

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Director Brown opened the meeting at 10:00 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 May 18, 2009.*

**Second Vice President Adams made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Director Kellner seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Motion carried 7-0**

**AYES: Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Brown, Director  
Heller, Director Kellner, Director Kinsey, Director McGlashan**

**ABSENT: None**

3. *Board of Directors' Matters.*

Vice President Arnold wanted to inform the Transit District that Novato schools will be cutting all non-mandated bus service for Fall 2009.

Directors Kinsey and McGlashan wished to introduce an urgency matter concerning federal legislation on climate change that required action. Director Kinsey noted that transit was not included in the federal legislation being considered as a beneficiary and no provisions had been made to reinvest in transit as an important component of meeting the proposed legislative guidelines. He reported that an action alert campaign regarding upcoming critical hearings was underway and he asked the Board to approve sending a letter to

Congresswoman Woolsey that specifically requested transit funding be included in the legislation.

**Director Kinsey made a motion of urgency to prepare a letter relative to federal legislation regarding climate change for President Brown to sign. Director McGlashan seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Motion carried 7-0**  
**AYES: Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Brown, Director Heller, Director Kellner, Director Kinsey, Director McGlashan**  
**ABSENT: None**

The Board recognized Alan Zahradnik from Golden Gate Transit in the audience and asked him to contact President Brown regarding a bus stop on College Avenue.

#### *4. General Manager's Oral Report*

The Board welcomed General Manager David Rzepinski. Mr. Rzepinski reported that the last month had been heavily driven by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects. He noted that one of the provisions for accepting these federal stimulus dollars was that a contract needed to be in place by September. He stated that Transit's first ARRA Request for Proposals (RFP) had already been released for the paratransit Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs). He indicated that the Data Management RFP and the Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) RFP were both in draft form and should be released next week. He expected that each of the four ARRA contracts would come before the Board between July and September of this year. He reported that Transit was still waiting to hear if they had been awarded 3 or 4 Stagecoach vehicles from Caltrans. He acknowledged that the federal reporting mandates were new for Transit, but he thought the District would be in compliance by the deadline.

Mr. Rzepinski noted that the RFP for the environmental phase of the Novato Bus Stop Improvement Project had also been released. He relayed that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff had not recommended that the funding for this project be extended, but Transit Staff had been successful in getting that decision reversed. He stated that the final contract award should come before the Transit Board in July.

Mr. Rzepinski reported that Transit's Director of Operations, Amy Van Doren, had been selected to represent the western district at a Senior Mobility Forum in Washington, DC. He was pleased that her many talents were recognized on a national scale. He closed by offering a public thank you to the Board as he completed his first year as the District's General Manager. He noted his appreciation for the support he had received and his pleasure in assembling the

team that will take Transit through the next fiscal year. He indicated that there would be a formal evaluation of the GM during closed session at the Transit Board Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

5. *Public Hearing: Marin County Transit District Budget for FY 2009-10*

President Brown reported that the projections for funding in FY 2009-10 included an 8% reduction in property tax revenue, a 6% reduction in Transportation Demand Act (TDA) dollars, and a 2-3% drop in Measure A funds, which added up to a loss of approximately \$1 million for Transit funding. He commended Transit on their ability to come to the Board with a balanced budget. He cautioned that next year would be even tougher.

Mr. Rzepinski stated that for FY 09-10, Transit presented a balanced budget that proposed no changes in existing service or fare structure. He stressed that although this was a conservative forecast (8% reduction in property tax revenue), other factors, such as the Governor's access to property tax revenues, make any projections subject to change. He indicated that these numbers assume a 5.7% reduction in TDA monies. He reported that the Measure A sales tax dollars may be retained by the State Board of Equalization, resulting in a proposed 2.5% reduction. He concluded by reporting that each reduction (\$1 million in Measure A, \$1.2 million in SDA) meant a significant hit to the District, which would cause more serious effects to services and fares in the coming years. He expected that the service reductions and fare increases identified in the Short Range Transit Plan for FY 2010-11 would certainly be implemented, but the severity of those changes would be hard to forecast.

Second Vice President Adams asked for clarity regarding the legality of the State holding Marin's self-imposed assessment sales tax revenue. Mr. Rzepinski said he would pursue that question with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). Vice President Arnold suggested he contact Betty Yee, Marin's representative on the State Board of Equalization. Second Vice President Adams suggested that if legal thought the State Board was reaching beyond its authority, the Transit Board should send a letter officially asking for the release of those funds.

Director Kinsey would like staff to analyze what happens when these funding sources do not return and how local communities are going to have to become more self-reliant. He shared his perception that the State has gone out of the business of transit support and all of Marin Transit's present funding sources will continue to decrease. He encouraged the Board to consider what will be the bottom or the floor of transit support that will be acceptable in the community. General Manager Rzepinski praised the Board for their responsible actions as early as December, 2008, in making the first cuts and their approval of the 10-year planning document that has already taken into consideration how to preserve the core of essential services. He also reminded the Board that they

specifically requested that any additional need for service cuts be brought to the Board as soon as they are considered, so he planned to keep the Board informed throughout the fiscal year.

President Brown opened the public hearing. Seeing no one interested in addressing the Board, he closed the public hearing.

**Director Heller made a motion to adopt the final capital and operating budget for the District. Director Kinsey seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Motion carried 7-0**  
**AYES: Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Brown, Director Heller, Director Kellner, Director Kinsey, Director McGlashan**  
**ABSENT: None**

6. *Preview of New Marin Transit Website*

Lauren Gradia, Senior Transportation Planner for Marin Transit, went through the newly-designed website to highlight requested features such as:

- Maps linked to schedules;
- ADA compliance for all users of the website;
- Easier for staff to update and maintain information;
- 511 Integration with the Transit Trip Planner;
- Google language translation service;
- Interactive map zooms and pans with links;
- Shuttles and Stagecoach will be included in 511;
- Muir Woods Shuttle will be included on the map;
- New area to list Requests for Proposals (RFPs); and
- A "Contact Us" form with a link to Transit Staff email addresses.

Second Vice President Adams asked staff to check the Spanish translation with a native speaker to make sure the information makes sense to an average user. She inquired what a user would do if they needed additional trip planning assistance. Ms. Gradia responded that individuals are instructed to contact 511 for regional assistance and are forwarded to the Golden Gate Transit call center for local service. The Board was pleased with the new look of the website and thanked staff for their work in making the site less of a planning information tool and more of a user-oriented system. Second Vice President Adams asked staff to provide the Board with a press release that Board Members could forward through their email lists.

7. *Third Addendum to Agreement with MV Transportation, Inc. for West Marin Stagecoach*

**Director Kinsey made a motion to approve the extension of service through June 30, 2010. Second Vice President Adams seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Motion carried 7-0**  
**AYES: Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Brown, Director Heller, Director Kellner, Director Kinsey, Director McGlashan**  
**ABSENT: None**

8. *Contract Extension with Whistlestop Wheels to Operate EZ Rider in Novato*

**Vice President Arnold made a motion to approve the extension through July 31, 2009. Director Kellner seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Motion carried 7-0**  
**AYES: Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Brown, Director Heller, Director Kellner, Director Kinsey, Director McGlashan**  
**ABSENT: None**

Director Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The next regular Transit District meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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