

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 – 8:30 AM WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 275 MAIN STREET WATSONVILLE, CA

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, September 28, 2015, at the Watsonville City Council Chambers at 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA.

The Board Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative offices at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

- 1 CALL TO ORDER at 8:39A by Chair Bustichi
- **2 ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were **present**, representing quorum:

Director Ed Bottorff City of Capitola **City of Scotts Valley Director Dene Bustichi, Chair Director Karina Cervantez City of Watsonville Director Cynthia Chase** City of Santa Cruz **Director Jimmy Dutra City of Watsonville** Director Donald "Norm" Hagen **County of Santa Cruz Director Don Lane** City of Santa Cruz **County of Santa Cruz Director John Leopold County of Santa Cruz Director Bruce McPherson Director Mike Rotkin, Vice Chair County of Santa Cruz**

The following Directors were absent:

Director Zach Friend

Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer

County of Santa Cruz

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STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Clifford, CEO

Leslyn Syren, District Counsel

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

Heather Adamson, AMBAG Angela Aitken, METRO Christine Bakanoff, Self Lynne Cordova, Self Carolyn Derwing, METRO Cayla Hill, METRO Robyn D. Slater, METRO Daniel Zaragoza, METRO

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bustichi acknowledged Carlos Landaverry's presence and noted his availability for Spanish Language Interpretation as needed. Carlos introduced himself and announced his services in Spanish.

Chair Bustichi announced Victor will be today's Community Television technician and the City of Watsonville technician is Joseph.

Chair Bustichi announced the following items were distributed to Board members and available for public review at the rear of the room:

- Item 8-10 Attachment A has been REVISED
- Item 8-12 Attachment A has been REVISED
- Item 14 The presentation is now available (Attachment C)
- Item 15 A link to a YouTube video is available http://youtu.be/QjBFJpc4FdU
- Updated Headways for Fall-Spring Service: September 10, 2015 June 15, 2016
- September 24, 2015 email from Olive Mills

4 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Having no written communication to the Board, Chair Bustichi opened the floor to public comment.

Becky Taylor, a downtown Santa Cruz resident, informed the Board of upcoming Commission on Disabilities' (COD) events: 10/7 Santa Cruz Farmers' Market; 10/16 Watsonville Farmers' Market; 10/22 they are collaborating with Dignity Health for a talk and wheelchair dance at the Louden Nelson Center; and then, 10/28 they will be presenting their kudos awards at the Appleton Grille in Watsonville.

Felipa de Leon, a resident of Watsonville and COD member, added these events are part of COD's 25 year celebration. She distributed the attached flyer to the Board outlining the events. Chair Bustichi asked that flyer be sent to the Board as well.

Christine Bakanoff, a Watsonville resident, spoke about using ParaCruz to attend Twin Lakes Church over the past year. With the recent changes, she is asking the Board to consider an alternate option which would allow her to utilize ParaCruz to attend church. The two blocks she is now required to travel to take the fixed route bus is unsafe and a private taxi is too costly.

Director Hagen asked that April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent, look into these isolated ParaCruz requests for possible accommodation. Chair Bustichi noted that the Board can't make a recommendation, but he had observed METRO staff taking notes to address this.

Lynn Cordova wanted to understand why the Scotts Valley Transit Center parking lot is now prohibiting overnight parking. She has used the lot historically and never experienced any problems. She stated that METRO is making public transportation less attractive with this change which is counter productive.

Chair Bustichi noted that commuter buses and neighbors from the newest residential complex have been parking overnight in the lot. They have also discovered 20-30 cars without current registration. However, these two issues should not affect our current METRO riders who use the lot correctly. He asked METRO staff to look into options for METRO riders.

Liseth Guizar, Safety, Security and Risk Manager, thanked the Board and METRO employees for their support at the recent fund raiser. It was nice to see everyone getting together for a good cause. They raised approximately \$3500.

5 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAC None.

6 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bustichi opened the floor to public comment.

Eduardo Montesino, UTU representative, spoke about the rise in complaints the drivers are receiving related to the raise in fare and ParaCruz service changes; e.g., taking the Highway 17 is more expensive, yet the service is unreliable. ParaCruz reservationists are receiving complaints from their clientele which takes longer to make the reservation. He said these complaints are not being documented.

