

# The County Connection

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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Dessayer, Horn, Manning, Mitchoff, Schroder, Simmons and Uilkema. Alternate Member Andersen represented the Town of Danville. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Schroder and Worth were absent. Chair Hudson introduced and welcomed Alternate Member Andersen to the meeting.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Madrigal, Mitchell and Muzzini

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** There were no comments from the public.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Horn moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 21, 2010. Director Manning seconded the motion and it was approved.

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Mitchoff, Simmons and Uilkema  
No: None  
Abstain: Director Andersen  
Absent: Directors Hoffmeister, Schroder and Worth

#### REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Hudson referenced a handout he distributed at the meeting today regarding a bike sharing program instituted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on the peninsula in San Francisco. He felt this would be a worthwhile program for implementation in the CCCTA service area. For the Winter Spare the Air Day program, Chair Hudson advised there may be some funds available for advertising on CCCTA buses. He asked staff to remove an old bus stop near the Dublin City Hall that was replaced by a new bus stop.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

##### Recognition of Employees with 20 Years of Service

Mr. Ramacier recognized Julie Berry, Transit Operator, and Rolando Aguilos, Service Worker, for their twenty years of service.

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### **Recognition of Departing Employee**

Mr. Ramacier recognized former Transit Operator Curtis Perrilliat for his twenty-one years of service.

### **Minor Changes to Route 98X**

Mr. Ramacier reported that the O&S Committee approved a minor change to Route 98X. This route is funded with RM2 funds from MTC and provides express service between Martinez and Walnut Creek. The service has struggled to meet the MTC performance standards relative to RM2 funds. The corrective action approved by the O&S Committee is a reduction in service that will still accommodate the riders with minimum impact. Staff anticipates the same number of riders will use the service after a reduction in service during times when ridership is low. The reduction affects the headways and represents a cut of about 10-15% of the service. Due to the RM2 funding source, CCCTA staff is required to go to MTC for approval of this corrective action and a commitment to continue to fund the service, which will have a financial impact on CCCTA. The service was originally envisioned as a commuter route, but it is being utilized by transit-dependent riders to access the county hospital. It was very important to the O&S Committee to make sure that that presence of service remains.

(Director Hoffmeister arrived.)

### **Potential Impact of the Election on Transit**

Mr. Ramacier advised a report will be given to the MP&L Committee next month regarding how the election may impact transit, in particular Propositions 22 and 26. Proposition 22 protects local development funds and transportation funds greater than they are protected today. Proposition 26 redefines many fees as taxes and, thus, requires a two-thirds vote to enact them in the future. Because this measure takes effect on January 1, 2010, it is not clear how it will impact the gas tax swap passed by the California Legislature in March. The worst case scenario for transit is if the gas tax swap is determined to be invalid. In that case, the increase in sales tax on diesel is illegal and must stop, which would reduce CCCTA's funding. A best case scenario is if Proposition 26 not only invalidates the gas tax swap but the legislation that was passed and signed into law that implements the gas tax swap. In that case, the repeal of the sales tax on gas is negated and returns, which would be a boon for transit because Proposition 22 now protects those funds.

On the federal side, the new Congress will be less inclined to provide a large increase in a transportation reauthorization bill. Discussions are now focused on a two-year bill that would get Congress back on track for reauthorization every six years. Mr. Ramacier also advised that, if there were no transit earmarks, California would receive more federal funds because of the formula share.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Citizens Advisory Committee:** There was no report.

**Accessible Services Committee:** There was no report.

### **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Director Simmons reported on a meeting he attended regarding the Walnut Creek BART transit village where a resident advised the current approach is not suitable for buses to make a right turn. He thanked Mr. Ramacier, Bill Churchill, Director of Transportation, and three Transit Operators for attending a recent City Council meeting when they were given a proclamation commemorating the free downtown shuttle. Walnut Creek City staff is looking at ways for businesses to help subsidize the shuttle in downtown Walnut Creek so it can continue to be provided free. Director Uilkema stated that, when there is a mega residential development, one component to be considered is transit passes for the residents as a condition of approval. In essence, this turns into a developer subsidy of transit. Developers seem to be more willing to accept transit passes rather than an outright contribution to transit service.

Director Hoffmeister advised the Concord City Council will reorganize on December 7, 2010 with appointments to various agencies in January 2011. She may or may not be returning to the CCCTA Board of Directors depending on that reorganization.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173**

At 9:20 a.m., Chair Hudson announced the Board would adjourn to closed session to confer with its labor negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, pertaining to negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, and the Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173.

(Director Mitchoff left the meeting during the closed session.)

**OPEN SESSION**

**Report on Action(s) Taken Regarding Negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605**

At 10:35 a.m. the Board reconvened in open session. Chair Hudson advised the Board conferred with and gave direction to its labor negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605.

**Consideration of Offer from the Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173**

Chair Hudson further advised the Board conferred with its labor negotiator, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations and a letter received from Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173 dated November 8, 2010.

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved to accept the letter from Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173, dated November 8, 2010, proposing a one-year extension of their MOU, which incorporates a wage freeze, effective February 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012. Director Manning seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote.


Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Simmons and Uilkema  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Directors Mitchoff, Schroder and Worth

Director Hoffmeister asked staff to convey the Board's thanks and appreciation to the Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1173 for their offer of a one-year wage freeze.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hudson adjourned the regular meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

  
Janet Madrigal, Clerk to the Board

  
Date