

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 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: Michael P. Restuccia
Les J. Fong
Gary S. Giovanetti
Joni Bauer

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Gloria Salazar, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Thomas Webb, Director of Human Resources
Al Hoslett, Legal Counsel
Shelly Valenton, Executive and Board Support Manager
Ericka Rocha, Senior Administrative Assistant
Lorena Herrera, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Miller, Procurement Manager - Contracts
Wendell Krell, Facilities Superintendent - Projects
Mark Fairbanks, Operations Superintendent
Paul Rapp, Marketing and Communications Manager
Wes Coose, Mechanic C

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

L. Warshauer	Tu Can Nguyen	Deborah Gurley*	Alan Wagner
Jesse Lopez	George Woods	Kevin O'Lane	

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Special recognition was given to Mechanic C Wes Coose, Maintenance Employee of the Month for June and Coach Operator Larry Bottley, MV Transportation (MV) Employee of the Month for June.

B. TEAM AWARD

Special recognition was given to Facilities Supervisor Doug Smith, Facilities Technician A Kevin Goans, Facilities Technician C Phillip Schmit, Facilities

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

Technician C Ronald Vliet, Utility Worker Larry Rodriguez, and Maintenance Intern Sochietta Kao for receiving the Team Award for June.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Warshauer commented on the Route 63 service restructure and the public hearing process for service changes.

Tu Can Nguyen continued her complaints about organized crime and shared her political views.

Deborah Gurley commended RTD staff for the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Route 43.

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

Jesse Lopez commended the coach operator on Route 61 for doing a good job.

George Woods commented on the Route 63 service restructure.

Kevin O’Lane commented on the Route 81 not adhering to the schedule and that a coach operator on the Route 40 passed him up.

7. REPORTS

A. MV REPORT

Acting MV General Manager Reno Navarette commented on the implementation of service to the City of Escalon.

B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO provided the following comments:

- On June 20, 2012, two representatives from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) toured RTD’s BRT routes, the Hammer Triangle facility, and the future Regional Transportation Center (RTC) site. Out of all the areas FTA could have visited they visited RTD and we are proud to be selected.
- RTD has been working with Assemblymember Cathleen Galgiani to pursue legislation that would help RTD address its fare evasion concerns. RTD sought to be added to the list of agencies with the authority to enforce civil administrative penalties for fare evasion or passenger misconduct, through AB 492. The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee recommended to expand this authority not just to RTD but to all transit agencies in the state. The Committee passed the bill with this amendment. The bill will go to the Senate floor in August 2012.
- Several months ago, RTD submitted to the American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) Safety Peer Review Program. RTD is

moving forward to improve safety at RTD. Director of Human Resources Thomas Webb welcomed and introduced RTD's new Safety and Risk Manager Theresa Lannigan.

- Marketing and Communications Manager Paul Rapp made a presentation on the transit access to employment report from the Brookings Institute. Based upon the recent study from the Brookings Institution, San Joaquin County transit ranks well when it comes to job access. Among the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, Stockton Metropolitan Area (which the study defined as all of San Joaquin County) ranked 29th for its "Labor Access Rate" (the share of the metropolitan population that the typical job can reach in 90 minutes via public transit) and 43rd for "Transit Coverage" (the share of jobs in the metropolitan area that are in neighborhoods with public transit service). While there is always some room for improvement, this ranking is a compliment to the coverage RTD provides within the county.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO provided the following comments:

- On July 6, the Transportation Authorization Bill (Map-21) was signed into law. RTD is pleased with the level of funding and that transit funding is secured for the next 27 months.
- A reminder that the Grand Opening of the BRT III Hammer Lane Corridor is on July 30 at the Parkwoods Shopping Center.

Director Giovanetti noted that operator absenteeism for June is 12.08%. He asked if the absenteeism rate is caused by a handful of operators. General Manager/CEO confirmed that this is the case. Director Giovanetti noted that this continues to be a drain on RTD's resources. He noted that operator commendations are up for this month and that the high absenteeism percentage is not a reflection on the majority of operators.

Director Giovanetti asked General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino to explain the public hearing process for service changes. General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino explained that RTD uses a scorecard system to identify routes to target for elimination and/or modifications and the proposed changes are then presented at public hearings to give customers an opportunity to provide input. For this upcoming service restructure, there were eight public hearings conducted in April. The public hearings were advertised in The Record, on RTD's website, and on the buses. They are scheduled in different locations at different times throughout the day to give as many passengers as possible an opportunity to attend.

Director Giovanetti asked for clarification on transit bus axle weight and the opposition from local government. General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino noted that there are concerns from the County and City Public Works Departments that RTD buses are exceeding approved weight limits and may cause damage to the roadways. RTD is working closely with the County and the City to address their concerns. RTD buses may exceed the permitted axle weight

limit because they are required to accommodate ADA and environmental equipment.

Director Isetti welcomed Safety and Risk Manager Theresa Lannigan and commended RTD staff for their commitment to safety.

Chair Fong noted that all public comments are acted on and that the Board receives a follow-up report on all comments received.

Chair Fong noted that although operator absenteeism is still high, he noticed a downward trend.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2012, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5404: Board approval of the June 19, 2012, Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. CONTRACTS QUARTERLY UPDATE – APRIL - JUNE 2012
Procurement Manager Sharon Miller provided an update on contracts awarded under the General Manager/CEO's approval during the period April through June 2012.

General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino noted that one of the Board members asked for a copy of one of the contracts and that it will be provided.

10. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

Director Isetti asked about the June Financial Report. General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino noted that as it does every fiscal year, RTD waits for the audited fiscal year report before presenting it to the Board.

Director Giovanetti commended RTD's Leadership Program and Assistant General Manger/CFO Gloria Salazar for being engaging and animated while conducting the most recent session.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Fong announced that there would be no Closed Session.

12. BOARD WORKSHOP

A. RETIREMENT PLAN

Assistant General Manager/CFO Gloria Salazar and Director of Human Resources Thomas Webb provided a presentation on the elements of the current RTD Retirement Plan.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fong adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.