Vice Chair Rotkin asked that METRO staff work on documenting these complaints.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8-01 RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS
- 8-02 NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
- 8-03 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES OF THE SANTA CRUZ METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2015
- 8-04 ACCEPT AND FILE SANTA CRUZ METRO SYSTEM RIDERSHIP REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015
- 8-05 ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2015
- 8-06 ACCEPT AND FILE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (SCCRTC) MEETING MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM SANTA CRUZ METRO APPOINTEES
- 8-07 ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY TO THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

- 8-08 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF SANTA CRUZ METRO'S AMENDED ADA POLICY AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES
- 8-09 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION AMENDMENT FOR THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT FOR ITS USE OF THE WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER
- 8-10 ACCEPT AND FILE THE CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS REPORT
 At the request of Carolyn Derwing, SEIU-SEA President, Item 8-10 was pulled from
 Consent and became Item A under the Regular Agenda.
- 8-11 APPROVE AN OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT TO A POSITION THAT IS NOT BUDGETED IN FY16 AND FY17

 At the request of Eduardo Montesino, UTU representative, Item 8-11 was pulled from Consent and became Item B under the Regular Agenda.
- 8-12 CONSIDERATION OF METROBASE MONTHLY CHANGE REPORT

Chair Bustichi opened the floor to public and Board member comment. Hearing no further comments, the Board moved to make a motion.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE MOVE OF ITEMS 8-10 AND 8-11 TO THE REGULAR AGENDA MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LANE MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. (Former Item 8-10) ACCEPT AND FILE THE CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS REPORT At the request of Carolyn Derwing, SEIU-SEA President, Item 8-10 was pulled from Consent and became Item A under the Regular Agenda.

Director McPherson recognizes that vacancies are a moving target. CEO Clifford noted that there is a lag between the time the data is received and the time it's reported; e.g., the May data was reported at the August meeting. Finance Manager, Angela Aitken, added that the FY15 information will be presented at the October 23rd Board Meeting. At the current time, we appear to have ended FY15 approximately \$3M under budget.

Ms. Derwing agreed that the open positions have saved METRO money and wanted to remind everyone that the work is still being completed, albeit with fewer employees. She added that 10 of the openings are SEIU positions.

Mr. Montesino, UTU representative, voiced concern about the budgeted level of some of the management salaries; e.g., approximately \$100,000 for the Database Administrator, Planning Manager and Assistant Superintendent. The \$350,000 savings obtained by the ParaCruz cuts appear to be going to salaries. He suggested METRO reconsider the open positions in light of the service cuts looming. Do we need these positions?

Chair Bustichi recognized Mr. Montesino's concerns adding that keeping service on the road requires a balance. METRO has experienced issues with not having the correct management positions in place.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS REPORT AS

PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LANE

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra,

Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

B. (Former Item 8-11) APPROVE AN OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT TO A POSITION THAT IS NOT BUDGETED IN FY16 AND FY17

At the request of Eduardo Montesino, UTU representative, Item 8-11 was pulled from Consent and became Item B under the Regular Agenda.

In response to Mr. Montesino's question regarding the financial cost of the position, CEO Clifford responded that the Financial Considerations on page 8-11.2 listed the cost of the position in question at \$1,010 per year.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE AN OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT TO A POSITION THAT IS

NOT BUDGETED IN FY16 AND FY17 AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra,

Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

9 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JANIE McDONALD

In Ms. McDonald's absence, Chair Bustichi presented the Resolution of Appreciation.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JANIE McDONALD AS PRESENTED

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MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra,

Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

10 OUTSTANDING SERVICE COMMENDATION FOR PEDRO GARCIA-SUMANO

Ms. Guizar introduced Mr. Garcia-Sumano and recanted the story of his heroic actions.

Mr. Garcia-Sumano thanked the Board for inviting him and for his 17 years with METRO. He is proud of his actions.

Chair Bustichi thanked Mr. Garcia-Sumano for his quick actions, adding that he and the board are humbled to be here with him.

Director Leopold added that the public see METRO's Bus Operators as the face of the community. He also appreciates all of their work and the difference in the community they make.

