

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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7	02/22/10	Open	Information	02/01/10

Subject: Mobility Advisory Council End of Year Report

ISSUE

Year end report from the Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) Chair, Jan Zolin.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

Mobility Advisory Council Chair, Jan Zolin, will present a brief report to the Board regarding the MAC's activities during the past year. The MAC provided staff with valuable recommendations and feedback on numerous projects and programs, as explained in greater detail within Attachment 1. Chair Zolin will share information with the Board on the MAC's actions and accomplishments, and elaborate on the MAC's work over the past year.

Approved:


General Manager/CEO

Presented:


Director of Accessible Services and Customer Advocacy

MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

SUBMITTED TO: REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: JAN ZOLIN, MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR

The Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) has completed its fourth year of service. As you know, the Council was formed in accordance with Sacramento Regional Transit District's commitment to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to provide mobility for persons with disabilities and older adults.

The object and purpose of the MAC as an advisory body is to advise the RT Board of Directors on system accessibility features and improvements, to provide a communications link between RT and key stakeholder groups, whose interests are representing persons with disabilities and older adults, and to represent interest areas for persons with disabilities and older adults. In order to carry out our mission, the current MAC membership reflects a balance of organizational members and members-at-large.

I have served as Chair of the MAC for the last four years as a member-at-large representing older adults. Mauro Lara has served as Vice Chair for the last 4 years representing Pride Industries. Both Mr. Lara and I have been nominated to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for another term. If elected, we stand ready to serve both the Council and the RT Board of Directors, once again.

Chair of the Access and Infrastructure Committee is Eugene Lozano, who represents CSUS Services to Students with Disabilities.

This year the General Manager appointed two new members, Dennis Russac, representing the National Federation of the Blind-River City Chapter, and Chris Jensen, representing Resources for Independent Living. Barney Donnelly, a member-at-large representing older adults, resigned from the MAC in December.

The MAC provided staff with feedback and specific recommendations on the accessibility and effectiveness of the following:

- 65th Street Station design; which included a site visit by council members in order to better understand the issues related to the accessibility of the station.

Throughout the year the Council and Committees reviewed and made recommendations pertaining to the following programs and projects:

- 65th Street Station Project
- 7th and K Street Station Relocation Project
- TransitAction Plan
- 13th Street and 16th Street Light Rail Station improvements

- P.R.I.D.E Industries Service Changes
- Service Changes/Reductions and Fare increases

The Council also provided input on RT's continued need for budget rebalancing strategies and revenue enhancement opportunities. We received several updates regarding RT's ongoing efforts to balance the budget, and offered suggestions as potential opportunities that RT might consider, such as partnerships with regional shopping centers, and corporate sponsors for certain RT responsibilities similar to the Caltrans "Adopt a Highway" program.

Since the RT Board of Directors recognizes how critical public transportation is to the populations that the MAC represents, the Council tried to be as helpful as we could in our advice regarding the very difficult choices the Board was forced to implement. The Council would like to commend the Board on the very thorough and thoughtful decisions made throughout the year.

In addition to the Council's time and effort concerning the FY09 budget, we also discussed and provided input on the draft TransitAction Plan/ADA Paratransit Plan Update. The Council's recommendations were incorporated into the draft that was subsequently presented at a stakeholders workshop held in June 2009 by RT to obtain feedback from the public and ADA paratransit riders. In July 2009, the Board adopted the plan as proposed.

The adopted plan additionally included enhancements to the current ADA Eligibility Program. The Council was briefed on improvements including, but not limited to, a revised No-Show/Late Cancellation Policy, a revised ADA Paratransit application, enforcement of the No-Show/Late Cancellation policy as well as conditional eligibility, and an updated ADA Paratransit Riders Information Guide.

The Council worked very hard this year to achieve the goals outlined in our work plan. In the coming year, we plan to devote our attention to the Urban Design Charrette process that RT plans to use for developing Phase 2 of the Green Line light rail extension. The Council will participate in the charrette process and will encourage all members of the public to do likewise.

Lastly, the Council stands ready to review and assist the Board in any way we can. It has truly been a pleasure to serve the Board and very rewarding to the individual council members that the Board carefully considers MAC's recommendations.

