

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

June 25, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, June 25, 2010 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Vice Chair Pirie called the meeting to order at a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dene Bustichi
Ron Graves
Donald Hagen
Michelle Hinkle
John Leopold
Ellen Pirie
Lynn Robinson
Mark Stone
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Antonio Rivas
Mike Rotkin
Marcela Tavantzis

STAFF PRESENT

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager
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
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent
Les White, General Manager

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

Genevieve Bookwalter, Santa Cruz Sentinel
Neal Coonerty, Board of Supervisors
John Daugherty, SEA
Carolyn Derwing, Schedule Analyst
Erich Friedrich, Provisional Transit Planner

Manny Martinez, PSA
Eduardo Montesino, UTU
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Will Regan, VMU
Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Written:

- a. Lisa J Arthur, East Village Apts. Re: Service to Santa Cruz County Fair

Oral:

None.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. APPROVE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010
5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2010
5-3. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: NONE
5-4. ACCEPT AND FILE MAC AGENDA FOR JUNE 16, 2010
5-5. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010
5-6. ACCEPT AND FILE RIDERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 2010
5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2010
5-8. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ MONTHLY SERVICE REPORT FOR APRIL 2010
5-9. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12 & MARCH 26, APRIL 9 & APRIL 23, AND MAY 28, 2010
5-10. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR APRIL 2010 MEETING(S)
5-11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE 2002 CHANCE COACH CNG RUBBER TIRED TROLLEY TO A TRANSIT SYSTEM OR OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITY UPON RECEIPT OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ'S RELEASE OF INTEREST AND FTA APPROVAL OF SUCH
5-12. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINATION OF STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX RECORDS PERTAINING TO SANTA CRUZ METRO ORDINANCE 78-3-1
5-13. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT (MST) FOR ITS USE OF THE WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER

- 5-14. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY FOR EMPLOYEE LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010
- 5-15. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH VISION SERVICE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEE VISION CARE INSURANCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD
- 5-16. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS WITH DOC AUTO LLC AND SPECIALIZED AUTO AND FLEET SERVICES, INC. FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES
- 5-17. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF METRO WITH BRONSON BAKER DBA BREW BAR FOR A KIOSK SPACE AT PACIFIC STATION
- 5-18. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUI CHANG DU, DBA CHINA EXPRESS AT PACIFIC STATION
- 5-19. RENEWAL OF LIABILITY AND VEHICLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM COVERAGE WITH CALTIP FOR FY11

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GRAVES SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

Approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS
- 7. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BOB GEYER TO THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NOMINATED BY DIRECTOR TAVANTZIS)

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

Approve appointment of Bob Geyer to the METRO Advisory Committee.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUING A DECLARATION OF FISCAL EMERGENCY
(ITEM #9 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Summary:

Angela Aitken presented a declaration of fiscal emergency due to a number of service reductions for the Fall 2010 bid.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR SECOND: DIRECTOR

Approve Declaration of Fiscal Emergency.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

10. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED METRO FIXED ROUTE SERVICE REDUCTIONS FOR FALL 2010 INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
(ITEM #10 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Summary:

Erich Friedrich presented the final recommendations for service reductions for the Fall 2010 Bid. Carolyn Derwing presented the final changes for routes that will be combined, deleted or rearranged.

Discussion:

Neal Coonerty, 3rd District County Board Supervisor, discussed his concerns about the possible cut of route #42 at 12:30pm. Mr. Coonerty said that if this route is cut then people would be unable to return to Davenport; and that he was glad that there is an alternative (#40) but he would prefer that #42 would stay as it is. Erika Hearon, Davenport Resource Services Center, discussed her concerns regarding the possible cut of route #42 and appreciates the alternative route (#40) that would still serve Bonnie Doon and Davenport.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR STONE

Approve Service Reductions for the Fall 2010 Bid, along with Staff recommendations of adding a weekday Route #40 at 12:30 pm; deleting the afternoon Route #9; and shortening the morning Route #9 to only serve the Emeline Complex.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARING: RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON METRO'S PROPOSED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL OF 2.12% FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 (FFY11) AND THE METHODOLOGY USED TO SET THE GOAL

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher discussed the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for Federal Fiscal year 2011, and how they came about the goal of 2.12%. Ms. Gallagher said that a Public Comment period will remain open through July 16, 2010 and the item would return to the Board on July 23, 2010 for the final consideration of adoption of the 2.12% goal.

CHAIR PIRIE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:52 A.M.

CHAIR PIRIE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:54 A.M.

11. PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF THE FINAL FY11 & FY12 BUDGET

Summary:

Angela Aitken discussed the adoption of the final fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012 budget which included a 15 day public comment period that began May 26, 2010, and said there were no public comments received. Ms. Aitken said there was also a budget workshop with Union representatives and some changes were made to the proposed budget.

Discussion:

There was a discussion about federal funding and some of the measures being proposed to help transit. Chair Pirie said she was concerned that the budget was unsustainable.

CHAIR PIRIE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:12 A.M.

CHAIR PIRIE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:13 A.M.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR HAGEN SECOND: DIRECTOR STONE

Approve the adoption of the final FY11 and FY12 budget.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

12. CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION TO SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S BYLAWS TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE FIRST REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE MONTH FROM 9:00AM TO 9:30AM

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher discussed the modification to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Bylaws to change the time of the first regular Board of Director's meeting of the month from 9 am to 9:30 am.

Discussion:

John Daugherty, SEA, presented a letter to the board declaring support to change the first regular Board of Director's meeting from 9 am to 9:30 am. A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR STONE SECOND: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI

Approve the modification to Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's bylaws to change the time of the first regular Board of Director's meeting of the month from 9 am to 9:30 am.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF RICHARD C. GABRIEL AS LEAD MECHANIC FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI SECOND: DIRECTOR STONE

A resolution of appreciation for the services of Richard C Gabriel as Lead Mechanic for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Tavantzis being absent.

14. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. AT SCOTTS VALLEY CITY CHAMBERS, 1 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SCOTTS VALLEY

15. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would have a conference with its Legal Counsel regarding the existing litigation claims by Keenan & Associates v. Santa Cruz Metro and Oldcastle Glass Engineered Products, Inc v. Santa Cruz Metro.

16. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

None.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Pirie adjourned to Closed Session at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

17. 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 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ
Acting Administrative Services Coordinator