

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

SPECIAL Open Session Minutes- Board of Directors

October 30, 2005

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at the Administrative Offices, 370 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz (arrived after roll call)
Dene Bustichi
Stephanie Harlan
Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ex Officio Wes Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager

Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Les White, General Manager

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

Ellen Aldridge, Avery & Associates
Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC, MRU
Bonnie Morr, UTU

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

Margaret Gallagher reported that there would be a discussion with METRO's Labor Negotiators: Ellen Aldridge, Steve Paulson and Robyn Slater regarding labor negotiations with UTU.

3. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

Bonnie Morr, UTU, requested that the Board make a Report of Closed Session rather than saying “Nothing to Report” so UTU knows how to proceed.

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, Metro Riders Union, commended the Board for holding firm on their position during the negotiations process, pointed out how good UTU’s contract is and mentioned a new website he developed called “savemybus.org” which shows the wages and benefits METRO drivers had before the strike.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Keogh adjourned to SPECIAL Closed Session. and reconvened to SPECIAL Open Session afterwards.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

4. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION IF ANY**

Chair Keogh reported that the Management Team has brought back a Tentative Agreement within the Board’s parameters. The Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 to approve the Labor Agreement after ratification by the UTU membership.

Chair Keogh said “Congratulations to us all, let’s get back to work”.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Keogh adjourned the SPECIAL meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator