



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes- Board of Directors

May 27, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was held on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Capitola City Council Chambers, located at 420 Capitola Avenue, in Capitola, California.

Chair Pirie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Margarita Alejo
Hilary Bryant
Dene Bustichi
Daniel Dodge
Donald Hagen
Ron Graves
John Leopold
Mark Stone
Ellen Pirie
Lynn Robinson
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Michelle Hinkle

STAFF PRESENT

Angela Aitken, Acting AGM/Finance Manager
Bob Cotter, Maintenance Manager
Frank Cheng, MB Project Manager
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel

Debbie Kinslow, Asst Finance Manager
David Moreau, Asst Paratransit Superintendent
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent

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

John Daugherty, SEA
Manny Martinez, PSA
Eduardo Montesino, UTU

Will Regan, VMU
Bonnie Morr, UTU

2. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: AMY WEISS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION DURING "ORAL COMMUNICATIONS" AND FOR ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEM FOR WHICH THESE SERVICES ARE NEEDED

3-1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Written:

Lionel Church, Greenstation	re: Biodiesel Partnership
Thomas Reefe, Seniors Council	re: Accessibility Services Coordinator
Lisa Arthur, Volunteers of America	re: Accessibility Services Coordinator
Elsa Quezada, CCCIL	re: Accessibility Services Coordinator
Deborah Lane	re: METRO ParaCruz

Oral:

None.

3-2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION REGARDING SERVICE CHANGES

Written:

Oscar Arroyo	re: Route #56
Edith Horowitz	re: Route #3
Rosemary Rydin	re: Route #56
Andrew Strong	re: Support for Fare Increase
Homeless Persons Health Project (9)	re: Route #4

Oral:

Director Hagen thanked everyone involved in the public meeting held in Watsonville regarding proposed service reductions, and said he did not see the need for another meeting. Eduardo Montesino, UTU, said that the translator did not provide adequate translation services.

4. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Bonnie Morr, UTU, thanked the Board for the use of a METRO coach at the Seniors Dinner.

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

6-1. NOTICE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

6-2. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

6-3. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

6-4. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011

6-5. MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS FOR MARCH 2011 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

6-6. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY 2011 AND MARCH 2011

- 6-7. **ACCEPT AND FILE RIDERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2011**
- 6-8. **ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF ACTIVE GRANTS AND SUBMITTED GRANT PROPOSALS FOR MAY 2011**
- 6-9. **ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**
- 6-10. **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH APEX SOLAR FOR PURCHASE OF SOLAR BUS STOP LIGHTS**
- 6-11. **CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THE WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM UPGRADE AS COMPLETE AND ACCEPT THE PROJECT SIGN-OFF NOTICE ON BEHALF OF OJO TECHNOLOGY**
- 6-12. **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH COATES CONSTRUCTION FOR RENOVATION OF PACIFIC STATION LANE #4 AWNING**

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GRAVES SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT

Approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

The following employees were honored for their 15 years of service:

Thomas Phillips, Bus Operator
Manuel Ramirez, Bus Operator

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG AGLER TO THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NOMINATED BY DIRECTOR GRAVES)

Director Graves placed Craig Agler's name in nomination for appointment to the METRO Advisory Committee for a term that concludes on December 31, 2012.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GRAVES SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

Appoint Craig Agler to the METRO Advisory Committee for a term that concludes on December 31, 2012.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.

9. CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED UNFUNDING OR PARTIAL FUNDING OF POSITIONS CURRENTLY FILLED WITHIN THE DRAFT FY12 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary:

Angela Aitken presented the staff report on the proposed positions to be unfunded and went over the affected positions.

Discussion:

Angela Aitken reminded the Board that there was no action to take, and that a revised proposed budget for FY11-12 would be presented at June 10, 2011 Board meeting. Charles Stone and Doug Patrick spoke in favor of the Accessibility Services Coordinator. Tom Weeks, Foster Grandparent Program of Santa Cruz, and Deborah Lane spoke in support of the Accessibility Services Coordinator and distributed letters and petitions to the Board. These documents are attached to the minutes of the meeting. Angela Aitken noted for the record that the Accessibility Services Coordinator position was never slated for elimination.

Gary Klemz, SEIU, said that SEIU would like to resolve the issue of a guarantee of minimum hours. Bonnie Morr, UTU, noted that thirty jobs had already been lost, and said that the community would feel the impact. Ms. Morr said she would not allow UTU-represented work to migrate to a manager.

10. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011 AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE SANTA CRUZ METRO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT 110 VERNON STREET, SANTA CRUZ

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

Margaret Gallagher stated that the Board of Directors would have a conference with Labor Negotiators Robyn Slater, Angela Aitken, Ciro Aguirre, and Mary Ferrick. Ms. Gallagher said that the Employee Organizations are the United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23 (Fixed Route and Paracruz) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521. Ms. Gallagher said that the Board would also have a conference regarding the existing litigation of Goodwill Industries of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, et al v. Dorice Ann, et al; and the existing litigation of the Heirs & Estate of Salvador Chipres v. Santa Cruz Metro.

12. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Bonnie Morr requested the support of the Board for one of the closed session agenda items.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)**

a. Agency Negotiators: Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager; Angela Aitken, Acting Assistant General Manager/Finance Manager; Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager; and Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent

1. Employee Organizations: United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23 (Fixed Route and Paracruz) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU),
Local 521

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Name of Case: Goodwill Industries of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, et al
v. Dorice Ann, et al; Case No. CV 170417
(Before the Santa Cruz County Superior Court)
- b. Name of Case: Heirs & Estate of Salvador Chipres v. Santa Cruz Metro

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

13. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher stated that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Pirie adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ
Administrative Services Coordinator