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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006, AT 9:06 A.M.

PRESENT: Director Charles McGlashan, Director Barbara Heller, Director Harold C. Brown, Jr. (present at 9:10 a.m.), Director Steve Kinsey, Director Paul Albritton (Alternate, present at 9:08 a.m.), Director Cynthia L. Murray, Director Susan L. Adams, President

1a. OPEN TIME

No member of the public addressed the Board at this time.

1b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2006

M/s Director Steve Kinsey - Director Cynthia L. Murray to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2006.

AYES: DIRECTORS: Heller; McGlashan; Kinsey; Murray; Adams

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: Brown, Albritton (Alternate)

1c. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MATTERS

(Director Albritton present at 9:08 a.m.)

Transportation Funding

Director Kinsey briefly reported on recent State budget news positively impacting transportation funding.

In response to Director Kinsey's comments, Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian advised that, later in the meeting, staff will request rescheduling of the Transit District's FY 2006-07 Budget hearing to provide staff an opportunity to review the State Budget impacts on the District's budget.

Director McGlashan requested staff to consider providing additional funding to support local transit service.

(Director Brown present at 9:10 a.m.)

Muir Woods Shuttle

Director McGlashan briefly reported on the success of the Muir Woods Shuttle.

Transit District Meetings

Director Adams suggested that the District consider establishing a separate meeting date and time for Transit District Meetings, briefly commenting on the reasons for her suggestions.

Marinwood/Terra Linda Shuttle

Director Adams reported on a recent community meeting in Marinwood that was well attended, noting that the community was very excited to hear of the anticipated fall start up date for a proposed Marinwood/Terra Linda Shuttle.

1d. TRANSIT PLANNING MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

Agenda Modification

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian identified corrections to the agenda pertaining to agenda items h, i and j.

Transit Manager Recruitment

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian provided a brief update on the status of the Transit Manager recruitment process. Mr. Mansourian stated his expectation that candidates would be presented to the Board for interviews later this fall.

1e. HEARING: MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT FY 2006-07 BUDGET

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

Ms. Van Doren recommended that the date for the Transit District Budget Hearing be August 22, instead of August 15, 2006, as noted in the staff report.

M/s Director Cynthia L. Murray - Director Paul Albritton (Alternate) to schedule the Public Hearing for consideration of adopting the FY 2006-07 Budget on August 22, 2006.

AYES: ALL

1f. HEARING: PROPOSED FARE INCREASE FOR WEST MARIN STAGECOACH SERVICES

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

Ms. Van Doren briefly reported that the community has expressed their willingness to pay more for the local service.

Ms. Van Doren responded to questions from the Board regarding considerations for identifying a mechanism to implement a ticket book for this service.

The hearing was opened for public comment.

A speaker commented that Stagecoach drivers support the proposal, noting that many riders often pay more than the current fare because of lack of correct change.

Seeing no one else present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed.

M/s Director Steve Kinsey - Director Cynthia L. Murray to approve a \$0.50 full price fare increase and \$0.25 senior, disabled, and youth fare increase, for West Marin Stagecoach Services, effective August 1, 2006.

AYES: ALL

1g. HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 5311(F) INTERCITY BUS PROGRAM VEHICLE GRANT APPLICATIONS, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("CALTRANS") ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ("FTA")

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter. Ms. Van Doren advised that the hybrid-electric vehicle staff had in mind for purchase does not qualify for funding by the California Air Resources Board. Ms. Van Doren stated that, if the Board wanted to pursue the hybrid-electric purchase, the District would be responsible for the full vehicle cost of approximately \$300,000.

Director McGlashan thanked staff for exploring vehicle options.

Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Mansourian responded to comments from the Board regarding consideration of Compressed Natural Gas ("CNG") buses. They commented on costs and tracking issues involved with such vehicles, noting, however, that staff would re-explore this option as opportunities arise.

In response to comments from the Board, Ms. Van Doren confirmed that any new vehicles purchased would be Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compatible.

Mr. Mansourian briefly responded to questions from the Board regarding bus stop and bus maintenance responsibilities.

The hearing was opened for public comment.

Rocky Birdsey of the Marin Center for Independent Living ("MCIL") addressed the Board to address concerns with State regulations specifying wheelchair lift sizes which limit the wheelchair sizes that can be accommodated on buses. Mr. Birdsey requested the Board to contact the California Department of Transportation to change the regulations to allow bigger wheelchair lifts.

Seeing no one else present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed.

M/s Director Cynthia L. Murray - Director Charles McGlashan to approve Marin County Transit District's regulatory responsibilities with regards to the Transit Fleet Rule for 5311 (F) Vehicle Grant Applications.

AYES: ALL

1h. REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ("FTA") SECTION 5311(F) INTERCITY BUS PROGRAM FUNDS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("CALTRANS")

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Charles McGlashan - Director Barbara Heller to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01 authorizing the federal funding under Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Section 5311(F) (49 U.S.C. Section 5311(F)) with the California Department of Transportation.

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian responded to comments from the Board regarding Whistlestop Wheel's use of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority ("MERA") communication system. Mr. Mansourian noted that staff is reviewing options to identify the best communication tool for Whistlestop Wheels to ensure county-wide coverage, while freeing up the MERA system for emergencies.

AYES: ALL

1i. AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007) WITH GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT FOR INTERCOUNTY PARATRANSIT SERVICES

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Cynthia L. Murray - Director Harold C. Brown, Jr. to approve twelve month agreement with the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("GGBHTD") for intercounty paratransit services for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

AYES: ALL

1j. AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007) WITH MARIN SENIOR COORDINATING COUNCIL TO PROVIDE INTRACOUNTY AND INTERCOUNTY PARATRANSIT SERVICES

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Cynthia L. Murray - Director Charles McGlashan to approve twelve month agreement with the Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Inc. to provide intracounty and intercounty paratransit services for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

AYES: ALL

1k. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007) WITH WHISTLESTOP TO OPERATE EZ RIDER TRANSIT SERVICES IN NOVATO

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Cynthia L. Murray - Director Harold C. Brown, Jr. to approve a twelve month agreement with Whistlestop Wheels for EZ Rider Transit Services for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

Director Albritton suggested that staff consider developing a consistent fare structure for the various local transit service programs.

AYES: ALL

1l. REQUEST TO APPROVE YOUTH TRANSIT PASS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

By letter dated July 11, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

Ms. Van Doren responded to comments from the Board regarding Translink implementation timeframes and coordination with the Youth Pass Program.

M/s Director Harold C. Brown, Jr. - Director Charles McGlashan to adopt demonstration program to provide Semi-Annual Youth Transit Passes.

Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Mansourian responded to comments from the Board regarding cost efficiencies for the youth pass program.

Ms. Van Doren also noted that representatives from Golden Gate Transit have offered to make a report to the Board on Translink in September.

Directors McGlashan and Brown expressed appreciation to staff for their work on this program.

AYES: ALL

The Marin County Transit District Board of Directors adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY