



Minutes- Board of Directors

April 22, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was held on Friday, April 22, 2011 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, located at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Hilary Bryant
Dene Bustichi
Daniel Dodge
Donald Hagen
Ron Graves
Michelle Hinkle
John Leopold
Mark Stone
Lynn Robinson
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ellen Pirie

STAFF PRESENT

Angela Aitken, Acting AGM/Finance Manager
Bob Cotter, Maintenance Manager

Frank Cheng, MB Project Manager
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel

Debbie Kinslow, Asst Finance Manager

David Moreau, Asst Paratransit Superintendent
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

John Daugherty, SEA
Manny Martinez, PSA
Eduardo Montesino, UTU
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Jim Russell, SSA
Larry Pageler, UCSC TAPS

Will Regan, VMU
Richard Snow
Dr. Joe Eaton
Carol Colin

2. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Amy Weiss announced that she will be available for Spanish language interpretation during "Oral Communications" and for any other agenda item for which these services are needed.

3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chuck Rechnagle and John Daugherty requested that METRO provide bus service to the 2011 Santa Cruz County Fair. Dr. Joe Eaton made a request for a crossing light at Radcliffe school and suggested that METRO consider using smaller buses. Carol Colin made a request to preserve weekend service to the Homeless Shelter.

4. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6-1. **MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2011 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**
- 6-2. **MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2011 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**
- 6-3. **NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
- 6-4. **ACCEPT AND FILE RIDERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011**
- 6-5. **ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF ACTIVE GRANTS AND SUBMITTED GRANT PROPOSALS FOR APRIL 2011**
- 6-6. **ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**
- 6-7. **CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH EVERGREEN OIL, INC. FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE DISPOSAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000**
- 6-8. **CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING A 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 9, 2011 WITH A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 24, 2011 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING SANTA CRUZ METRO'S PROPOSED ANNUAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL OF 1.54% FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENTS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2012 – 2014 (FFY12-FFY14)**

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT

Approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Pirie being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF UPDATED SANTA CRUZ METRO FARE ORDINANCE 84-2-1

Angela Aitken said that the action before the Board was to incorporate all the changes that have been made to the Ordinance since 1997.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT

Approve the Adoption of the updated Santa Cruz METRO Fare Ordinance #84-2-1.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Pirie being absent.

8. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

The following employees were recognized for 10 years of service: Bruce Rhodes, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor, and Reed Rylander, Lead Mechanic. The following employees were recognized for 15 years of service: David Mahan, Transit Supervisor, David Valdez, Vehicle Service Technician, and Michelle Fitzpatrick, Bus Operator.

9. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF A BUS AND OPERATOR TO SUPPORT THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION LOCAL 23 SENIOR DINNER SCHEDULED TO BE HELD MAY 14, 2011

Leslie R. White briefly covered the history of the Seniors Dinner. Bonnie Morr, UTU, thanked the Board for its support and extended an invitation to all.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR DODGE SECOND: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI

Approve the provision of a bus and operator to support the United Transportation Union Local 23 Senior Dinner scheduled to be held May 14, 2011.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Pirie being absent.

10. CONSIDERATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BALANCE THE FY12 OPERATING BUDGET AND FUTURE FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGETS

Director Bustichi thanked the subcommittee and reminded everyone that the proposals being presented would only affect the current year's budget. There was a discussion about the options being presented. Bonnie Morr, UTU, thanked the Board.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT

Authorize a 12% Geographic Service Reduction; authorize the use of \$1.5M in reserves; authorize the initiation of negotiations to achieve an agreement with Greyhound for ticket agent responsibilities effective January 2012; and authorize initiation of process for a fare increase of \$.50 on the base fare with corresponding fare increases in all other categories to balance the FY12 Operating Budget and future fiscal year operating budgets.

Motion passed unanimously with Chair Pirie being absent.

11. DISCUSSION OF SERVICE REDUCTION OPTIONS IN EFFORT TO BALANCE THE FY12 AND FY13 BUDGETS

Leslie R. White said that the Board will be considering options to balance the FY12 and FY13 budgets. Director Dodge thanked Mr. White for acknowledging the 91 Express, and asked for clarification that these options are only for discussion. Director Hagen said that he was being inundated with comments from fellow bus riders. Vice Chair Robinson said she had concerns about Route #3. Director Graves said that the Capitola City Council is concerned about Route #69, which serves the Capitola Mall. Vice Chair Robinson asked if a new route could be created.

Leslie R. White suggested that the Directors sit with Carolyn Derwing and Erich Friedrich to discuss their concerns, and said that the Service Planning would be available to make presentations to the City Councils as well. Director Bustichi requested a Scotts Valley location for the public meetings. Erich Friedrich announced that the presentation would be aired on Community TV as well. Director Leopold said that he had taken the opportunity to meet with Carolyn Derwing, Erich Friedrich, and other staff, and asked that alternative options be considered for Live Oak, Capitola, and UCSC.

Director Hagen asked if ParaCruz will be impacted by the service reductions. Erich Friedrich said it would not be impacted. Director Bryant said she was concerned about service in the Seabright area. Director Dodge asked that the meetings in Watsonville be pushed back to 6:30 p.m. Ciro Aguirre reminded the Board that the Service Planning and Review Committee meets monthly.

The following members of the public spoke regarding service reductions: Bonnie Morr, Larry Pageler, Jim Russell, Dr. Joe Eaton, and 1 unidentified speaker.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR STONE

Authorize staff to schedule and conduct public hearings to obtain feedback on a 12% Geographic Service reduction option with UCSC-to-Midcounty variables.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Pirie being absent.

12. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: BOARD MEETING OF MAY 13, 2011.

Vice Chair Robinson announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held Friday, May 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz Metro Administrative Offices located at 110 Vernon Street, in Santa Cruz.

13. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher stated that the Board of Directors would have a conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager; Angela Aitken, Acting Assistant General Manager/Finance Manager, Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager; and Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent. Ms. Gallagher said that the Employee Organizations are the United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23 (Fixed Route and Paracruz) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521.

14. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Bonnie Morr said that the Board already knows what the UTU position is, and April 27 has been set as the first day of negotiations. Ms. Morr said she awaited the Board's response, and said she'd wait to see if there was going to be any reportable action from Closed Session.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)**

- a. Agency Negotiators: Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager; Angela Aitken, Acting Assistant General Manager/Finance Manager; Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager; and Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent
- 1. Employee Organizations: United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23 (Fixed Route and Paracruz) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU),
Local 521

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

15. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher stated that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Services Coordinator