11 BOARD AGENDA EFFICIENCIES

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, thanked the Board for the efficiencies to save costs which have already been approved and implemented. He would now like to complete the conversion of some of the more routine board reports from monthly to quarterly (e.g., ParaCruz, Ridership, SCCRTC minutes) given the improved accessibility of the reports, etc.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD AGENDA EFFICIENCIES AS PRESENTED
MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR HAGEN
MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra,
Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

12 ADOPTION OF THE ADVERTISING POLICY TO CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE I OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, noted this report represents an effort to continue pursuing additional revenue through advertising. This effort could make a notable difference as METRO doesn't currently actively pursue advertising opportunities. He elaborated on examples provided in the board report, noting that the future of advertising space is changing on the buses themselves.

Director Leopold supports this effort and requested a report be provided after one year as to METRO's return on investment; i.e., its profitability. Given the potential sensitivity of bus advertising, he requested samples of advertising. CEO Clifford responded that METRO is aware of this sensitivity and will be mindful of the public perception and image.

Director Lane echoed Director Leopold's concerns, particularly in light of the unintentional potential to bring back billboards within the City limits.

Director Hagen has concerns related to graffiti on the shelters. CEO Clifford acknowledged that any flat surface is an invitation to graffiti; provisions currently exist to cover any graffiti in a timely manner.

Vice Chair Rotkin reminded the assembly that the City of Santa Cruz was the first to address the US Supreme Court to ban billboards. As a result, METRO went 10 years without any advertising on the buses. It was only when revenue was needed, that this particular ban was lifted. He is concerned that the cities and/or county may resist bus shelter advertising. He asked what the legal restrictions were.

Director Bottorff proposed excluding bus shelters from the proposal but supporting the remainder.

Director Dutra appreciates the good job METRO does with graffiti removal and suggested the advertising be limited to a few bus shelters to reduce the prospective graffiti.

Vice Chair Rotkin proposed approving the policy as presented with the caveat that staff bring back examples of minimal bus shelter advertising.

Director Leopold informed the assembly of his plan to educate and illuminate the public about the Museum of Art and History through the placement of art, media, etc. on some bus shelters. District Counsel Syren cautioned the Board not to confuse Director Leopold's

proposal with METRO's. Director Leopold's proposal is considered an art program, not an advertising program; it is not available for purchase.

Chair Bustichi noted that various cities and counties have different opinions. He thinks the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce would embrace this concept as it may help to address the temporary placards they are now dealing with. He asked that this item be brought up at each City and County jurisdiction for comments and/or restrictions.

Director Cervantez noted Watsonville does have a public arts ordinance. She suggested specific parameters to meet each jurisdiction requirements and, perhaps, an evaluation process before advertisements are set in place.

Director Leopold suggested the Board Members bring this item to their respective City/County Councils to save METRO staff time.

CEO Clifford proposed Director Leopold's October agenda item regarding the Museum of Art and History be separate from bus shelter and advertising restrictions at a future board meeting.

Chair Bustichi opened the floor to public comment.

Mr. Montesino said this could be 'dicey' depending on community demographics. He added the bus on display at the fair didn't have any internal or external advertising.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE ADVERTISING POLICY TO CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE I OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BUS SHELTERS. METRO TO RETURN WITH EXAMPLES OF BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING AND RESTRICTIONS THEREOF MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LANE MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

13 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – PROCUREMENT POLICY

Leslyn Syren, District Counsel, explained that this amendment ensures METRO's compliance with state law and how it ties to policies standard throughout the industry.

Vice Chair Rotkin would authorize up to \$50,000 in the interest of efficiency but asked that the Board be informed any time monies are spent between the \$25,000 and \$50,000 range. District Counsel Syren responded that this language has been added to the policy.

Hearing no public comment, the Board moved to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – PROCUREMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR McPHERSON MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

14 CONSIDER A STRATEGY FOR ADDING ELECTRIC BUSES TO THE METRO FLEET

CEO Clifford stated that electric buses are now considered to be "reliable" within the industry and funding is available which makes this a good time to pursue electric buses.

Tom Hiltner, Acting Planning and Dev. Manager, acknowledged the work by other team members that went into the preparation of this report. He highlighted the following:

- 1) Electric bus technology has evolved to the point wherein range similar to diesel or CNG is feasible:
- 2) Electric buses have demonstrated operating costs savings over CNG buses; and,
- 3) Regulatory funding environment is favorable

Today's proposed grant funding would provide enough monies for 30 buses. Buses are typically delivered one year after the funds are awarded.

