

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

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

Alternate Director Kellner observed the meeting.

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

A speaker representing the Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL) spoke regarding Transit operations funding and State budget cuts.

2. [Approval of minutes for October 20, 2008.](#)

[October 20, 2008 minutes](#)

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director Brown, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Heller, Director Kinsey

ABSENT: Director McGlashan

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

Director Kinsey spoke regarding the West Marin Needs Assessment and asked staff to update residents via the newspaper regarding the status of the assessment.

Director Albritton announced that today was his last official meeting due to his retirement from the Transit Board.

Director Brown acknowledged Director Albritton's commitment to using Transit services.

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

[Service Monitoring Report: September 2008](#)

General Manager David Rzepinski spoke regarding the October 22, 2008, EZ Rider program meeting that he and Supervisor Arnold attended in Novato. Staff will present recommendations to Director Arnold regarding the future of the program. He also stated that on October 30, 2008, staff made a presentation to the Marin Managers Association along with the assistant city manager of San Rafael to discuss a new bus stop policy

| ~~that~~which would create an agreement with the City of San Rafael for planning and jurisdictional purposes. The goal is to have agreements with the other cities and towns as well as the County as a whole. The proposed agreement will be discussed at this evening's study session at the City of San Rafael, and potentially heard for action in December, 2008. He further stated that Lifeline Grant funds will be considered at the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) meeting on November 20, 2008; and the Transit District may act as a pass-through agent for funds for grant recipients who do not receive Transit funds directly. Also, staff attended the California Transit Association conference where the State budget and Federal reauthorization efforts were discussed. He emphasized that there will be no impact on Transit District services during this fiscal year.

Director Albritton discussed the increase in ridership. He complimented staff on their decision to review reasons for decreased ridership on Route 23 instead of immediately cutting service, and Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren on her fiscal planning.

Director Brown and staff discussed the Transit District's Lifeline Grant application for the Marin City transit hub. He asked staff to review potential congestion at the intersection of Irwin and 2nd Street in San Rafael due to development and the passage of SMART, and asked that staff be aware of the complexities of coordinating Transit District services with SMART and Golden Gate Transit.

Director Heller stated that the City of San Rafael had improved the intersection of 2nd and Irwin Street and would work with the Transit District to ensure that the traffic lights work correctly.

Director Arnold urged the Novato City Council to review, as soon as possible, where they would like their ~~downtown third~~ transfer center to be located.

5. [Presentation from Golden Gate Transit on Proposals for Regional Service Changes](#)

Ron Downing from Golden Gate Transit (GGT) made the presentation regarding proposed service changes including redeploying unproductive commute service from Routes 8, 9, 60, and 75 to address overcrowding on other routes; and reconfiguring regional basic service on Routes 10 and 80 to improve travel times and service productivity. After a public comment period, a final proposal will be presented to the GGT Board on December 19, 2009; and, if approved, will be implemented in March 2009. He responded to Directors' questions and comments regarding wheelchair access, Route 75 access to the Civic Center, ridership thresholds for trip viability, Route 75's relationship to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Measure 2 Express Bus program, fare box recovery, and performance monitoring.

Directors Kinsey commented that the Mobility Manager's position should be used to monitor MTC's actions regarding non-performing ~~Lifeline funded~~ routes and work with GGT to request additional funding if grace periods are granted for extending use of these routes. Director Albritton commented that the Mobility Manager should monitor the whole transit system to know how riders are making transfers.

6. [Mobility Manager Position Recommendation: Direct staff to prepare a job description and salary range for a Mobility Manager.](#)

[Item 6: Mobility Manager Position Staff Report](#)

M/s Director Adams - Director Kinsey 6. Mobility Manager Position

Recommendation: Direct staff to prepare a job description and salary range for a Mobility Manager.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director Brown, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Albritton, Director Heller, Director Kinsey

ABSENT: Director McGlashan

Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren summarized the staff report emphasizing that the purpose of this position as funded by MTC is to better coordinate the Transit District's programs for special needs populations and be the point of contact for accessibility programs. Staff responded to questions and comments from Directors regarding schools using the Mobility Manager as a point of contact; the scope of the Mobility Manager position; and the timeline for getting the Mobility Manager on board.

Director Kinsey commented that it is important to help the disabled and seniors in the program since the position is funded under the New Freedom program; and SMART should be included as one of the collaborative agencies coordinated by the Mobility Manager.

Director Arnold announced that she would be meeting that evening with the Mental Health Board and would update staff when the figures become available regarding mobility to the new Health and Wellness Center.

Director Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m. The next regular Transit District meeting is scheduled on December 15, 2009, at 10 a.m.

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