

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2015 – 8:30 AM
SANTA CRUZ METRO ADMIN OFFICES
110 VERNON STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, January 9, 2015, at the METRO Admin offices located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, CA.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

1 SWEAR IN NEW DIRECTORS

Judge Paul M. Marigonda, Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge, was present to swear in METRO's new and returning Directors:

- o Ed Botorff, representing City of Capitola;
- o Mike Rotkin, representing County of Santa Cruz;
- o Donna Blitzer, ex-officio Director; and,
- o Dene Bustichi, representing the City of Scotts Valley

Judge Marigonda expressed his appreciation for the METRO and its contributions to the County and Courts systems.

Ed Botorff introduced himself and expressed his enthusiasm to serve as a member of the Board.

Mike Rotkin said he had served previously and is honored to be reappointed.

2 CALL TO ORDER at 8:32A

3 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present, representing quorum:

Director Dene Bustichi (Chair)	City of Scotts Valley
Director Ed Botorff	City of Capitola
Director Karina Cervantez	City of Watsonville
Director Zach Friend	County of Santa Cruz
Director Deborah Lane	County of Santa Cruz
Director John Leopold	County of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson	County of Santa Cruz
Director Mike Rotkin	County of Santa Cruz
Ex-Officer Director Donna Blitzer	UCSC

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Clifford, CEO

Brooke Miller, Santa Cruz County Counsel, appeared in place of Leslyn Syren, General Counsel

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Heather Adamson, AMBAG

Debbie Kinslow, METRO

April Warnock, METRO

Joan Jeffries, METRO

Carolyn Derwing, METRO

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dene introduced Don Lane, Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, and Cynthia Chase, City of Santa Cruz Councilmember.

Chair Bustichi opened the microphone to attendees for announcements.

There were none.

5 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Bustichi opened the microphone to attendees for announcements.

There were none.

6 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bustichi opened the microphone to attendees for announcements.

Eduardo Montesino, UTU representative, Will Regan, VMU representative, Manny Martinez, SEIU representative, and Carolyn Derwing, SEA President, individually approached the podium to bid everyone a Happy New Year and welcome the new Board members.

7 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Bustichi announced the revision to Item 8-10 of the agenda packet was distributed at today's meeting. It includes a revised Staff Report, a revised Attachment A and Attachment B, a contract amendment.

CEO Clifford noted that this is a "no cost" item.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8-01 RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS**
- 8-02 NOTICE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
- 8-03 ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECKS JOURNAL DETAIL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014**
- 8-04 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES OF THE SANTA CRUZ METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2014**
- 8-05 CONSIDERATION OF ISSUING A FORMAL INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF HEAVY DUTY COACH BATTERIES**
- 8-06 CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND SIGN NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO OBTAIN PROPOSITION 1B FUNDING FROM THE FY15 CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**
- 8-07 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE CALACT/MBTA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MINIVANS FOR THE PARACRUZ DEPARTMENT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,517**
- 8-08 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DAY WIRELESS SYSTEMS FOR LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK UPGRADE THROUGH AUGUST 3, 2015**
- 8-09 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A NEW LEASE WITH JOSE VILLA DBA LA MANCHA**
- 8-10 CONSIDERATION OF AN ADD SERVICE REQUEST FOR GROUP 4 TO CONDUCT A DESIGN CHARRETTE FOR PACIFIC STATION RECOMMENDED ACTION**

ACTION: ACTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN **SECONDED:** DIRECTOR McPHERSON

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY WITH 8 AYES (BUSTICHI, BOTTORFF, CERVANTEZ, FRIEND, LANE, LEOPOLD, McPHERSON AND ROTKIN).

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9 ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (SCRTC) AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

At the suggestion of Director Leopold, CEO Clifford and General Counsel Syren will develop a revision to the METRO Bylaws to change the nomination and voting process of new Directors to the month of February. Director Rotkin noted that this had been a problem historically.

ACTION: ACTION TO APPROVE THE CEO PROPOSING NEW LANGUAGE TO THE BYLAWS WHICH WILL CHANGE THE NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESS OF NEW DIRECTORS TO THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECONDED: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY WITH 8 AYES (BUSTICHI, BOTTORFF, CERVANTEZ, FRIEND, LANE, LEOPOLD, McPHERSON AND ROTKIN).

10 MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Director Rotkin asked for further clarification regarding the sales tax estimate. CEO Clifford explained that the entire region is producing less sales tax revenue but hopes for an uptick with the holiday season quarter. In addition, the summer program meant to encourage student ridership met with unanticipated costs. CEO Clifford hopes to resolve the lack of reliable farebox and ridership data going forward.

Director Leopold asked if UCSC students' return to school impacted revenue. CEO Clifford responded that the later timing of students returning to school did have an adverse effect.

ACTION: ACTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECONDED: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY WITH 8 AYES (BUSTICHI, BOTTORFF, CERVANTEZ, FRIEND, LANE, LEOPOLD, McPHERSON AND ROTKIN).

11 CY15 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CEO Clifford elaborated on the details of his report and emphasized the work being undertaken on the Operations and Capital fronts; e.g., legislative efforts are tied to structural deficit actions. The Structural Deficit Workshop will continue at the next Board meeting.

Discussion among the Board Members and CEO Clifford evolved around possible legislative changes to the gas tax and transit implications. CEO Clifford will keep the Board apprised as to any legislative actions and reminded the Board that he would be happy to hear from them at any time and solicits their support for new concepts.

At Director Rotkin's suggestion, CEO Clifford will clarify the "earmark" language within the Federal Legislative attachment.

Director McPherson requested CEO Clifford provide the Board with an update on Governor Brown's budget when available.

ACTION: ACTION TO APPROVE THE CY15 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECONDED: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY WITH 8 AYES (BUSTICHI, BOTTORFF, CERVANTEZ, FRIEND, LANE, LEOPOLD, McPHERSON AND ROTKIN).

With Chair Bustichi's approval, CEO Clifford introduced Brooke Miller, Santa Cruz County Counsel, who was filling in for the METRO's General Counsel, Leslyn Syren. He reminded the Board that he had committed to provide an update to the 180/180 proposal at November 2014's Board meeting. This update will be provided at the February 13, 2015 Board meeting.

CEO Clifford announced that Claire Fliesler will be leaving METRO to take on a position as a Planner with the City of Santa Cruz and expressed his appreciation to Claire for her contributions during her tenure.

CEO Clifford asked the Board members to allocate four hours for the January 23, 2015 Board Meeting: 2 hours for the Public Hearing on Routes 6 and 68 and 2 hours addressing the Structural Deficit Workshop. Director McPherson added that tough decisions need to be made in the next two years. He and other members of the Board are appreciative of the detail provided by CEO Clifford and his team in this arena.

12 Chair Bustichi announced the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2015 at 9:00AM at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

**13 REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
None.**

14 ADJOURNMENT

Director Rotkin moved for adjournment at 9:15AM.

Pursuant to Section 54954.2(a)(1) of the Government Code of the State of California, this agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day. The agenda packet and materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Santa Cruz METRO Administrative Office (110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz) during normal business hours. Such documents are also available on the Santa Cruz METRO website at www.scmtd.com subject to staff's ability to post the document before the meeting.