Vice Chair Rotkin asked if there would be any savings if METRO were to 'bundle' their purchases with those of another district. CEO Clifford responded that the FTA has been discouraging this lately; however, we may have some luck in a joint partnership with other agencies. In fact, METRO has asked VTA to purchase 6 buses and 2 chargers; the chargers to be installed at Diridon and Pacific Station.

Director Leopold favors electric technology; in fact, he owns two electric family cars. He asked for clarification regarding the installation costs. Mr. Hiltner responded that the route structure would be analyzed before any specific chargers would be ordered and/or installed.

At CEO Clifford's request, COO Aguirre responded to Director Leopold's concerns regarding the comparison between METRO and Stanford's experience, citing the difference in topography. Mr. Aguirre provided the Board with the initial results of the road test comparisons between the BYD and Proterra buses.

Director Leopold was also interested in the maintenance costs and training for METRO staff, particularly in light of the high voltage safety aspect. COO Aguirre responded that the training is typically included with the purchase of the bus. The electric buses have few fewer components to maintain.

The cost of electricity was discussed. Director Leopold suggested METRO check with the County regarding their recently installed battery system to support their fleet of cars. CEO Clifford added that some properties have been successful in negotiating a special rate and there are rumbles in the legislature supporting lower rates for this purpose.

Director Leopold expressed concern about possible public perception of taking on additional infrastructure costs while maintaining the level of service needed by the community.

COO Aguirre responded that METRO has 29 diesel buses which are beyond their useful life today and we would like to retire them. Additionally, some of the CNG gas tanks are reaching the replacement stage; their typical useful life is 12-15 years. CEO Clifford noted METRO is working to locate grant funds to fund these replacement costs.

Vice Chair Rotkin suggested METRO investigate a grant which could fund solar panels over the new Operations building parking lot. He added he supports the proposal given the replacement obligations as well as the environmental arguments and availability of grant funding.

Director Chase asked if the type of charging system determines the bus manufacturer. Mr. Hiltner answered it initially did to some extent. However, recently there has been some blending of options with the different manufacturers.

Chair Bustichi thanked the team for the presentation. He supports alternative fuels throughout the fleet. He also requested that the Operators and Maintenance personnel talk with their peers at other agencies and ride on similar buses to get a sense of the various buses' capabilities.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE STRATEGY FOR ADDING ELECTRIC BUSES TO THE METRO FLEET AS PRESENTED WITH A REQUEST FROM VICE CHAIR ROTKIN THAT STAFF CONSIDER THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DIRECTOR McPHERSON SECOND: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

15 ACCEPT THE WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FINAL REPORT

Erich Friedrich, Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the YouTube showing the WTC conceptual design. The video is available at this site: http://youtu.be/QjBFJpc4FdU

Mr. Friedrich noted that the next steps include a discussion with the City of Watsonville regarding additional parking, EIR report funding, etc.

Director Dutra announced that the City of Watsonville has applied to include Rodriguez Street in the revitalization proposal and is looking forward to working with METRO to obtain grant funding.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FINAL REPORT AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR DUTRA SECOND: DIRECTOR HAGEN

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

Director Cervantez departed at 10:49A

16 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & DESIGN, INC. FOR COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA) TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$66,964 FOR LINE-BY-LINE DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Vice Chair Rotkin understood that the City of Santa Cruz had commissioned a trolley study. Erich agreed and added that their study had been similar to that designed by METRO which would make an additional study "moot" and the City does operate a downtown trolley; this meant there was no need for "trolley" duplication by METRO. This presented an opportunity

to redirect funds with the understanding that the focus of the funds remains the same but on a larger scale; METRO focuses on Santa Cruz County versus the City concentrating on the downtown area.

Based on the near duplication of a trolley study and the COA, Director Leopold asked if additional duplications exist. Mr. Friedrich clarified that no actual work had ever been undertaken on the original planned study, due to a number of factors, one being the looming structural deficit. District Counsel Syren added that the term "trolley study" clarified the difference between a downtown circular study and a "trolley specific" study. Comprehensive route survey data is needed to make an informed decision addressing service gaps. The grant money that was previously for the Downtown Circulator would now be repurposed for the COA for a more detailed analysis.

