

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

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken at 5:30 p.m. PRESENT: Directors Budge, Harris, Hume, Jennings, Kennedy, Miller, Nottoli, Schenirer, Serna and Chair Morin. Director Hansen arrived at 5:34 p.m.

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

**\*Motion: Director Jennings moved to hear Item #5 earlier in the agenda (before Item 4); Director Budge seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Speakers:

Mike Barnbaum – Mr. Barnbaum provided an update on the Roseville City Council meeting of April 5; the Elk Grove City Council meeting of April 12; and the upcoming Yolo County meeting whereby the council will consider streamlining shuttle services.

W. Glover – Mr. Glover would like Regional Transit to become a fare free system.

Sarah Kerber – Ms. Kerber wanted to suggest that RT Board and staff receive additional training on Title VI compliance. Ms. Kerber would like to see free transfers reinstated. Ms. Kerber believes that the not all riders are able to take advantage of the 90 minute mobile application fare.

Jeffery Tardaguila – Mr. Tardaguila noted a Connect Card terminal problem at Cathedral Square; and wants better communication with riders. Mr. Tardaguila indicated that he had no way of utilizing anything other than cash this past Friday.

Cheryl Busby – Ms. Busby thanked Director Jennings for contacting Ms. Johnson in Oak Park in regard to a bus stop being rebuilt in the area. Ms. Busby wants RT to engage with local vendors.

Tim Ortiz – Mr. Ortiz provided his appreciation for everything that the RT Board has been doing. Mr. Ortiz sees great improvements taking place with the RT system and the behavior of the employees.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Motion: Approval of the Action Summary of April 10, 2017

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

2. Resolution: Authorizing Request for Proposals for Streetcar Vehicle Procurement (D. Abansado/N. Nance)
3. Resolution: Authorizing Release of Request for Proposals for Streetcar Vehicle Maintenance and Service Facility Design Services (D. Abansado/N. Nance)

Speakers: Russell Rawlings – Item 2;  
Helen O’Connell – Items 2 and 3

Director Hansen recommended that the speakers attend the Streetcar Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 at SACOG to provide their comments to that committee. Director Hansen also indicated that none of the money that is going through RT is money that is available to RT for anything else other than Streetcar Project, which is funded by the Cities and the federal government. The project is owned by the two cities and RT is the project manager that was hired to do the work. Director Hansen would like to have 100% low floor vehicles. Director Hansen noted that providing an update to the Mobility Advisory Council is a good idea, and suggested that the update include staff members from SACOG, RT and others.

Director Nottoli asked when the issue of the Proposition 1A funding would be coming to the Board for discussion as indicated in the February Streetcar report, and what would be asked of the Board? Henry Li noted that the report will be brought to the Board on May 22, and that staff is working on details with the regional partners. Mr. Li indicated that Proposition 1A funds are flexible funds.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Hansen moved; Chair Morin seconded approval of items 2 and 3 as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

## **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

Henry Li thanked Mr. Anderson for his service, and noted that there have been 8 employees who have served RT with 40 or more years of service. Currently there are 5 employees that have 38 or more years of service with the District. Starting today and

on a quarterly basis, RT will recognize employees that have 20 or more years of service at Board meetings. Today's recipients are: Gerald Alexander, Anthony Montoya, Brenda Lee, Daniel Talamantes, Jo Noble, Tim Kent, Robert O'Brien, Lauren Bartlett, Florina Gutierrez-Gordon and Joe Lentz.

Mr. Li indicated that the Sacramento Bee noted that RT's ridership has dropped. He noted that ridership has dropped in most major transit systems across the nation including Los Angeles and New York. Transit systems that had ridership increases added overnight service on popular routes, linked buses to light rail, redesigned bus networks, expanded weekend and night service, launched new routes, and cut low-ridership routes while increasing frequency on others. Mr. Li noted that staff is looking at additional initiatives to increase ridership and bring back the occasional riders on our buses and trains. Ideas to increase ridership such as bringing back transfers, distance based fares and feeder routes to light rail are just a few.

Mr. Li addressed some of the speaker's comments that some riders would not be able to enjoy the benefit. He noted that 80% of riders currently have the means to enjoy the free transfers. If cash paying customers can get a Connect Card, then they can enjoy the free transfer option as well.

RT, like many other transit agencies in the nation, has been experiencing declining ridership. To stop or reverse this trend, RT will take corrective action such as Route Optimization and other investments in RT such as pursuing additional local funding. If additional funds are obtained, RT will use the funds for: 1) fix it first projects; 2) may be used for light rail extension projects; and 3) to add back the 25% of service cuts done 10 years ago.

Staff will announce a plan to bring back transfers for those riders using the Connect Card giving customers the ability to ride between the two systems within 90 minutes. Additionally, staff is asking the Board to grant the General Manager/CEO authorization to provide a limited number of free ride days to Students K-12, individuals with disabilities and seniors over the next 6 months.

Brent Bernegger provided a review of the March 2017 financials for the District.

Director Nottoli noted that staff needs to reflect the cost of the damage in their financials from the traffic incident in Folsom and recover the loss from insurance settlements.

Director Serna thanked Mr. Li for working with staff to assess and provide a bus shelter in the South Oak Park neighborhood (Route 68) at the Fruitridge Community Collaborative.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

- \*5. Resolution: Commending Steven Anderson (A. Kennedy/A. Carrasco)

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Resolution: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve up to 10 Free Ride Days for Seniors, Individuals with Disabilities and Students (B. Bernegger)

Director Nottoli would like to add active military to the free ride days.

Director Miller suggested that active military and Veterans should receive free rides on Veteran's Day, or consider adding Veterans to the 10 free ride days.

Director Schenirer agreed with Directors Nottoli and Miller, and moved the item with the addition of the military to the free ride days.

Speaker: Jeffery Tardaguila

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Schenirer moved to amend the resolution to include that persons with Military ID be added to the list of those recipients of Free Ride Days; Director Miller seconded approval of the item as amended. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

7. Amending the Fare Structure and Temporarily Authorizing a "Connect Card Fare Ticket" (B. Bernegger)
- A. Resolution: Amending the Fare Structure (Resolution 09-10-0174) to Add a New "Mobile Fare Ticket" Fare Type and Redefine "Fare Ticket"; and
  - B. Resolution: Temporarily Authorizing a "Connect Card Fare Ticket"

Speaker: Helen O'Connell  
Mike Barnbaum

Barbara Stanton

Russell Rawlings

Director Nottoli indicated that staff needs to continue to work on the aspect of the Connect Card and the cash paying customer, so that cash paying customers can receive the 90 minute benefit.

**ACTION: APPROVED - Director Budge moved items A and B with the recommendation of trying to get a vendor at the Sacramento Valley Station to dispense the Connect Card; Chair Morin seconded the item. Motion was carried by voice vote.**

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

### **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** – Chair Morin adjourned the meeting in memory of Dan Skoglund and Mel Turner.

Director Budge indicated that Mr. Skoglund's services will be held on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 at Sun River Church.

Director Miller indicated that Mr. Turner's Memorial Service will be held at the Citrus Heights Community Center on Saturday, May 13 @ 11:00.

Chair Morin asked the respective Board members to distribute that information to the rest of the RT Board members when it was available.

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 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