

**CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

WEDNESDAY June 16, 2010

10:00AM

BART Board Room

Oakland

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Holmes. Chair Holmes presented the Chair's report in which he highlighted the submission and acceptance of the CCJPA budget to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency with funding pending the adoption of a State Budget for FY 2011; also highlighted was the successful CCJPA food drive which held a kick off event at the Sacramento Valley Station on June 1 and was attended by Board member Roger Dickinson and Chair Jim Holmes. The food drive occurred from June 1 through June 15 with a rider appreciation event scheduled for June 17; Chair Holmes mentioned CCJPA staff's activities with respect to Federal High Speed and Intercity rail funding opportunities, and the work being done on the design of the next generation of passenger rail cars and locomotives.
- A notable item under the Consent Calendar was a Board action supporting the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Act of 2010. Director Dickinson abstained in consideration of the unintended impact that this initiative would have on health and human services at the County level. The item was ultimately approved.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval to proceed with 50% design plans for the third track between Sacramento and Folsom which will be required in order to provide more frequent service to South Placer County. The Board approved the item.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval to redirect funding as a result of cost savings from the Bahia Crossover and Emeryville Track projects to other designated capital projects. The Board approved the item.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval of the FY 10-11 General Advertising Contract conditioned upon the approval of the CCJPA budget following adoption of a State budget. The Board approved the item.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval of the Proposition 1B-FY 10 Transit Safety/Security Intercity Passenger/Commuter Rail Projects. CCJPA listed 5 projects totaling \$2.063 million. The Board approved the item.

- The Managing Director requested Board approval of the San Francisco Ferry Building Security Camera Project. This project would allow the station agents to see the connecting buses when they arrive at the Ferry Building so that the station agent does not need to leave the ticket booth. The Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval to fund a lighting project in the overflow parking lot at the Martinez station stop. The CCJPA would fund the project and the lighting would be installed by the City of Martinez. The Board approved this item.
- The Managing Director requested Board approval of a project that would install a “hardened” security fence at the Jack London station in Oakland. It was indicated that the existing chain link fence is frequently vandalized and that there is a problem with trespassing in this area. The ownership of the existing fence is unclear, but once the issue of ownership is resolved, this project would install a more substantial “hardened” fence that would be resistant to being vandalized. Director Dickinson expressed some doubt over how well such a fence would control the problem, but indicated his support for the project. The Board approved this item.
- Under Legislative matters, no action items were presented to the Board. Several items were raised for discussion. The Managing Director discussed recent staff efforts to amend SB 409 (Ducheny) concerning the Connectivity Plan which is an element of the bill. The Managing Director discussed a joint letter from the California Intercity Passenger Rail Agencies to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee concerning funding levels for various FY-11 High Speed and Intercity Rail efforts. The Managing Director discussed the recent Amtrak Board meeting that was held in California. The Amtrak Board currently has 4 vacancies, and the importance of having a California representative on the Amtrak Board was stressed.
- The Managing Director requested Board direction on a proposal to extend CCJPA service to the City of Salinas. The Board was supportive of CCJPA investing staff time in developing the proposal provided it did not detract from the provision of existing CCJPA service. It was also noted that the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) owned slots for trains from San Jose to Gilroy. Service from Gilroy to Salinas would require negotiation with the Union Pacific.
- The Managing Director provided the Board with the CCJPA monthly performance report. He noted that ridership was up slightly over the past three months by about 2% and 5% higher than the previous year. As a result of the slight ridership increase, revenue from fares was up slightly as well. The Managing Director stressed the improvements on time performance at 94.1% for the month of April and 95.9% for the month of May. Capitol Corridor service is currently #1 in the nation with respect to on time performance. Also highlighted were

numerous positive comments received from riders over ride quality. It was indicated that this was as a result of the major track work projects recently undertaken by the Union Pacific. The Managing Director discussed the current conceptual designs for the next generation of passenger rail cars.

- Under Board Member reports, Director Cohn advised the Board of the recent article in the Sacramento Bee concerning the developer for the Sacramento Rail yard project going into foreclosure. Director Cohn indicated that this would not impact the track relocation project and that he believed that the larger redevelopment project would continue.
- Under public comment, two advocates for the disabled community raised several issues to the Board that they believed impacted their ability to ride. The first had to do with the odor left in the passenger cars after being refurbished. They indicated that the odor was so strong that they could not ride. Their second issue had to do with conflicts between passengers in wheelchairs and bicycles being brought on the trains. Their third issue had to do with the lack of automatic doors at the Sacramento Valley Station. This made it difficult to enter from the station platform side of the building. Their final issue had to do with the fact that the disabled discount does not go through the on-line ticketing process. They are required to show their ID to a station agent in order to receive the discount.
- The next CCJPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 10:00 AM at the City Council Chambers in the City of Suisun City.