Mr. Friedrich outlined the methodology METRO utilizes to meet our survey requirements and obtain necessary survey data.

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & DESIGN, INC. FOR COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$66,964 FOR LINE-BY-LINE DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS MOTION AS PRESENTED DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Cervantez, Chase, Dutra, Hagen, Lane, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Director Friend was absent.

17 DISCUSSION: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SALES TAX MEASURE

Vice Chair Rotkin introduced this item noting he had requested it be added to the agenda to address how the press had inadequately reported the straw vote conducted at the SCCRTC's retreat. The Santa Cruz Sentinel had reported that the amount of sales tax revenue dedicated to METRO had been reduced from 15% to 14%. This raises the concern to ensure that METRO concentrate on preserving the original 15%, if not more, of sales tax revenue.

The Highway 1 widening revenue need was not broken out within the 5 "buckets" so that the amount dedicated to highway congestion or traffic management programs wasn't clear.

Vice Chair Rotkin noted that the Regional Transportation Plan predicted a transportation need of \$5B. The poll indicated that there is some support for the transit district. Two to three years ago George Dondero provided information which indicated it would take more than 25 years to get an HOV lane. Congestion relief measures in the 3 areas identified are more realistic in the near term.

Director Dutra departed at 11:00.

Director Bottorff believes the RTC has not made a final decision; i.e., the numbers presented are premature, not conclusive.

Director Leopold believes there was consensus that we should move forward with a sales tax measure and that further work is required to achieve support and final numbers.

Director Lane reminded the assembly that the numbers presented do not represent diminished support to METRO, but simply a reflection of percentages.

CEO Clifford clarified that the Board remains in support of the HOV lanes and that the Board is requesting METRO pursue more than the proposed 14% share of the sales tax measure to fund Fixed Route and ParaCruz services.

Vice Chair Rotkin asked that METRO make certain the results of the sales tax measure are evident to the public.

Director Leopold noted that RTC had a failed ballot measure 11 years ago; however, the County had greater than 60% support for a tax measure to improve roads. Regardless of what the final numbers are, there will not be enough funds to fully support each of the five "buckets". Matching funds will be required.

Ms. Aitken presented some financial facts: The ParaCruz budget, not including maintenance, is approximately \$5M. If METRO were to receive revenue based on a 1/8 cent sales tax, it would equate to approximately \$4.6M which corresponds to the cost of ParaCruz or the current deficit.

Chair Bustichi emphasized that the Board has an obligation to advocate for as many dollars as possible. The Board agreed that 14% is not adequate for METRO's needs.

18 CEO TO GIVE ORAL REPORT

CEO Clifford provided a brief update on various topics:

- Shared METRO's 15 year Clean Ocean Business Award with the assembly and expressed kudos to the Fleet and Facilities Maintenance Departments.
- Requested the Board Members submit bios to post to the METRO website.
- Federal update: Transportation has been put on the back burner until after the new year.
- State update: Governor Brown has derailed several of the new bills.
- Informed the Board that they may receive calls from customers due to late buses over the past couple of weeks. Please do not hesitate to refer any calls to METRO. We are responding and making the necessary system adjustments. CEO Clifford will respond to Olive Mills' email.

19 REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Leslyn Syren, General Counsel, announced the items to be discussed in closed session:

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation
- 2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
- 3. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Chair Bustichi opened the floor to public comment.

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Pamela Davis, NIAC President and owner of building to be discussed, noted the NIAC Board is anxious to move forward and is prepared to enter into negotiations with METRO as they do have an offer on the parking lot.

Ms. Syren did not anticipate a report after the Closed Session.

20 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING/BOARD HIGH IMPACT GOVERNING WORK SESSION: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 AT 8:30 AM, SALVATION ARMY REDWOOD GLEN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 3100 BEAN CREEK ROAD, SCOTTS VALLEY

Chair Dene Bustichi announced the next METRO Board meeting noting that it will be a four hour event with a facilitator to address board related issues. No actions will be taken by the Board at this meeting.

Vice Chair Mike added this session is related to strategic planning, etc. to enable the Board to become more effective.

CEO Clifford thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their efforts in the preparation of this meeting. Director Bottorff said his experience has been productive and looks forward to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28A

Chair Bustichi departed at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye Executive Assistant