

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 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
Shelly Valenton, Manager of Strategic Affairs
Paul Rapp, Communications and Customer Relations Manager
Nate Knodt, Service Development Manager
Nathaniel Atherstone, Planning Manager
Virginia Alcayde, Finance Manager
Ericka Rocha, Human Resources Specialist
Nancy Antonio, Safety and Risk Specialist
Gabriel Quintero, Coach Operator
Phil Schmit, Facilities Technician C
Carrie McGrath, Strategic Affairs Specialist
Lorena Herrera, Strategic Affairs Analyst
Deffria Bass-Nwoffiah, Strategic Affairs Senior Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

Jesse Lopez	Cathy Rivas	Michael Harras
Edward Church	James Young	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Rev. Dewitt Brown	Abbie Kenyon	Karen Pasterski
Alan Wagner	Mary Amador	

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Special recognition was given to Strategic Affairs Specialist Carrie McGrath, Administration Employee of the Month for September, Facilities Technician C Phil Schmit, Maintenance Employee of the Month for September, and Coach Operator Gabriel Quintero, Transportation Employee of the Month for September.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Lopez stated he enjoys riding on Routes 43 and 44.

Edward Church discussed the Route 40 weekend schedule.

Reverend Dewitt Brown commented passenger behavior and on the need for power outlets at bus stops so that passengers can charge their electric wheelchairs.

Alan Wagner, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 276 (ATU), discussed the RTD call center schedule, holiday bus service, and the posting of the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing fliers.

Cathy Rivas commented on the schedules for Routes 40, 43, and 44, and holiday bus service.

James Young thanked RTD for giving him opportunities to volunteer in community events.

Abbie Kenyon discussed the 31-day bus pass, Routes 76 and 77, and weekend and evening service.

Mary Amador provided suggestions on neighborhood service.

Michael Harras shared information about Rosa Parks Day.

Joe Ventura, Jr. remarked on public safety and the RTD employee of the month award.

Karen Pasterski commented on coach operator behavior.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS AND PROPOSED JANUARY 2015 SERVICE CHANGES
This public hearing is scheduled to invite public comments on Unmet Transit Needs and proposed January 2015 service changes

Chair Restuccia opened the Public Hearing on Unmet Transit Needs and Proposed January 2015 Service Changes.

Planning Manager Nathaniel Atherstone and Service Development Manager Nate Knodt

presented a report on the Public Hearing process. Chair Restuccia then invited the public to comment on the unmet transit needs and proposed January 2015 service changes.

After all members of the public who wished to speak had concluded their remarks, Chair Restuccia closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Restuccia stated that the public can continue submitting comments on unmet transit needs and proposed service changes through November 25, 2014.

9. REPORTS

A. MV REPORT

There was no report from MV.

B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Announced that RTD unveiled that morning the wrapped bus celebrating Veterans, and that for the month of November, RTD will provide a 31-day "Patriot Passes" to veterans and active duty military personnel.
- Reported on RTD's 2014 Health & Safety Fair for employees and the increase in vendor participation this year.
- Discussed the activities at RTD's third annual community Fall Festival which included community organization tables, food trucks, face painting, music, and a haunted bus.
- Congratulated Chair Restuccia on his recent election to the Ripon City Council.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Announced that American Public Transportation Association (APTA) legislative meetings are scheduled for December and March.
- Stated there is a possibility for a federal transportation bill to be passed by the end of the year and that the exhaustion of the Mass Transportation Account remains unresolved.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

- ### A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2014, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- Resolution No. 5549: Board approval of the October 3, 2014, Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ISETTI SECOND: DIRECTOR SINGH

Roll Call:
AYES: Restuccia, Isetti, Bauer, Giovanetti, Singh
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION: APPROVE THE JANUARY 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 5550: Board approval of the January 2015 Board of Directors Regular meeting schedule

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

- B. ORDINANCE: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE PASSENGER CODE OF CONDUCT
Ordinance No. 001: Board approval of a proposed ordinance for adoption of the Passenger Code of Conduct

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

The Ordinance, which was presented and read at the Board of Directors meeting on October 3, 2014, was adopted.

- C. RESOLUTION: APPROVE REVISIONS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE
Resolution No. 5551: Board approval of the revisions to San Joaquin Regional Transit District's (RTD) Rules of Procedure

The General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino explained that removing the order of business from the Rules of Procedure would allow the General Manager and Chair of the Board the flexibility to change the order of business as needed.

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

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. QUARTERLY REPORT – AWARDED CONTRACTS

Director of Procurement Sharon Miller provided information on awarded contracts for the period July through September 2014

Director Isetti expressed interest in the possibility of RTD to use a local preference for the landscaping contract.

Director of Procurement Sharon Miller explained that at this time the contract must be awarded to the lowest bidder; however, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is currently looking into a local preference option and she will keep the Board informed of RTD's ability to hire locally for this contract in the future.

B. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) ANNUAL REPORT

Human Resources Specialist Ericka Rocha provided an update on RTD's Equal Employment Opportunity Annual Report.

C. SAFETY TEAM AND WELLNESS UPDATE

Safety and Risk Specialist Nancy Antonio and Operations Superintendent Cameron Isaacson provided a presentation on the Safety Team and Wellness program.

D. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (RTC) UPDATE

Senior Construction Manager Brad Chadwick, of Arcadis U.S. Inc., provided an update on the construction of the Regional Transportation Center (RTC).

In response to Director Isetti's question about the likelihood of staying on schedule despite the inclement weather, Brad Chadwick stated that McCarthy Construction has taken great lengths to prepare the construction site for rain, and as long as there are no major storms within the next month, it should not be an issue.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Manager Virginia Alcaide provided September Financial Reports to the Board.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

Director Giovanetti commented on the 2014 APTA EXPO and Annual Conference events, which included a presentation on the transit advocacy web site "The Voices for Public Transit;" a forum presented by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); a presentation called "Rethinking Urban Mobility" that promoted the idea of a community's collective sharing of multi-modal forms of transportation; and a tour of the light rail system in Houston.

Director Singh added that during the APTA EXPO and Annual Conference, he learned about emerging technologies for storing and collecting data and sharing data between departments.

Director Bauer extended congratulations to RTD staff and the Strategic Affairs Department on the success of the Fall Festival, and discussed her attendance at the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) Fall Conference.

Vice-Chair Isetti congratulated General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino and RTD staff on the Veterans wrapped bus, the success of RTD's Fall Festival, and expressed appreciation of these free, sponsored events that RTD has provided to the community.

Chair Restuccia remarked on his election to the Ripon City Council and expressed appreciation for the support received from the RTD Board of Directors.

14. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Restuccia adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.