

Minutes-Board of Directors

September 13, 2013

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was convened on the above date at the Administrative Offices of Santa Cruz METRO, located at 110 Vernon Street, in Santa Cruz, California.

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Vice Chair Bustichi called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Directors were present:

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STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Tapiz, Recording Secretary Leslie R. White, Secretary to the Board/General Manager Leslyn K. Syren, District Counsel

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

Ciro Aguirre, SC METRO

Daniel Zaragoza, SC METRO

Debbie Kinslow, SC METRO

April Warnock, Paracruz

Angela Aitken, SC METRO

Robert Cotter, SC METRO

Erron Alvey, SC METRO

Joan Jeffries, SC METRO

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director McPherson announced that Santa Cruz METRO was being acknowledged on the website for the Santa Cruz County Visitors Bureau.

Director Lane announced the success of cake and ribbon-cutting celebration at La Posada for the resumption of service to the Frederick/Gault area.

DIRECTOR DODGE ARRIVED.

Director Robinson asked about the METRO employee picnic. Liseth Guizar, Claims Investigator II, provided a short update on the details for the employee picnic.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Dodge asked for an updated presentation of security measures at Santa Cruz METRO. Director Leopold asked for clarification on the need for another review of security measures at Santa Cruz METRO. Les White said that the current efforts underway to establish better day-to-day operating security with local law enforcement, and consideration of surveillance cameras at high crime areas with police interface-capability could be covered in the presentation.

5. <u>LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS</u>

None.

6. <u>ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS</u>

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7-1. NOTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
- 7-2. RATIFY THE SIXTH AMENDMENT FOR A THREE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HIGHWAY 17 CONSOLIDATED TRANSIT SERVICE
- 7-3. CONSIDERATION OF A SECURITY SERVICES GUARANTY AGREEMENT WITH FIRST ALARM SECURITY AND PATROL, INC. WHEREBY SANTA CRUZ METRO WOULD ENTER INTO THE COOPERATIVE SECURITY PATROL PROGRAM AS GUARANTOR

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR ROBINSON

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS FRIEND AND HINKLE BEING ABSENT.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING THE NEW POSITION OF SECURITY AND RISK ADMINISTRATOR;
CONSIDERATION OF RECLASSIFYING THE CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR II INCUMBENT TO THE NEW POSITION
OF SECURITY AND RISK ADMINISTRATOR

Leslyn Syren presented the staff report. There was a discussion about the new position and salary.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR MCPHERSON SECOND: DIRECTOR DODGE

ESTABLISH THE NEW POSITION OF SECURITY AND RISK ADMINISTRATOR; RECLASSIFY THE CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR II INCUMBENT TO THE NEW POSITION OF SECURITY AND RISK ADMINISTRATOR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS FRIEND AND HINKLE BEING ABSENT.

9. CONSIDERATION OF RECEIVING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY/STRATEGYBY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Les White presented the staff report. Mr. White said that current political and international crises are preventing any work on a Transportation Reauthorization bill in Washington DC.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

10. CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTIONS TAKING PLACE TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PENSION REFORM ACT AND SECTION 13-C OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED, THAT HAVE RESULTED IN THE SEQUESTRATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, INCLUDING \$5.5 MILLION IN SANTA CRUZ METRO OPERATING FUNDS

Les White presented the staff report. There was a discussion about the legislative actions taking place.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TICKET VENDING MACHINE FOR INSTALLATION IN THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, OR CLOSE PROXIMITY, AND AMENDING THE SANTA CRUZ METRO 2013/2014 CAPITAL BUDGET TO REFLECT SUCH PURCHASE

Les White presented the staff report. There was a discussion about costs, trained personnel, customer service needs, and outreach to high schools. Chair Dodge asked that the consideration of consolidation efforts be placed on a future agenda. Carolyn Derwing, SEA, called attention to the lack of adequate staffing. Manny Martinez, PSA, raised objections to the continuous use of temporary employees. Will Regan, VMU, called attention to the maintenance needs. Chair Dodge suggested an examination of job descriptions.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR MCPHERSON SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TICKET VENDING MACHINE FOR INSTALLATION IN THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, OR CLOSE PROXIMITY, AND AMEND THE SANTA CRUZ METRO 2013/2014 CAPITAL BUDGET TO REFLECT SUCH PURCHASE.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS FRIEND AND HINKLE BEING ABSENT.

12. UPDATE ON THE 2013 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN INCLUDING A PRESENTATION ON EXISTING CONDITIONS AND INITIAL FINDINGS

Erich Friedrich presented the staff report. There was a discussion about formatting the next presentation.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

13. ORAL REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT TASK FORCE

Chair Dodge said that the Task Force has met and narrowed down to three recruitment firms. Vice Chair Bustichi said that allowances would be made for the winter holidays.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

14. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Leslyn Syren said that the Board would review the cases of Dombrose v. SCMTD, and Litvin v. SCMTD.

15. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

None.

16. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held Friday, September 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville, California.

17. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Leslyn Syren said there was nothing to report.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, Vice Chair Bustichi adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY TAPIZ

Recording Secretary