

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2014

The Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) held a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 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
Duane Isetti
Joni Bauer – arrived at 10:05 a.m.
Balwinder T. Singh
Gary S. Giovanetti

Staff Present

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO
Al Hoslett, Legal Counsel
Wendell Krell, Director of Facilities
Shelly Valenton, Manager of Strategic Affairs
Nate Knodt, Service Development Manager
Nathaniel Atherstone, Planning Manager
Paul Rapp, Communications and Customer Relations Manager
Virginia Alcayde, Finance Manager
Nancy Antonio, Risk Management Analyst
Carrie McGrath, Strategic Affairs Analyst
Merab Talamates, Strategic Affairs Office Assistant II

Members of the Public Who Indicated They Were Present

Shalana Murphy	To Can Nguyen	Lorrie Rivera
Alan Wagner	Cathy Rivas	Becky Thornton
Marianne Dania	James Young	

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

There were no special presentations.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shalana Murphy commented on the gap in service on the Route 365 bus schedule. Director Restuccia asked Ms. Murphy to speak with Service Development Manager Nate Knodt.

To Can Nguyen spoke about organized crime and shared her political views.

Lorrie Rivera commented on the electric bus, which serves Route 60.

Alan Wagner discussed holiday pay for coach operators, bus service on holidays, and time off for Union business.

Cathy Rivas commented on the Route 80 bus schedule and adding service on holidays and weekends.

Becky Thornton reported that the fare vending machine at the Miner and Airport location is not working.

Marianne Dania commented on health issues and the 31-day bus pass.

James Young reported graffiti on a fare vending machines and adding an automatic announcement on the buses to remind riders to lower their music as they ride the buses.

8. REPORTS

A. MV REPORT

MV General Manager Susanna Sanchez reported on events at the County facility including the safety training on mobility device securements; the bi-annual wheel chair securement recertification for employees; the safety topic of the month UV awareness; an open forum for coach operators; staffing updates; and a wage increase of 70 cents per hour across the board for employees hired before May 1, 2014. Ms. Sanchez also announced that MV Transportation will not be purchased, as previously reported.

B. GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Introduced APTA's annual "Dump the Pump" day and invited Manager of Strategic Affairs Shelly Valenton to provide a presentation on RTD's participation. RTD promoted the campaign through its website, a press release, and social media. The first 200 guests at the Hammer Triangle Station received a one-day bus pass and t-shirt.

- Invited Communications and Customer Relations Manager Paul Rapp to speak about RTD's participation in the kick-off event on June 18 of the Light Up the Mile project located on Stockton's Miracle Mile. RTD sponsored the purchase of solar and LED lighting that will enhance the visibility and safety of the Mile. RTD is also sponsoring the Downtown Stockton Farmer's Market to encourage health and wellness for the community.
- Invited Safety and Risk Analyst Nancy Antonio to speak about RTD's Superstars Awards on June 30, which recognized safe driving, safe work habits, and years of service. It was noted that preventable collisions were reduced by 11 percent over the last fiscal year.
- Reported that the fare evasion rate during a fare blitz in June was lower than ever at 11%.

C. STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The General Manager/CEO:

- Reported that the California State budget for the 2014-2015 year was approved on June 15. There are new and ongoing funding opportunities this year through the following: new low carbon transit operations programs in the State Transit Assistance fund; transit and inter-city rail capital programs funds; and sustainable communities program funds. RTD's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes are part of the San Joaquin Council of Government's newly approved sustainable communities strategy plan. Some of this funding may assist RTD in establishing new BRT routes on the Martin Luther King corridor and also a mid-town route.
- The House of Representatives and Senate have proposed extending the funding in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) through May 2015. The proposed solutions include increasing the gas tax.
- The Department of Transportation will begin rationing payments in August unless Congress enacts a Highway Trust Fund bailout before the August recess.

Director Isetti stated that he appreciates the customers' comments received during the meeting, and requested that General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino provide a written response to the Board for each of the comments.

In response to Director Restuccia's question with regards to continuing bus services when absenteeism occurs, General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino stated that RTD regularly pays extra-board operators to stand by in case of absenteeism. When absenteeism exceeds projections, operators who are on their day off may also be called to work.

Director Restuccia requested that RTD quantify the costs of the operators' absenteeism.

Director Giovanetti noted that though the majority of coach operators are very dedicated, the average absenteeism for coach operators is over 16 percent for this fiscal year.

In response to Director Giovanetti's question, General Manager/CEO Donna DeMartino stated that a "miss out" occurs when an operator does not show up for work and does not call in sick.

Director Giovanetti commented on the financial impact of the high percentage of absenteeism and its effect on RTD's ability to provide bus services.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. RESOLUTION: MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2014, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Resolution No. 5531: Board approval of the June 6, 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 GRANTEE TO GRANTEE TRANSFER OF NINE RTD SURPLUS BUSES
Resolution No. 5532: Board approval of a grantee to grantee transfer of nine RTD surplus buses to Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) in Flint, Michigan

The General Manager/CEO provided a background report with respect to RTD's nine surplus buses. Under FTA regulations RTD must limit the number of its reserve buses to no more than twenty (20%) percent above the number of buses needed to operate its service. In lieu of auctioning off these surplus buses, the General Manager/CEO suggested that they be transferred to Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), in Flint, Michigan, which is operating buses that are nearly 35 to 40 years old.

Director Giovanetti suggested selling the buses to MTA for a total of \$25,500.00. While Director Isetti expressed his support for Director Giovanetti's suggestion, he further expressed that he thought RTD should be open to a counter-offer from MTA should it respond with one. Chair Restuccia suggested that RTD

conduct a reasonable analysis of what the buses might be worth before entering into negotiations with MTA.

In response to a question from Director Bauer, the General Manager/CEO advised the Board that FTA has given its approval to RTD transferring these buses to MTA.

Following a discussion of this matter, Director Giovanetti moved that RTD should offer the nine (9) buses to MTA for a sales price of \$25,500.00, subject to the General Manager/CEO negotiating and finalizing with MTA the final terms of sale, including the sales price. This motion was seconded by Director Isetti.

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

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

12. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

Director Joni Bauer thanked RTD customers for being at the meeting and sharing their concerns.

Chair Restuccia commended RTD customers bringing solutions along with their concerns.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Restuccia announced that there would be no Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Restuccia adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.