

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

August 10, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, August 10, 2007 at the District's Administrative Office, 370 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Tavantzis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dene Bustichi
Donald Hagen
Michelle Hinkle
Kirby Nicol
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Marcela Tavantzis
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jan Beautz
Mark Stone

STAFF PRESENT

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager
Angela Aitken, Finance Manager
Frank Cheng, MetroBase Project Manager
Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Sandra Lipperd, UTU
Ian McFadden, Transit Planner

Manny Martinez, PSA
Steve Prince, UTU

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written:

None.

Oral:

None.

3. **LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

4. **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. **ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2007**

No questions or comments.

5-2. **CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS:
DENY THE CLAIM OF FARMERS INSURANCE (WALTERMYER), CLAIM #07-0026**

No questions or comments.

5-3. **ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT**

No questions or comments.

5-4. **ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGENDA FOR AUGUST 15, 2007 AND MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2007**

Regarding Page #5-4.4 Director Spence asked about the CHP encouraging tow truck drivers to drop off vehicles at METRO's Park & Ride lots. Ciro Aguirre replied that he had not been able to confirm that yet and Director Spence requested that he follow up on it. Mr. Aguirre added that the other issue had been 14 Cheap Hauling trucks parking at the Scotts Valley Transit Center overnight, however, that issue had been resolved.

5-5. **ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2007**

No questions or comments.

5-6. **ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2007**

Director Rotkin reported that the University has decided this year to raise the parking rates only for those with bus passes. Les White added that even though there had been an additional operating day, it is disturbing that ridership is decreasing 10 – 15% in every category.

5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE JUNE 2007 RIDERSHIP REPORT

No questions or comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CALPERS RESOLUTIONS TO REVISE METRO'S MEDICAL PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR UTU FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT

Summary:

Robyn Slater reported that the current Labor Agreements with UTU, Local 23, Fixed Route and Paratransit, each include language that specifies the amount METRO will contribute towards medical premiums. The Fixed Route resolution is adjusted annually to reflect actual maximum monthly premium contributions and the Paratransit resolution corrects an error in the original resolution established in 2004.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REVIEWING, REVISING, AND PRIORITIZING THE LIST OF UNMET TRANSIT AND PARATRANSIT NEEDS TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E&D TAC) AND THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)

Summary:

Chair Tavantzis explained that the Board was being asked to review and prioritize METRO's draft list of Unmet Transit and Paratransit needs. The Board reviewed the SCCRTC's list first to determine if METRO agrees with the prioritization. The Board modified the priority of several items.

Discussion:

Director Hagen created another version of METRO's list and assigned each with a priority of VH- Very High need, H- High need, M- Moderate need and L- Low need, which was distributed to the Board and is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The Board reviewed each item and assigned all items regarding maintaining current service Very High need, all items related to improving existing service a High need, and the remainder were assigned Moderate and Low need. Two items were removed from the list completely. The Board decided to eliminate the numbers indicating in which order items should be listed, instead giving each item only a priority ranking, with all items in each category being of equal priority.

Les White reported that he would recreate Director Hagen's list indicating the priority ranking of each item as assigned by the Board today, including a brief summary of how the Board arrived at each category of priority. The list would then come back to the Board in two weeks, along with MAC and E&D TAC's input and a Public Hearing would be held at that time. After receiving input, the Board would then finalize the list to be submitted to the SCCRTC.

The Board requested a matrix of the listed items if MAC and E&D TAC's opinions differed widely from the Board's.

14. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would have a conference with its Labor Negotiators regarding UTU, Local 23 Fixed Route.

15. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

None.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Tavantzis adjourned to Closed Session at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 11:06 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

16. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board took no reportable action in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Tavantzis adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator