

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Arnold; Director Albritton; Director Brown; Director Kellner (Alternate)

Absent: Director Heller; Director Kinsey

Director McGlashan opened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Director McGlashan presented former Transit General Manager Farhad Mansourian with a Commendation for Service.

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

Five speakers from the Marin Network of Mental Health Clients (MNMHC) urged the Directors to help Community Action Marin, which oversees the Enterprise Resource Center (ERC), in providing an increased number of shuttle trips to allow flexibility for clients who would like to visit the Health and Wellness Campus for short periods of time. A shuttle will begin a three-month trial service on August 1, 2008; and they would like to it to be permanent.

A speaker representing Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL), spoke regarding the reduction in State Transit Assistance funds and urged the Directors to encourage the State to leave State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, and Proposition 42 funds, intact. He asked the Directors to follow up on a recent letter from Rebecca Long, legislative analyst with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); and MCIL is looking forward to the new transit study being done on central and southern Marin by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).

An Inverness resident invited the Directors to attend the Inverness Fair on August 9, 2008, and encouraged them to use the West Marin Stagecoach.

Director Arnold stated that she had received word from Health and Human Services that CAM was providing the shuttle. She stated that it is not a 90 day trial period, and she would like to discuss how to provide supplemental service with a noon and a two o'clock shuttle to the Health and Wellness Center.

Director Adams appreciated the speakers' comments and supports having adequate transportation to the Health and Wellness facility.

Director McGlashan asked that Directors Arnold and Adams work with staff in a committee and prepare a recommendation to the Board. General Manager Rzepinski asked that the Directors bridge this discussion with the County regarding financial support for additional shuttle trips. Supervisor Adams requested that Larry Meredith, Director of Health and Human Services, be included in this discussion.

Director Brown asked staff for clarification regarding financial support for the shuttle service, and the West Marin Stagecoach schedule, and fares for the shuttle to the Health and Wellness Center.

Director McGlashan stated that he would like the Transit District to review the fare structure. Director Albritton concurred.

Director Arnold stated that since the morning and afternoon shuttle is being provided by CAM, the County could look into supplementing mid-day trips.

2. [Approval of minutes for June 16, 2008.](#)

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

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

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

General Manager David Rzepinski stated that the West Marin Needs Assessment released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on June 25, 2008, and a recommendation would be brought back to the Board at the August 18, 2008, Transit meeting. He further stated that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) approved Measure A money for the Fiscal Year 2008-09; and, per Director Kinsey's request, the Stagecoach drivers were reminded of the importance of the flag-stop policy.

5. [Set Public Hearing to Consider Fare and Transfer Policies](#)

M/s Director Adams - Director Brown Recommended Action: Accept report and set public hearing for September 17, 2008 at 10 a.m.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren summarized the staff report and stated that the Transit District would like to set the public hearing for September 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. to formally consider fare policy recommendations resulting from the Strategic Marketing Plan that can be put in place with the new electronic fare collection boxes that are expected for Fall 2008, and providing for sales and distribution of period passes (all day, weekly, and monthly passes) and the ability for Marin local passengers to use passes on regional and commute services within Marin County. New youth passes will not be implemented in this fiscal year. Some fiscal impact will be offset by increased ridership. In addition, staff is working to develop a revenue-sharing agreement with Golden Gate Transit for the Board's consideration.

6. [Agreement with Marin Senior Coordinating Council to Provide Intra-county and Inter-county Paratransit Services.](#)

M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Approve service agreement for paratransit services for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

7. [Agreement with Golden Gate Transit for Inter-county Paratransit Services. Recommended Action: Approve agreement for inter-county paratransit services for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.](#)

M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold 7. Agreement with Golden Gate Transit for Inter-county Paratransit Services. Recommended Action: Approve agreement for inter-county paratransit services for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

8. [Purchase Order for \\$786,097 to Acquire Sixteen Paratransit Vehicles](#)

M/s Director Adams - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Approve purchase order to acquire sixteen paratransit vehicles with Federal Transit Administration 5307 and local matching funds.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

Staff explained that grant money is set aside for the purchase of these sixteen replacement vehicles for those that are past their prime and difficult to maintain.

Staff responded to Directors' questions saying that there is a capital vehicle replacement plan in place; and ultra-low-emissions gasoline vehicles are available through the state contract.

A representative of MCIL stated that the largest wheelchair lifts available are needed on the new vehicles.

9. [Extend Contract with Transit Marketing LLC](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Brown Recommended Action: Extend contract with Transit Marketing LLC to December 31, 2008.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Brown, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Heller, Director Kinsey

Amy Van Doren summarized the staff report and stated that the Transit District would like Transit Marketing LLC to be on call for the remainder of the contract.

Staff and Directors' discussed possible additional costs, methods of measuring the effectiveness of the contract, marketing, and ticket distribution.

A speaker representing MCIL suggested opening discussion regarding using their facility as a transit ticket sales location for transit dependent riders.

Director McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The next Transit District meeting is scheduled on August 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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