



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, located at 809 Center Street in Santa Cruz, California.

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

**SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Director Margarita Alejo	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director Hilary Bryant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Dene Bustichi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Daniel Dodge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	arrived after roll call
Director Ron Graves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Michelle Hinkle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Deborah Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director John Leopold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Ellen Pirie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Lynn Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Mark Stone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**STAFF WHO INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT**

Angela Aitken, Finance Manager  
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel  
Anthony Tapiz, Admin. Svcs Coordinator  
Leslie R. White, General Manager  
Thomas Hiltner, Grants/Legislative Analyst  
Claire Fliesler, Surveyor  
Kristina Mihaylova, Financial Analyst

Debbie Kinslow, Asst Finance Manager  
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Supt  
Tove Beatty, Grants/Legislative Analyst  
Erich Friedrich, Junior Transit Planner  
Ciro Aguirre, Operation Manager

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

Amy Weiss  
Will Regan, SEIU

**2. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION**

Amy Weiss announced that she was available for Spanish language interpretation.

**3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**3-1. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING REINSTATEMENT OF METRO BUS SERVICE TO THE FREDERICK STREET/GAULT STREET/LA POSADA NEIGHBORHOOD**

John Daugherty, Chair, Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

**3-2. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SOUTH COUNTY ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE BEACH**

Graciela Vega-Carbajal

Leslie R. White said that a response would be sent to Ms. Vega-Carbajal with the Watsonville Transit Study in mind.

**4. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

Eduardo Montesino, UTU Local 23, announced that the Seniors Appreciation Dinner had been moved to June 2, 2012.

**5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Leslie R. White noted the aforementioned letter about the new date for the UTU Senior Appreciation dinner and an attachment for the Mobile Muse Program.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6-1. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012**

**6-2. MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS YEAR TO DATE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2012**

**6-3. NOTICE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**6-4. CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING NINE (9) 1984 GILLIG BUSES AS EXCESS FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL OR AUCTION**

**6-5. ACCEPT AND FILE SANTA CRUZ METRO SYSTEM RIDERSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 2012**

**6-6. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS OF JANUARY 13 AND JANUARY 27, 2012**

**6-7. ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF ACTIVE GRANTS AND SUBMITTED GRANT PROPOSALS FOR MARCH 2012**

- 6-8. ACCEPT AND FILE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2012**  
**6-9. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF A BUS AND OPERATOR TO SUPPORT THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION LOCAL 23 SENIOR DINNER SCHEDULED TO BE HELD MAY 26, 2012**

Leslie R. White noted the new date of June 2, 2012.

- 6-10. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASING AGENT CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**6-11. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH COATS CONSTRUCTION FOR A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,146 AND TO APPROVE FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000**

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GRAVES SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD**

**Approve Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Alejo being absent.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 7. APPROVAL OF FY13 AND FY14 PRELIMINARY LINE ITEM OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR REVIEW AND TDA/STA CLAIMS PURPOSES**

Angela Aitken presented the Staff Report. There was a discussion regarding the FY13-FY14 Budget.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR PIRIE SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD**

**Approve FY13 and FY14 Preliminary Line Item Operating and Capital Budgets for Review and TDA/STA Claims Purposes.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Alejo being absent.**

- 8. CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A MOBILE MUSE (POETRY ON THE BUSES) PROGRAM ON THE INSIDE OF SANTA CRUZ METRO'S BUSES**

Margaret Gallagher presented the Staff Report. There was a discussion regarding the Mobile Muse Program. Director Lane noted that "disability" was not included in the protected classes clause. Director Bustichi asked if the submissions would be seen by the Board and if METRO is indemnified against any claims that might arise out of disgruntled poets. Kathy Dewild said that all contributing poets would have to sign and indemnification.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR PIRIE SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD**

**Approve preliminary implementation of a Mobile Muse (Poetry On The Buses) Program on the inside of Santa Cruz METRO's Buses, subject to requirements outlined by staff and subject to an agreement with the County of Santa Cruz Arts Commission.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Alejo being absent.**

**9. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held Friday, April 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz METRO Administrative offices located at 110 Vernon Street, in Santa Cruz

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

Margaret Gallagher said that the Board of Directors will have a conference with its Labor Negotiators regarding UTU Local 23 - Fixed Route, SEIU, and UTU Local 23 – ParaCruz.

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

None.

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**20. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher stated that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ  
Administrative Services Coordinator