

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Arnold; Director Heller;
Director Kinsey; Director Kellner (Alternate)
Absent: Director Brown

Director McGlashan opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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

No member of the public spoke at this time.

2. [Approval of minutes for November 17, 2008.](#)

[November 17, 2008 Draft Minutes](#)

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller,
Director Kinsey, Director Kellner (Alternate)**

ABSENT: Director Brown

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

Director McGlashan announced that Item 5 on today's agenda had been pulled.

[Resolution of Commendation for Director Albritton](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Adams Resolution of Commendation for Director Albritton. Recommended Action: Approve

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller,
Director Kinsey, Director Kellner (Alternate)**

ABSENT: Director Brown

Director Albritton thanked the Directors for the Commendation and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Transit Board. He stated that he was pleased with the Transit District's transition from having no tax or name to having a transit network with an Executive Director; and he would return to represent passengers' interests.

Director Adams wished everyone safe, healthy, and happy holidays.

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

[Monthly Monitoring Report: October 2008](#)

Marin Transit General Manager David Rzepinski stated that on November 24, 2008 staff had a follow up meeting with the Canal Alliance, the Youth Alliance and other representatives of the Canal area, to discuss transit service and passenger conduct. At the meeting, staff presented marketing material including information on fares, phone numbers, and comment cards. He also stated that on December 11, 2008, staff and Director Kinsey attended the Commission on Aging panel discussion titled The Future of Older Adults Transportation in Marin County where they discussed current services, future plans, and scope of work for the Mobility Manager position. He also updated the Directors on the Strategic Marketing Plan, plans to hire a consultant to retool the Transit District website making it more user friendly, branding equipment with the Transit District logo, a Marin Transit bus stop for local service, enhanced information signs for riders at local service bus stops, and service changes on Routes 17, 29, 36, and 71. He further stated that staff intends to meet with Director Lillian Hanes at SMART either this week or next to discuss station improvement designs and shuttle plans; and staff will participate in a legislative update meeting that is being put together by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) on Friday, December 19, 2008.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Directors regarding hiring a consultant and the upcoming meeting with TAM.

Director Adams commented that Governor Schwarzenegger spoke at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) meeting in Sacramento where he made a clear promise that Proposition 1a and Proposition 42 funds would be protected.

A representative of the Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL) asked when accessible taxis would be in service. Staff responded that two accessible taxis are currently in service. He also stated that an appeal had been filed regarding State transit funding, and a percentage of Proposition 42 funds are already being taken away.

5. [Lifeline Transportation Program Funds Recommendation: Accept Lifeline Transportation Program funds on behalf of Marin County, City of San Rafael, and San Rafael City Schools and allow the General Manager to enter into agreements with each agency to facilitate the transaction.](#)

[Item 5: Lifeline Transportation Program Funds](#)

David Rzepinski explained that this item was pulled because Marin County Transit District is not eligible to receive funds directly. A grantor, possibly Golden Gate Transit, will receive and distribute funds.

6. [Bus Stop Policy Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Rafael Recommendation: Review Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) and authorize the General Manager to pursue individual MOUs with Marin cities and towns and](#)

[the County of Marin regarding local bus stops.](#)

[Item 6: Bus Stop Policy MOU with the City of San Rafael](#)

M/s Director Adams - Director Kellner (Alternate) 6. Bus Stop Policy Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Rafael Recommendation: Review Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and authorize the General Manager to pursue individual MOUs with Marin cities and towns and the County of Marin regarding local bus stops.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Kinsey, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Brown

General Manager Rzepinski summarized the staff report. Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments regarding a disability access work plan showing a timeline and priorities, maintenance and cost sharing at bus stops shared by GGT, Senator Woolsey's discussion regarding possible Federal funding for shovel-ready programs relating to ADA upgrades, improving visibility of bus stop signs, jurisdictional responsibility for ADA access throughout the transit system.

Director Heller directed staff to contact the San Rafael City Manager and attend the monthly meeting of the city managers, as well as meetings with the Public Works managers and/or the Planning Department to give the an overview of proposed bus stop MOUs.

Director Kinsey stated that this policy defines the Americans with Disabilities Act path of travel issue; the path of travel is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction and the bus stop is under the Transit Agency. He suggested that the same policy be proposed with Golden Gate Bridge District regarding shared bus stops.

A representative of MCIL stated that the memorandum of understanding and agreement with the City of San Rafael is a step forward and expressed appreciation for the hard work done by staff and Directors. He further spoke regarding jurisdictional responsibility for bus stop, curb ramp, mid-block path of travel, and ADA access.

7. [EZ Rider in Novato Recommendation: Approve contract extension with Whistlestop Wheels for EZ Rider Transit Services for the period January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009.](#)

[Item 7: EZ Rider in Novato](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Adams 7. EZ Rider in Novato Recommendation: Approve contract extension with Whistlestop Wheels for EZ Rider Transit Services for the period January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Kinsey, Director Kellner (Alternate)

ABSENT: Director Brown

Director McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next regular Transit District meeting is scheduled on January 26, 2009, at 10 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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