

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

February 11, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, February 11, 2011 at the District's Administrative Office located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Hilary Bryant
Dene Bustichi
Daniel Dodge
Ron Graves
Donald Hagen
Michelle Hinkle
John Leopold
William Neighbors
Ellen Pirie
Lynn Robinson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mark Stone
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

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

John Daugherty, SEA
Manny Martinez, PSA
Eduardo Montesino, UTU
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Will Regan, VMU

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Written:

None.

Oral:

None.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Bonnie Morr, UTU, stated that a few employee recognitions had been missed. Leslie White asked for a list of the affected employees. Ms. Morr said she was concerned about the posting of documentation from the Resource Allocation meeting, and said that it was a scare tactic because the numbers are not set in stone and because discussions with the District are in progress. John Daugherty, SEA, pointed out unsafe conditions at METRO Center, noted the poor ventilation and need for air conditioning in the facility and the poor configuration of the facility for ADA purposes.

DIRECTOR DODGE ARRIVED.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: REJECT THE CLAIM OF STATE FARM INSURANCE (SUBROGATING FOR STEVE AND ELLEN LAGORE), #11-0002

5-2. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DEVCO OIL, INC. FOR FUELING OF PARACRUZ METRO VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,000

5-3. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH MASTER CAR WASH FOR PARACRUZ VEHICLE WASHING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

5-4. CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING 1 TOYOTA PRIUS, 1 NORTEL BCM200 SWITCH, 2 ANALOG PHONE SWITCHES, 16 NORTEL PHONE UNITS AS EXCESS FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL OR AUCTION

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR PIRIE SECOND: DIRECTOR HAGEN

Approve Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Stone being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE REVISED PROJECTED FY11 AND FY12 BUDGETS

Angela Aitken presented the Resource Allocation. Les White explained how the Gas Tax Swap funding would work. There was a discussion about Operating revenue and Capital revenue.

7. ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON STATUS OF METRO PARACRUZ RESERVATION PHONE SYSTEM REPAIRS

Ciro Aguirre described that nature of the persistent phone problems that ParaCruz had been experiencing, and explained how steps were taken to isolate and correct the errors involved. Mr. Aguirre commended the ParaCruz, Customer Service, and Information Technology staffs for their efforts.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA) TO USE MEASURE A FUNDS TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) 40-FOOT LOW FLOOR CNG POWERED SUBURBAN COACHES

Angela Aitken reported that this agreement would secure \$2.5 million to allow the purchase of 5 new buses for the Highway 17 Express.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to use Measure A funds to purchase five (5) 40-foot low floor CNG powered suburban coaches

Motion passed unanimously with Director Stone being absent.

9. **ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 275 MAIN STREET, IN WATSONVILLE**

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

Margaret Gallagher said that the Board will have a conference with Real Property negotiators regarding the claim of Iuliano, LLC.; a conference with Legal Counsel regarding the existing litigation of Raudel Delgado v. Santa Cruz Metro and the potential litigation of Salvador Lopez Chipres; and a Public Employee Evaluation of the District Counsel.

11. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**
None

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Robinson adjourned to Closed Session at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 10:49 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, Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ
Administrative Services Coordinator