

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held its regular meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, **IN THE BOARDROOM OF RTD'S DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER, 421 E. WEBER AVENUE, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chair Giovanetti called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. ROLL CALL Present: Duane Isetti Absent: None
D. David Smith
Joni Bauer
Gary S. Giovanetti
Les J. Fong

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Gloria Salazar, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Laurrie Brown, Director of Operations
Al Hoslett, Legal Counsel
Ericka Rocha, Senior Administrative Assistant

Employees and Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

James Young Linda DeGuzman
Jesse Lopez

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Lopez commented on the difficulty he has trying to communicate with our drivers due to his disability.

Linda DeGuzman commented on bus fares and seats reserved for disabled passengers.

James Young commented on some bent bus stop signs along the route 61.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

Special recognition to Jitendra Ram, Administration Employee of the Month and Sean

Murray, Transportation Employee of the Month. Chris Ballente, Maintenance Employee of the Month could not be present at the meeting, but will be recognized in a future meeting.

7. REPORTS

A. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

Chair Giovanetti expressed his appreciation for the "what this means to RTD" summary under each legislative report.

The General Manager/CEO at the Vice-Chair's request provided a summary of items included in the police calls for service.

The General Manager/CEO acknowledged an increase in customer comments and mentioned that it is not unusual to have an increase when RTD has service changes. The increase is also due to passengers being able to report a comment in person at the Downtown Transit Center (DTC), via e-mail, or by phone. RTD takes every comment seriously and completely follows through until resolution.

The General Manager/CEO also provided the following information:

- APTA Legislative Conference – Chair Gary S. Giovanetti, Director of Transportation Laurie Brown, and General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino attended. These trips are very successful as RTD brings at least a million dollars for its projects every year. Last year, RTD brought almost 3 million; thus making these opportunities to present our projects to our legislators very valuable.
- Partnerships with Downtown Alliance and Miracle Mile – RTD is providing free trolley service on Thursday nights sponsored by these associations.
- Public Service Announcements – At the Board's request, RTD's Marketing Department has been working to fill in the empty spaces on RTD vehicles with public service announcements.
- April's Board Meeting – the meeting has been changed to April 27, 2010 due to a scheduling conflict with the San Joaquin One Voice trip.
- Regional Legislative Priority Projects Report – summarized and provided to the Board.

Director Isetti inquired on the number of people taking advantage of the free trolley service on Thursday. Service Development Manager Nate Knodt informed Director Isetti that on the first Thursday the service was provided, there were 49 trips. On the second Thursday there were 44 trips. To increase ridership for this service, Marketing is kicking off a big campaign with the Downtown Alliance and Miracle Mile Improvement District

with radio, print ads, and thousands of door hangers to inform the community about the service.

Director Isetti complimented staff on the public service ads for non-profit organizations.

Chair Giovanetti inquired about the 2010 Economic Forecast Presentation included in the Board package. The General Manager/CEO explained that she and Assistant General Manager/CFO Gloria Salazar attended and she felt it was an important meeting and wanted to share the information with the Board in light of the upcoming labor negotiations and the overall economic forecast.

Chair Giovanetti commented on the Legislative Report. RTD received compliments from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Congressman McNerney on how RTD presents itself for these meetings. They feel the Regional Legislative Priority Projects Report is well prepared, attractive to look at, and easy to get through in a short period of time. This is greatly appreciated by our elected officials. He also extended compliments to the Marketing Department for producing the Legislative Report.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Giovanetti pointed out to the Board that items C, D, E which require local match funds are already budgeted funds. If RTD was successful in obtaining these grants, we would not have to look for additional funds; on the other hand, it would bring additional revenue to help cover some of the costs we are already incurring.

Chair Giovanetti requested that item 8F be moved from the consent calendar and be placed as item 9B under Action Items. Chair Giovanetti made a motion to approve all items under consent calendar with the exception of item 8F.

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5226: Board approval of the February 16, 2010 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes
- B. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2010 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5227: Board approval of the March 11, 2010 Special Board of Directors meeting minutes
- C. RESOLUTION: FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT WITH CALTRANS
Resolution No. 5228: Board approval to file and execute federal grant application(s) for transit planning (FTA Section 5304) funds with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- D. RESOLUTION: FY 2009 AND FY 2010 FTA SECTION 5316 NEW FREEDOM (URBAN) JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT APPLICATION
Resolution No. 5229: Board approval to file and execute the FY 2009 and FY 2010 Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute Grant Application and conduct a public hearing on the projects recommended if grant is awarded

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. INSIDE RTD – MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Superintendent Chris Durant and Transportation Superintendent Mark Fairbanks provided a PowerPoint presentation on Maintenance Department functions. Presentation topics included: Maintenance Staff and Shifts, Clean and Efficient Energy, Electronics, Training, Regulatory Compliance, and Equipment.

B. TRANSIT GAP STUDY

This update was provided as part of the COA – item 9B.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SHOP SAFETY TRAINING & INSPECTION

Maintenance Supervisor Donald DeCavitt provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Shop Safety Training and Inspection. Presentation topics included: Training, Inspections, Documentation, Incident Investigation and Documentation, Regulations, and Safety Committee.

B. CALL FOR PROJECTS WORKSHOP

Mobility Manager Jean Foletta provided an update on the Call for Projects Workshop.

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Finance Senior Specialist Elisa Duterte provided an update on the financials.

12. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTORS

Director Smith inquired about the shuttle bus to Delta College. Planning Manager Nate Knodt informed Director Smith that due to decrease in ridership and through communication with Delta College, service will be provided on a case by case basis.

Director Fong complimented RTD on the cleanliness of the maintenance facility. He also inquired whether RTD had considered working with Delta College's Diesel Technology Department to provide internship opportunities. The General Manager/CEO stated that RTD has used Delta College courses and also funds the cost of any of the RTD mechanics who wish to take the diesel mechanic training courses. RTD continues to elevate and enhance the partnership with transit agencies and all the community colleges in the area as it creates a great resource for RTD.

Chair Giovanetti provided an overview of his trip to the Legislative Conference.

Legal Counsel Al Hoslett reported that at the previous Board Meeting in closed session the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the settlement of the two Jamosmos vs. San Joaquin Regional Transit District cases.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Employee Organization: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 276

B. LITIGATION - Conference with Legal Counsel

1. Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (a). One (1) case
(a) Kuhn, et al., vs. San Joaquin Regional Transit District, et al., San Joaquin Superior Court Case No. 39-2008-00192086-CU-OE-STK

C. REAL PROPERTY - Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8

1. Property: Located at 2731, 2849 and 3023 Myrtle St., Stockton, CA
Agency Negotiator: Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Negotiating Parties: (a) Steve Sarovich, Trustee
(b) Sandra Chavez
2. Sale of Property: Parcels known as (a) 1533 E. Lindsay St. and 1528 E. Fremont St., Stockton, CA, and (b) Parcels known as 1545 E. Miner and 1544, 1602 and 1604 E. Lindsay St., Stockton, CA
Under Negotiation: Purchase price and other related terms

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giovanetti adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.