

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE
March 2, 2009**

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken at 4:15 p.m. PRESENT: Directors MacGlashan, Miller, Nottoli and Chair Cohn. ABSENT: Directors Dickinson, Hammond, Hume, Morin, Pannell, Sander and Tretheway.

APPROVAL OF ACTION SUMMARY

1. Board Meeting of February 2, 2009

ACTION: NONE - DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING - NO QUORUM PRESENT.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Transit Master Plan Briefing (Covington)

RoseMary Covington, Alan Jones, Ian Druce, Troy Russ and Mike Wiley reviewed the power point presentation of the Transit Master Plan.

As Staff and the Consultants reviewed the power point, Board members asked questions and provided comments about various slides.

(Slide 37) - Additional Sources of Funding

Chair Cohn asked about the increase (50%) in parking charges. Staff indicated that this was not just light rail lots, but parking lots all over the City, owned/managed by others. Chair Cohn also suggested that the cap and trade system be added to the sources of funding.

Director MacGlashan wanted to know if RT had the power to make the listed changes to the additional sources of funding, or whether this took some new/edited legislation.

(Slide 38) - What is the Public Willing to Pay? - Outreach Phase 2

Director MacGlashan indicated the need to clarify that the "Willingness to Pay Game" was not a scientific study.

(Slide 52) - Tier 1 Projects and Improvements (cont'd).

Director MacGlashan is concerned about designating a year on the sales tax.

Chair Cohn suggested that the discussion on sales tax should be a discussion for the full Board.

Director Nottoli suggested that RT target between 2 - 4 years for an additional sales tax, blending the two iterations together, which keep flexibility.

(Slide 56 & 57) - Tier 3 Projects and Improvements

Mike Wiley noted that Tier 3, to realize all of the benefits of this Tier, there is significant enhancements to other local policy decisions (land use, transit demand management measures) that will all compliment the full implementation.

Chair Cohn wants to look at the advantage of putting in the full vision with Tier 3 versus focusing more on what we think is more doable, even though this is a 26 year program; however, Tier 3 does show a vision of what could be.

Ms. Covington noted that staff is preparing to get a full review of the plan by the community before bringing it to the Board for final approval. They plan to bring the Financial panel to have a dialogue with the Board members, opinion leaders, planners, and government officials about how funding is needed to support transit and how we acquire that funding. Once staff receives the approval to release the plan, we want to have a broad discussion of the recommendations with the public. We would like to go to the 25 communities (in Sacramento County) that were identified in the Transit Equity Study and talk to them about the specific recommendations in the plan as they affect their communities. Staff will provide more information to the public via the internet (such as a face book page, on-line surveys) and through media coverage.

Chair Cohn noted that additional time should be scheduled at the Board meeting on April 13 to discuss controversial items of this plan. He noted that there should be opportunities for a speaker's bureau, various Chambers of Commerce meetings, community meetings, etc.

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ADJOURN

As there was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



STEVE COHN, Chair

ATTEST:

By: 

Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary