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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

June 10, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, June 10, 2005 at the District's Administrative Office, 370 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Vice Chair Rotkin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz (arrived after roll call)
Dene Bustichi
Mike Keogh
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis
Ex-Officio Wes Scott

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Stephanie Harlan
Michelle Hinkle
Dale Skillicorn

STAFF PRESENT

Frank Cheng, MetroBase Project Manager
Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Terry Gale, IT Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator

Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Judy Souza, Base Superintendent
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Jon Bartholomew, UTU
Ron Dean, UTU
Francisco Estrada, UTU
Doug Grosjean, UTU
Paul Johnston, Central Labor Council
Gary Klemz, SEIU Field Representative
Armand Levesque, UTU

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC Chair/MRU
Manny Martinez, PSA
Ian McFadden, SEA
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Will Regan, VMU
Dan Stevenson, UTU
Bob Yount, MAC/MASTF/E&D TAC/BSAC

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Oral:

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, Metro Riders Union, encouraged the Board to investigate the \$24 bus passes for UC employees, saying it has a negative effect on District revenue and ridership. Mr. Marcelin-Sampson also stated he was disappointed that the Board did not make a clear statement last month that folding bikes would not be allowed in the wheelchair securement area inside of buses, saying the District has an obligation to maintain a welcoming environment for people with disabilities.

Paul Johnston, Central Labor Council, stated that the Council is concerned about the difficult bargaining process at METRO and said that it would be catastrophic if agreements are not reached.

Director Spence commented regarding bikes in the securement area that disabled passengers often feel intimidated if the area is occupied when they board the bus.

Vice Chair Rotkin pointed out that this item cannot be resolved today, but that the policy would cover all oversized items equally, with no special arrangements for folding bicycles.

Ex-Officio Scott clarified that the bus passes for UC employees are \$24 per year.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Rotkin announced that page 7-G.2 was distributed today.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13 AND MAY 27, 2005

The May 27, 2005 Minutes will be distributed with the June 24, 2005 Board Packet. Bob Yount pointed out an error on page 5-1.5 “Piet Canin offered to bring a videotape” should be “Piet Canin mentioned and Bob Yount offered to bring a videotape.”¹

5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005

No questions or comments.

¹ This correction has been made and page 5-1.5 was redistributed to the Board for approval on 06/24/05.

5-3. ACCEPT AND FILE MAY 2005 RIDERSHIP REPORT

Page 1 of the May Ridership Report will be included in the June 24, 2005 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-4. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: DENY THE CLAIM OF MAGDALENA IBARRA, CLAIM #05-0015

No questions or comments.

5-5. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGENDA FOR JUNE 15, 2005 AND MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2005

No questions or comments.

5-6. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2005 AND CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

Will be included in the June 24, 2005 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR MARCH 2005

No questions or comments.

5-8. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2005

Steve Paulson clarified for Director Spence that the 13 late rides mentioned at the bottom of page 5-8.1 included some complaints of late rides that were actually in the ready window.

5-9. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005

Ex-Officio Scott reported that the April ridership was probably affected by the strike that occurred on campus and announced that another strike is planned for June 13th – 15th.

5-10. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT

No questions or comments.

5-11. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE MAY 2005 MEETINGS

No questions or comments.

5-12. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FY 05-06

Will be included in the June 24, 2005 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-13. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF LIABILITY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FY 05-06

Will be included in the June 24, 2005 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-14. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH FOLGER GRAPHICS FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES FOR HEADWAYS

Tom Stickel reported this is for a 1-year renewal of a contract with Folger Graphis for graphic design services for *Headways*.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

This presentation will take place at the June 24, 2005 Board Meeting.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 05-06 FINAL BUDGET

Summary:

Elisabeth Ross reported that the Board would consider adopting the FY 05-06 budget in two weeks. The authorizing Resolution is included as Attachment A, the recommended Final Budget as Attachment B, Board Member Travel as Attachment C, the Employee Incentive Program as Attachment D, Authorized Personnel as Attachment E, Reserve Balances as Attachment F, an Estimated Detail of Carryover Funds as Attachment G which was distributed at today's meeting, and A ParaCruz Analysis which will be distributed with the June 24th Board Packet as Attachment H.

DIRECTOR BEAUTZ ARRIVED

Discussion:

Ms. Ross clarified that the Special Transit Fares on page 7.B2 included UCSC, Cabrillo, Employer Pass Programs and Special Shuttles.

There was a discussion regarding METRO's convertible buses and an article recently published in the Sentinel indicating METRO would be using bio-diesel. Les White clarified that METRO had recently submitted a letter to Ecology Action explaining that METRO had looked into using bio-diesel as an interim fuel two years ago, but it was not feasible due to not having a fueling

station. The letter suggested that Ecology Action contact the City of Santa Cruz and UC, who already use bio-diesel. Ex-Officio Scott added that most diesel engine manufacturers void warranties if bio-diesel is used.

Ms. Ross clarified each of the Reserve Balances on page 7.F2.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH COLLEEN CROSBY AND BRONSON BAKER D/B/A BREW BAR FOR A KIOSK SPACE AT PACIFIC STATION

Margaret Gallagher reported that this is a lease extension with the only issue being their ability to stay in business, which is why they have requested an exit clause in the new lease term, which would allow them to cancel the lease for any reason with a six-month notice to METRO.

9. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: NOTIFICATION OF SCOTTS VALLEY TRANSIT CENTER REDEDICATION CEREMONY: JUNE 10, 2005 AT 12:00 P.M.

Vice Chair Rotkin announced that the Rededication Ceremony honoring Bart Cavallaro would be held at 12:00 p.m. and that transportation would be provided to the Ceremony and back.

10. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would be discussing SEIU and UTU Labor Negotiations with their Labor Negotiator.

11. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Bonnie Morr stated that there are bus operators in attendance at the meeting today to see how the Board meeting process works. Ms. Morr requested parity with the rest of the agency on health insurance rates. Vice Chair Rotkin asked to see a show of hands in support of this request and several operators raised their hands.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Rotkin adjourned to Closed Session at 9:36 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 10:34 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

12. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Rotkin had nothing to report at this time.

Gary Klemz, SEIU, addressed the Board and stated that Paul Johnston of the Central Labor Council was not speaking on behalf of SEIU and his presence at today's meeting does not reflect on where the current bargaining process is with SEIU. Vice Chair Rotkin replied that he understood the Mr. Johnston was speaking independently of SEIU.

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There being no further business, Vice Chair Rotkin adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator