

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, **IN THE BOARDROOM OF RTD'S DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER, 421 E. WEBER AVENUE, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chair Fong 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  
Les J. Fong  
Michael P. Restuccia  
Gary S. Giovanetti  
Joni Bauer

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO  
Thomas Webb, Director of Human Resources  
Gloria Salazar, Assistant General Manager/CFO  
Pam Forbus, Legal Counsel  
Shelly Valenton, Executive and Board Support Manager  
Ericka Rocha, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Lorena Herrera, Administrative Assistant  
Virginia Alcayde, Finance Manager  
George Lorente, Grants Manager  
Nathaniel Atherstone, Planning Manager  
Nate Knodt, Service Development Manager  
Norman Tuitavuki, Acting/Assistant Director of Operations  
Jose Laurenaria Jr., Utility Worker

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

Tu Can Nguyen	Jeremiah Stanley*	Alan Wagner	Michael Stewman
Narinda Singh*	Monica Fallon*		

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
  - A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Special recognition was given to Jose Laurenaria Jr., Maintenance Employee of the Month for March.

\*Spoke with RTD staff prior to the Board Meeting.  
Please see the General Manager's Report Item 7B for more information.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tu Can Nguyen continued her complaints about organized crime, commented that she waited two hours for the Route 60, and shared her political views.

Jeremiah Stanley commented that the Route 43 is a good idea.

Alan Wagner, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 276 (Union) commented on the negotiations between MV Transportation (MV) and the Union.

## 7. REPORTS

### A. MV REPORT

MV Regional Vice President Michael Stewman commented on the negotiations between MV and the Union.

### B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO provided the following comments:

- The General Manager/CEO congratulated Director Giovanetti for his reappointment to the RTD Board.
- RTD staff will be available thirty minutes before the start of the Regular Board Meetings to address passenger comments.
- RTD provided a bus to transport the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Board members to the San Joaquin County Jail.
- RTD staff and the General Manager/CEO attended the March Lane Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Greenscape Project Groundbreaking Ceremony. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Greenscape Project encompasses three acres from Pershing Avenue along March to Precissi Lane that will be developed to include an RTD bus stop and bench, trees, turf, shrubs, a wide trail, and a "water-wise educational garden" of native Valley plants. RTD is proud to be a part of this Stockton beautification project and to offer feedback on integrating a bus stop with this eco-friendly trail.
- RTD staff, including Employees of the Year Coach Operator Joe Johnson and Storekeeper Chris Melton, and the General Manager/CEO attended the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus and Paratransit Conference, the APTA Bus Safety System Seminar, and the APTA Mobility Management Conference. The General Manager/CEO presented RTD's Hopper Service at the "Paratransit Operations: Improving Productivity and Customer Service" educational session. RTD was proud to display a new Gillig Hybrid Metro Express bus at the conference.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO provided the following information:

- The Governor's May Revise has identified a budget deficit larger than anticipated.
- The General Manager/CEO testified before the Assembly Committee on Transportation to ask for a delay in enforcement of transit axle bus weight limits. RTD buses exceed the permitted axle weight limit to accommodate ADA and environmental equipment and passenger weight. Some transit agencies in California have received citations for operating buses over the axle weight limit.
- A conference committee has been scheduled to discuss a long range transportation authorization bill.

Director Isetti thanked staff for scheduling time to discuss concerns from the public before the Board meeting. He noted that the Board will receive a summary of the concerns. Director Giovanetti noted that the Board cannot respond to public comments at the meeting. The public can interact with staff who can respond to their concerns. Chair Fong and Director Restuccia agreed that this is a great idea.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2012, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Resolution No. 5384: Board approval of the April 24, 2012, Special Board of Directors Meeting minutes
- B. RESOLUTION: NECESSARY ACTIONS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FY 2012 TRANSIT SYSTEM SAFETY, SECURITY, AND DISASTER RESPONSE ACCOUNT (TSSSDRA) PROGRAM  
Resolution No. 5385: Board approval to authorize the necessary actions to obtain financial assistance through the FY 2012 TSSSDRA Program

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GIOVANETTI SECOND: DIRECTOR ISETTI  
Roll Call:  
AYES: Giovanetti, Isetti, Fong, Bauer, Restuccia  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION: APPROVE JULY 2012 SERVICE RESTRUCTURE  
Resolution No. 5386: Board approval to implement the proposed July 2012 Service Restructure

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ISETTI SECOND: DIRECTOR RESTUCCIA

Roll Call:

AYES: Giovanetti, Isetti, Fong, Bauer, Restuccia

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino announced that representatives from the Federal Transit Administration plan to take a tour of Metro Express, RTD's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Finance Manager Virginia Alcayde provided information on the April Financial Reports.

Director Isetti and Chair Fong congratulated RTD staff for continuing to balance RTD's budget.

11. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Fong announced that there would be no Closed Session.

13. BOARD WORKSHOP

A. HEALTH CARE

Director of Human Resources Thomas Webb provided a presentation on the challenges, costs, and options related to providing health care benefits to RTD employees.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fong adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.