

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014, **IN THE BOARDROOM OF RTD'S DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER, 421 E. WEBER AVENUE, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chair Restuccia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT
5. ROLL CALL Present: Michael P. Restuccia  
Balwinder T. Singh  
Gary S. Giovanetti  
Joni Bauer  
Duane Isetti

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO  
Gloria Salazar, Assistant General Manager/CFO  
Al Hoslett, Legal Counsel  
Norman Tuitavuki, Director of Operations  
Cameron Isaacson, Operations Superintendent  
Sharon Miller, Director of Procurement  
Nate Knodt, Service Development Manager  
Virginia Alcaide, Finance Manager  
Paul Rapp, Communications and Customer Relations Manager  
Deanna Din, Administrative Assistant  
Lakeisha Martin, Coach Operator  
Carrie McGrath, Strategic Affairs Specialist  
Lorena Herrera, Strategic Affairs Analyst  
Merab Talamantes, Strategic Affairs Office Assistant II

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

Alan Wagner	Diana Hermone	Judy Barrientos
Chris Finn	Abbie Kenyon	

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Special recognition was given to Administrative Assistant Deanna Din, Administration Employee of the Month for August, and Coach Operator Lakeisha Martin, Transportation Employee of the Month for August.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Wagner commented on holiday bus service, grievances, the medical policy, and labor negotiations.

Chris Finn discussed labor relations and ridership statistics from the service presentation at the September board meeting.

Diana Hermone discussed labor relations and medical benefits.

Abbie Kenyon commented on the senior citizen age limit, the frequency of bus service, and public surveys.

Judy Barrientos discussed the frequency and availability of bus service, holiday service, and medical benefits.

8. REPORTS

A. MV REPORT

MV General Manager Susanna Sanchez reported on August MV events including safety initiatives on mirror reference points and the importance of scanning surroundings; the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual employee appreciation picnic; and a safety meeting about personal protective equipment. September events included a guest speaker on Department of Transportation physicals and a safety meeting on illness and injury prevention.

B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Reported that RTD's Safety Team will provide an update on safety initiatives at the November Board meeting.
- Announced a special event that will be held at RTD on November 7, which will kick off a month long celebration to honor Veterans.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Discussed that although a continuing resolution is in place that funds the federal programs through the end of the year, the amount and timing of money that will be released is uncertain.
- Reported that the federal and state governments are looking for ways to increase revenues to public transportation. Programs such as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) at the federal level, and a road usage charge at the state level, are being considered.
- Shared that the State's new Cap-and-Trade program is projected to have over 832 million dollars available. Some of this funding is dedicated to public transportation programs, while some is dedicated to programs that operate within disadvantaged communities. RTD continues to seek opportunities for additional revenue through this funding.
- Stated that one of RTD's customer surveys received 1,500 responses and that an additional customer survey will be forthcoming in the future. As more funding becomes available, RTD looks forward to hearing from customers on where to add bus service.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2014, REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Resolution No. 5546: Board approval of the September 5, 2014, Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes

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

10. ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE McCARTHY BUILDING COMPANIES, INC. CONTRACT FOR DESIGN-BUILD OF THE RTD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (RTC)  
Resolution No. 5547: Board approval of a first amendment to the McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. contract for design-build of the RTD Regional Transportation Center (RTC) for an amendment amount not to exceed \$1,929,869.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$45,857,004.00

Director Giovanetti stated that he and Director Singh, having reviewed the amendment as Facilities Committee members, conclude it is necessary and valid. He reported that the construction site is extremely orderly, and that extra safety precautions have been put into place.

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

Director Isetti commented that he appreciates the inclusion of employees' inputs in the process of building the RTC.

- B. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A PG&E EASEMENT AT THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (RTC)  
Resolution No. 5548: Board approval of a PG&E easement along the northern and eastern property lines at the Regional Transportation Center (RTC)

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

- C. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A POLICY ON HEALTH BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
Board approval of a policy on health benefits for employees on leave of absence

In response to Director Singh's question about how much is owed currently to RTD for medical premiums from employees on leaves of absence, Assistant General Manager/CFO Gloria Salazar responded that the amount is \$13,253.

The Board requested to find out whether or not this policy is consistent with procedures in place at other public agencies, and Assistant General Manager/CFO Gloria Salazar stated this information could be provided at the next Board meeting.

Chair Restuccia announced that the item will be tabled until the requested information can be provided.

- D. ORDINANCE: INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF PASSENGER CODE OF CONDUCT  
First reading of a proposed ordinance for adoption of Passenger Code of Conduct

Director Isetti shared that this ordinance is a step towards responding to RTD's customer requests to curb passenger behavioral problems within the bus system.

Director Giovanetti inquired about whether the monies from the collection of the fines would remain with RTD. Greg Aghazarian explained that RTD would like to implement a pass-through agreement with the County whereby the money collected would be

deposited into a separate account, and then after a certain amount of time, brought back into RTD. The costs incurred by implementing the ordinance would be offset by money received from the fines.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Manager Virginia Alcayde provided August Financial Reports to the Board.

12. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

Director Bauer congratulated Planning Manager Nathaniel Atherstone, Superintendent Cameron Isaacson, Senior Administrative Assistant Deanna Jimenez, and Police Officer Martin Miramontes on the success of the First Annual Laurrie Brown Golf Tournament held on September 21.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Restuccia announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

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 case:

(i) San Joaquin Regional Transit District vs. DSS-2731 Myrtle LLC, et al., San Joaquin Superior Court Case No. 39-2010-00252684-CU-EI-STK

C. REAL PROPERTY

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property: Real Property located at 1602 and 1604 East Lindsay Street, Stockton, CA, being APN 153-020-36 and 27

Agency Negotiator: Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO

Purchaser: Rabesa Mexican Products Corp.

Under Negotiation: purchase price and other related items

Upon returning from Closed Session, Chair Restuccia announced that no reportable action had been taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Restuccia adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.