliability. The eventual replacement of all Amtrak diesel locomotives with battery/electric. Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.