Thank you.

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8	02/22/10	Open	Action	02/04/10

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with Central Valley Jurisdictions for Regional Rail Planning Working Group

ISSUE

Whether or not to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other Central Valley jurisdictions to create a Working Group to plan regional rail service in the Merced/Sacramento corridor, and make appointments to same.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 10-02-____, Authorizing the Regional Transit Board Chair to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Valley Jurisdictions; and
- B. Motion: Appointment of One Board Member and one Board Member Alternate to Represent Regional Transit on the Central Valley Working Group; and
- C. Motion: Appointment of One Staff Member to Represent Regional Transit on the Central Valley Working Group.

FISCAL IMPACT

None as a result of this action.

DISCUSSION

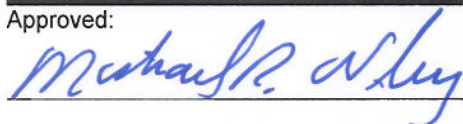
In 2008, California voters approved Proposition 1A, the Safe, Reliable High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act, which authorizes the state to sell \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds to fund 1) pre-construction activities and construction of a high-speed passenger train system in California, and 2) capital improvements to passenger rail systems that expand capacity, improve safety, or enable riders to connect to the high-speed train system. The Merced/Sacramento corridor is part of the high-speed train corridor recognized in the Proposition.

Prior to the passage of Proposition 1A, Merced/Sacramento corridor representatives had begun meeting to plan regional rail service along the corridor. With the passage of Proposition 1A and implementation work by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), these corridor representatives want corridor jurisdictions to enter into a MOU to formally create a Working Group to collaborate with CHSRA to plan and develop improved passenger rail transportation in the Merced/Sacramento corridor.

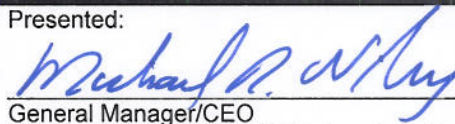
By entering the MOU, Regional Transit would be committing to the objectives of the group to:

- 1. Continue working cooperatively with the California High Speed Rail Authority;

Approved:



Presented:



General Manager/CEO

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2. Agree to general planning principles set forth in the MOU, including: a) dedicated passenger trackage for high speed rail and regional rail service, including segments which may provide early independent utility; b) connectivity of the Merced/Sacramento corridor with the Altamont Regional Corridor, intercity rail services, and local and regional transit networks; c) ultimate full-grade separation and electrification of high speed rail segments in the region suitable for operation of statewide high speed trainsets and the use of compatible, lightweight trainsets for regional service; d) phasing of improvements to allow initiation of Central Valley regional rail service using readily available trainsets; e) consideration of the following factors for high speed rail station locations: local support and development strategies, access to other transit connections, regional service markets, interregional service markets, and the statutory schedule requirement between Los Angeles and Sacramento;
3. Continue and expand cooperation among the parties;
4. Agree to provide leadership and support of the Corridor planning and development process within their respective communities and across jurisdictional boundaries; and
5. Pursue future agreements, each of which is expected to be more specific as planning work progresses and becomes more focused.

The Working Group is intended to include: RT, County of Sacramento, City of Sacramento, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, City of Elk Grove, City of Galt, San Joaquin County, San Joaquin Council of Governments, San Joaquin Regional Transit District, City of Stockton, City of Lodi, City of Manteca, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, County of Stanislaus, Stanislaus Council of Governments, City of Modesto, City of Turlock, Merced County, Merced County Association of Governments, and the City of Merced.

This MOU is being approved with an effective date of March 1, 2010 and shall continue in effect until and unless terminated by all Parties through mutual written agreement. Any party may withdraw from the MOU upon 20 days' written notice delivered to the Parties.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding and make appointments to the Working Group, including nomination of a Board member representative and alternate, as well as designating one staff member to serve on the Working Group.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

February 22, 2010

**AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD CHAIR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CENTRAL VALLEY JURISDICTIONS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of
Understanding by and between Central Valley jurisdictions to create a Working Group for
Regional Rail planning in the Merced/Sacramento Corridor.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary