

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015, **IN THE BOARDROOM OF RTD'S DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER, 421 E. WEBER AVENUE, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chair Giovanetti called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT
5. ROLL CALL Present: Gary S. Giovanetti
Balwinder T. Singh
Les J. Fong
Joni Bauer

Absent: Michael P. Restuccia

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Al Hoslett, Legal Counsel
Gloria Salazar, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Kent Bradbury, Legal Counsel – Employee and Labor Relations
Norman Tuitavuki, Director of Operations
Wendell Krell, Director of Facilities
Michael Thompson, Director of IT
Sharon Miller, Director of Procurement
Shelly Valenton, Manager of Strategic Affairs
George Lorente, Grants Manager
Nate Knodt, Service Development Manager
Brad Menil, Superintendent - Operations
Virginia Alcayde, Finance Manager
Sal Debudey, Mechanic C
Carrie McGrath, Strategic Affairs Specialist
Merab Talamantes, Strategic Affairs Office Assistant II
Deffria Bass-Nwoffiah, Strategic Affairs Senior Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

Mike Barnbaum
Marianne Dania
Alan Wagner

Becky Thornton

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Special recognition was given to Mechanic C Sal Debudey, Maintenance Employee of the Month for April.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Barnbaum discussed the extension of the Blue Line of the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SACRT) light rail and the possibility of coordinating service between SACRT, RTD, and South County Transit.

Marianne Dania commented on ticket/badge holders for RTD passes; Routes 365 and 40; temperatures inside the bus; and Transit Ambassadors.

Alan Wagner commented on a meeting with some of the Board of Directors and the agenda item on the Metro Hopper Service Efficiency Plan.

Becky Thornton inquired about passenger eligibility card expiration, and reported a broken fare vending machine at South Airport Way and Miner Avenue.

8. REPORTS

A. MV REPORT

There was no MV Report.

B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Announced the RTD 50th Anniversary event on June 6 at the Stockton Ballpark and invited Manager of Strategic Affairs Shelly Valenton to give a presentation on the event details.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Reported again that the end of transportation funding and the insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) are quickly approaching.
- Discussed the Senate Banking House and Urban Affairs Committee hearings held the week of April 20 on Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, whereby acting FTA Administrator Therese McMillan urged the committee to significantly increase funding for public transportation; Senator Sherrod Brown noted that transit spending has been flat since 2009, while the level of backlog maintenance and repair

grows every year; and Senator Jerry Moran commented on the provision that cut the Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants Program in half.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2015, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5581: Board approval of the April 17, 2015, Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes

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

- B. RESOLUTION: CHANGE THE DATE OF THE JULY BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5582: Board approval to change the date of the next July Board Meeting from Friday, July 17, 2015, 10:00 A.M. to Thursday, July 16, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

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

- C. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF THE METRO HOPPER EXPANSION PROJECT FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
Resolution No. 5583: Board approval to authorize the submittal of the Metro Hopper Expansion Project for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

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

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (RTC) UPDATE
Arcadis Inc. Senior Construction Manager Brad Chadwick provided an update on the construction of the Regional Transportation Center (RTC).
- B. SMOKE-FREE TRANSIT POLICY RECOMMENDATION
A presentation was provided on a Smoke-Free Transit Policy recommendation.

Christina Ivazes and Kamlesh Kaur of the San Joaquin County Public Health Services and students from the Cesar Chavez High School "Friday Night Live" group provided a presentation on smoke- and tobacco-free transit recommendations under the Smoking & Tobacco Outreach and Prevention Program (STOPP).

Chair Giovanetti commented that smoking is banned on RTD premises.

C. STOCKTON METROPOLITAN AREA (SMA) AND METRO HOPPER SERVICE EFFICIENCY PLAN

A presentation was provided on the Stockton Metropolitan Area (SMA) and Metro Hopper Service Efficiency Plan Effective June 7, 2015.

Chair Giovanetti inquired about whether or not the Metro Hopper Route 4 completes a loop during its route. Service Development Manager Nate Knodt explained that it is not; however, the route will have a companion bus. The hourly service will have two buses, each going North and South.

Chair Giovanetti asked why this route will not be a loop, and Service Development Manager Nate Knodt stated that a Metro Hopper Route needs twice as much time as a regular route and that this particular route will need two hours to make a round trip.

Director Bauer asked if the new Hopper Route 4 parallels some of Route 80, and Service Development Manager Nate Knodt replied that it does for a part of the route, on Pershing Avenue and Acacia Street.

In response to Director Singh's question about how many deviations are allowed per trip, Service Development Manager Nate Knodt replied that two are the maximum number allowed.

General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino commented that in 2009, cutaways were used to provide traditional Dial-a-Ride services. RTD has quadrupled ridership since then and reduced the cost per passenger by using Hopper services.

Chair Giovanetti stated that RTD has been recognized nationally for its innovative Hopper service.

Director Fong commended RTD for increasing the quality of service while reducing costs.

D. QUARTERLY REPORT – AWARDED CONTRACTS

Information on awarded contracts for the period January through March 2015 was presented.

In response to Chair Giovanetti's question, Contracts Specialist Adriana de Borba explained that SPEAR support is for a computer application that the Procurement Department uses.

General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino stated that it is also a Fleet and Facilities Inventory Management System.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Manager Virginia Alcayde provided the April Financial Report to the Board.

In response to Director Singh's question about the difference between the revenue and expense amounts, Finance Manager Virginia Alcayde explained that this can be accounted for by April expenses that will be billed in May, as well as certain prepaid expenses.

11. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

Chair Giovanetti announced that RTD received the Fitness Rejuvenates Employee Sustainability & Health (FRESH) 2015 Employer of the Year award from the Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Giovanetti announced that there would be no Closed Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giovanetti adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.