

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

August 11, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, August 11, 2006 at the District's Administrative Office, 370 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

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

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Kirby Nicol
Mike Rotkin
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jan Beautz
Dene Bustichi
Emily Reilly
Ex-Officio Wes Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Ciro Agguire, Operations 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

Carolyn Derwing, UTU
Sesario Escoto, Cabrillo College
Amie Glausser, UCSC Student
Brian King, Cabrillo College
Ian McFadden, Transit Planner
Bonnie Morr, UTU

Karena Pushnik, SCCRTC
Will Regan, VMU
Sayaka Takami, UCSC Student
April Warnock, ParaCruz
Arturo Zamudio, UTU

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written:

a. Mark Stone, Co. Board of Supervisors Re: Public Transit Resources

Oral:
None.

3. **LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. **APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 9 & 23 AND JULY 14 & 28, 2006**

July Minutes will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-2. **ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2006**

No questions or comments.

5-3. **ACCEPT AND FILE JULY 2006 RIDERSHIP REPORT**

Pages 1 & 4 of the Ridership Report will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-4. **CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS:** None

No questions or comments.

5-5. **ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGENDA FOR AUGUST 16, 2006 AND MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2006**

No questions or comments.

5-6. **ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2006 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**

No questions or comments.

5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR MAY 2006 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

Will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-8. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR MAY 2006

Will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-9. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2006

No questions or comments.

5-10. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2006

Will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-11. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE JUNE 2006 MEETING(S)

No questions or comments.

5-12. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT

Will be included in the August 25, 2006 Board Packet.
No questions or comments.

5-13. ACCEPT AND FILE INFORMATION REGARDING HIGHWAY 152 CORRIDOR BUS STOPS

Vice Chair Tavantzis reported that Caltrans had originally agreed to include bus stop improvements as part of the Highway 152 Rehabilitation Project and that the City of Watsonville would fund part of it, but now Caltrans says bus stop improvements will not be included in the project. City of Watsonville Staff will continue to work with Caltrans on this issue.

VICE CHAIR TAVANTZIS RETURNED TO ITEM #2

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Oral:

Brian King, President of Cabrillo College, thanked the Board for working with Cabrillo and he reported on the ongoing communication with Mark Dorfman regarding the next contract and the exciting opportunities to expand transit service and increase ridership on campus. Mr. King said that Cabrillo's overall transit plan will be reevaluated over the coming year and he welcomed any input from Board members. A 90-day pilot program allowing Cabrillo passes to be used 7 days per week is also being discussed, which may help in marketing the sale of the bus passes.

Mr. King clarified that state law sets the maximum Cabrillo can charge for parking passes at \$40, which is less expensive than a bus pass. Mr. King said Cabrillo is aware of this concern and that its funding alternatives will be looked at to see what can be done to have an impact on the relative pricing of the passes.

Mr. King also reported that a use permit had been approved for a Cabrillo facility in Scotts Valley, which is planned to open next spring.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

This presentation will take place at the August 25, 2006 Board meeting.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR IN OBTAINING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDS FOR THE PACIFIC STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE FY 2007 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Les White reported that this Resolution of Appreciation would be presented to Congressman Farr by Chair Rotkin at a ceremony at METRO Center 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2006 and he encouraged everyone to attend.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR NICOL

Adopt Resolution of Appreciation for the leadership of Congressman Sam Farr in obtaining the inclusion of funds for the Pacific Station Redevelopment Project in the FY 2007 House Transportation Appropriations Legislation for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote in lieu of a roll call vote with Directors Beautz, Bustichi, and And Reilly being absent.

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

Margaret Gallagher reported that that the Board would have a conference with its Labor Negotiators regarding UTU, Local 23, ParaCruz Division; that Item #2 had been deleted; and that the Board would have a conference with its Legal Counsel regarding two cases of existing litigation

9. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Bonnie Morr, UTU, stated that she would appreciate it if the Board reconvened to open Session quickly.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Tavantzis adjourned to Closed Session at 9:14 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 9:57 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UTU, LOCAL 23, PARACRUZ DIVISION AND SANTA CRUZ METRO

Summary:

Robyn Slater reported that METRO and UTU, Local 23, ParaCruz Division, met and negotiated regarding 14 specific Articles of their MOU and based on those negotiations, were able to reach tentative agreement.

The terms of the tentative agreement provide for a restructuring of the salary matrix, which creates a more consistent percentage increase between step increases and a reduction in the time needed to reach top step from 10 years to 7 ½ years. Also included is a 1% increase in salary in the second year of the contract and a 2% increase in salary in the third year of the contract. The language regarding payment of the CalPERS retirement was changed so employees pay the employee rate of 8%. In the first year the employees also pay a portion of the employer rate attributable to enhancements to the pension. In the second and third year of the contract METRO agrees to pay the employer's rate towards the CalPERS pension.

Other changes to the Labor Agreement include reducing the schedule changes (bids) and requests for annual leave to three per year, the inclusion of unpaid meal breaks in the field, the addition of a uniform allowance to the salary, and the addition of the new job classification of Dispatcher (to be developed within 45 days of ratification). All other changes are related to work rules, without significant economic impact.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR HINKLE

Approve the three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Transportation Union, Local 23 (UTU, ParaCruz Division) and the Santa Cruz METRO Transit District

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Motion passed unanimously with Directors Beautz, Bustichi, and Reilly being absent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Tavantzis adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator