

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Arnold; Director Heller; Director Albritton; Director Brown; Director Kinsey

Director McGlashan welcomed the new Transit District General Manager, David Rzepinski.

1. [Open time for public expression, limited to three minutes per speaker, on items not on the Transit District's agenda.](#)

Four speakers from Marin Network of Mental Health Clients (MNMHC) urged the Directors and the Transit District staff to create free shuttle bus service from downtown San Rafael to the Enterprise Resource Center, now located at the Marin Health and Wellness Campus. A speaker from MNMHC summarized the results of their survey titled "MNMHC Shuttle Survey" which showed the need for the free service, and stated that Route 29 should have round trip transfers available between downtown San Rafael and the Health and Wellness Campus that would be valid for several hours.

The staff representative from the Marin County Youth Commission updated the Directors on information they had requested at the May 19, 2008, Transit Meeting.

2. [Approval of minutes for May 19, 2008.](#)

M/s Director Brown - Director Kinsey Recommended Action: Approve.

AYES: ALL

3. [Board of Directors' Matters.](#)

Director Adams stated that Health and Human Services (H & HS) runs a free shuttle to the Health and Wellness Campus and that there may be options through H & HS or through Proposition 63 funds.

Director Arnold stated that she is the Board of Supervisors' representative on the Mental Health Board, and supports the Board of Supervisors' goal of social equity, in this case, a free shuttle from the central San Rafael transit center to the Health and Wellness Campus.

Director Albritton stated that there are other free shuttles in Marin. He suggested evaluating how the services interrelate and support an integrated system.

Director Kinsey appreciated the comments from the Mental Health Network speakers and supported helping those who are disadvantaged. He stated that the free shuttle may be more of a County issue than a Transit District issue; he is proud of the current bus service to the Canal area; and improvements are underway to further assist riders with access to transit. He also stated that a constituent from Woodacre had concerns regarding supplemental school bus service to White Hill School and thanked staff for working directly with her.

Director McGlashan announced that he would like to agendize the issue of shuttle service to the Enterprise Resource Center. The issue would be reviewed by the County of Marin and by the Transit District.

Director Albritton stated that there are a number of shuttle services in operation in Marin County and encouraged outreach to other existing shuttle services to share costs.

4. [General Manager's Oral Report.](#)

Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren announced that she received an appointment letter from the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members announcing Madeline Kellner's appointment as alternate for the Transit District Board. Director McGlashan introduced Novato City Council Member Madeline Kellner. She cited the Transit District's memo regarding bus service in the Canal area, and stated that staff will have a follow up meeting with the Canal Youth Alliance and Marin County Youth Commission in July, 2008. She also summarized reasons that the Transit District does not qualify for Air Quality Management District funds.

5. [Public Hearing: Marin County Transit District Budget for FY 2008-09.](#)

M/s Director Adams - Director Brown Recommended Action: Receive public input on the proposed FY 2008-09 Marin Transit budget and adopt a final capital and operating budget for the District.

AYES: ALL

Amy Van Doren summarized the Transit District 2008-09 Budget report stating that it combines capital and operating needs, reflects the amount of Measure A revenue expected, and includes a one-time federal surplus amount shared with Golden Gate Transit. She noted that there would be a reduction in California State Transit Assistance revenues. Staff calculated additional service levels for local shuttle operations, capital improvements, and implementing Priorities I and II of the Strategic Marketing Plan. She also stated that one aspect of the budget is preparation of the Short Range Transit Plan Update; and Proposition 1B infrastructure funds were not included in the budget because future fund amounts are uncertain.

6. [Second Addendum to Agreement with MV Transportation, Inc. for West Marin Stagecoach Services.](#)

M/s Director Brown - Director Adams Recommended Action: Approve extension of service agreement for operation of West Marin Stage through June 30, 2009.

AYES: ALL

Amy Van Doren stated that the Transit District would be installing a performance monitoring system that provides real-time information about where the West Marin Stagecoach is at any given time. There is also a performance bonus system in place.

Senior Transportation Planner Suzanne Chen-Harding responded to Director Kinsey's question regarding drivers' wages. She stated that the information is included in the cost analysis and is comparable to other shuttle drivers' hourly wages.

Director Kinsey stated that he wanted to make sure that the contract is in accord with the spirit of Marin County's living wage policy. Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments regarding wages and contract negotiations. Director McGlashan directed staff to meet with him, and with Directors Brown and Kinsey, regarding these issues. Director Adams requested that County Counsel be present in the discussions.

7. [Fourth Addendum to Agreement with Marin Airporter for Operation of Marin County Community Shuttles.](#)

M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Approve extension of service agreement for operation of three shuttle routes through June 30, 2009.

AYES: ALL

8. [First Addendum to Agreement with Whistlestop Wheels to Provide the Muir Beach Dial-a-Ride Service](#)

M/s Director Kinsey - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Approve extension of service agreement to June 30, 2009.

AYES: ALL

9. [Contract with Whistlestop Wheels to Provide EZ Rider Service in Novato](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Adams Recommended Action: Approve six-month contract ending on December 31, 2008.

AYES: ALL

Director Arnold thanked staff for the two Novato community workshops and said there would be one more in the fall of 2008.

10. [Agreement with Maher Accountancy to Conduct Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Audit](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Adams Recommended Action: Approve agreement.

AYES: ALL

Director Kinsey acknowledged that, due to rules regarding audits, contracts should be periodically opened to other bidders.

Director McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next regular Transit District meeting will be on July 28, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

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