

Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting September 20, 2017

RT Board Member Jeff Harris was present. Board member Steve Miller was unable to attend. Roll call resulted in a quorum.

Consent calendar was motioned for approval which includes meeting minutes for June 21, 2017.

The following action items were unanimously moved for approval:

1. CCJPA proposed FY18 budget
2. CCJPA/Amtrak Agreement – to authorize \$31m agreement with Amtrak
3. Marketing and Communications Plan FY2018 - included an advertising campaign overview from M&C Manager and FY17 goals discussion. Success was reported in growing off-peak ridership. Promotions with strategic partners such as sports and events, arts and entertainment and an increase in social media footprint reported a follower increase of 13%; FY18 marketing plan was revealed. Media plan will target new riders (drivers and millennials). A renewal contract for advertising campaign was requested for approval. Mr. Harris discussed how helpful it was to see return on investment included in the report.
4. Legislative matters - SB595 \$90m set aside for expenditure for JPA. Different projects for consideration to be determined will come back next month for authorization. Will go to fund 1/3 match for other programs. A letter of support to thank the governor for his support will be sent on behalf of the JPA. Cap and trade expenditure allocation plan did not go forward. FY17 congress appropriations state of good repair will compete for \$60m and "Federal Crissy." SB1 will provide additional match funds and will leave JPA well suited to advance some capital projects. Senate and House 2018 appropriations program also stand in good position for additional funding. Board Member Rayburn discussed disappointment with not having funds to repair Martinez Bridge. Motion to authorize a letter to the governor was approved.
5. CCJPA Project applications for SB1 programs - \$150k needed to enter in agreements to go after SB 1 funding program, prepare and submit applications that are due in November. Various funding opportunities are available. Looking to advance several projects that have been waiting for funding. List of projects was named.
6. On-call consultant – Support for engineering support and bicycle planning, timetables, fleet plan, etc. is needed. Two separate contracts are requested for motion to approve. Discussion about reducing dwell times and a request to announce the track number was also voiced.
7. Communication protocols during service incidents - Follow up from last meeting's presentation on the incident that occurred in December. Presentation explained what happens behind the scenes during a service incident.
8. Managing Director's Report - Ridership 3.21% growth over last year. Revenue is higher than was projected. Customer satisfaction - 90.6 %. Delays, OTP, fatalities, survey results were distributed to the board members.

{Public comment – Feedback received included a comment that board meetings are not timed with train schedule. A disabled patron is requesting low floor trains and comparable amenities as regular riders. “Comet cars are a disaster and do not work for this service.” Capacity is an issue. Bought vehicles that were readily available instead of what was specified.}

9. Hercules Transit Center - Presentation by the City of Hercules. {Public comment - 1) protest regarding the new station. It should be not be evasive and in a neighborhood. Need a stop that is better for the train. We have the old train stop there that should be considered instead. 2) Paper written by emeritus professor was distributed to board members. The paper should help you think about providing service. Lays out what a true intercity service looks like. TOD is essential but what is intercity service vs. commuter service. Hercules tracks are subject to climate change. (Water)} Discussion - Rebecca Saltzman - we have no real process to hear comments for and against the project. Raul - first time he hears about the sea level rise issue. Let's look at planning out more than 35 years. Nicholas - understanding was that there would be new station guidelines. Wants an update on what next steps new stations need to meet. To evaluate new station proposals.

Work completed and work in progress “high notes” were presented to the JPA Board.

Board Director Reports – Announcement that the Amtrak Vacaville station will be opening September 21. Notification that City of San Jose presented BART a recommendation for a single lane tunnel. Request to see if the meeting time can be adjusted so the board member can take the train to the meeting. Rotation of meeting locations is currently under review.

Adjournment - Next meeting will be held on November 15, 2017 in Suisun City Hall.

Notes provided by A. Carrasco.