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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Worth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Simmons and Uilkema. Director Weir arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Hoffmeister and Schroder were absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: There was no communication from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Horn moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following item: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 17, 2011. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received a vote of approval.

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

REPORT OF CHAIR: There was no report.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

APTA 2012 Legislative Conference, March 11-13, 2012

General Manager Rick Ramacier advised the APTA 2012 Legislative Conference will be held March 11-13, 2012. He felt the main focus would be to maintain relationships with our Congressional representatives. CCCTA budgeted for one Board Member to attend this Conference, and he asked who was would like to represent CCCTA. Director Simmons expressed an interest in attending.

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(Director Weir arrived.)

Chair Worth suggested also meeting with FTA representatives to discuss issues relative to suburban operators. Director Hudson suggested expressing support for the I-680 HOV on/off ramps when meeting with representatives. Director Uilkema asked staff to provide a report at a subsequent meeting regarding whether CCCTA has taken a position on these HOV lanes.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning and Legislative Committee

2011 Legislative Review and 2012 Legislative Preview

Mr. Ramacier advised the MP&L Committee is developing a potential legislative program for 2012 and is seeking feedback and direction from the Board regarding it. He briefly reviewed legislative actions that occurred in 2011 and measures that are likely to occur in 2012 at the state and federal levels.

Mr. Ramacier reported that State Transit Assistance (STA) was fully funded in the adoption of the state budget. The amount of STA funds received by CCCTA depends on the price and amount of diesel fuel that is sold. Only part of STA funds are protected by Proposition 22. The increment enacted with the gas tax swap is not protected and it can be redirected by the Legislature. The state is selling Proposition 1B transit bonds based on market conditions. These funds are important to CCCTA as they are used for the local match for federally funded projects. Two potential legislative measures would better coordinate Medi-Cal transportation with public transportation. They would allow Medi-Cal recipients to be reimbursed when they use fixed-route or paratransit service for medical appointments. Another potential measure would allow MPOs to require businesses to do more for transit, such as providing transit passes or shuttle service.

On the federal side, a transportation appropriations bill was approved that provides for a small increase in funding relative to the CPI and CCCTA expects to receive funding for capital projects included in its budget. He also outlined two proposed transportation reauthorization bills in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Director Uilkema said that focusing on funds for the local match is a priority because it has an impact on the entire budget. Director Hudson expressed support for a bill offering commuter benefits similar to SB582.

Mobility Management Contract Award

Laramie Bowron, Manager of Planning, stated that the goal of the mobility management project is to coordinate services for improved transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities that goes beyond the definition of the ADA. This is a three-phase, county-wide project. CCCTA received funding for the first two phases of the project and CCTA received funding for the final phase. The first and second phases will be conducted by CCCTA and CCTA will conduct the third phase. The first phase will be an inventory of all the transportation options. The second phase will be a plan to coordinate all the available services. This phase will include opportunities for public input. The third phase will be to create and administer a database on the Internet that individuals can check to determine what services best meet their needs. CCCTA received two proposals for the first two phases of the project. The selection committee evaluated the proposals and selected Innovative Paradigms, and the MP&L Committee recommends award of contract to that firm.

Director Dessayer pointed out that the consultant would evaluate transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals. He asked what the priorities would be once the project is implemented. He expressed support for coordination of ADA services but felt this project goes beyond that goal. Mr. Ramacier stated that Measure J requires the county to have a mobility manager. This project would not change what CCCTA is doing with our paratransit service or the revenues received for that service. This is about services beyond the ADA that are already in existence and not well coordinated or additional services that county residents believe are needed for seniors. There are Measure J funds targeted toward senior transportation that CCCTA is not receiving and is not expected to receive. As determined by CCTA, this project may lead to hiring and housing a mobility manager to put together a transportation program. The CCCTA Board will participate in directing the consultant and responding to draft documents and recommendations leading to a final document that promotes our interests. Coordinated transportation service that includes ADA, social services, and community based organizations will result in increased productivity and lower cost per passenger. Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Marketing, advised this project is similar to a trip planner that matches available services with those who need them.

Director Hudson felt this project would lay a foundation for a long-term strategy to bring in additional funding that flows through CCTA, and keeping control of the study is key. Chair Worth noted that his project was a priority of Measure J and she is pleased that CCCTA is taking the lead on this element of the plan. Director Horn supported an accurate, flexible and up-to-date database that would help support meeting the needs of our constituents.

MOTION: Director Uilkema moved approval of Resolution No. 2012-015 which authorizes awarding a contract to Innovative Paradigms to conduct a Mobility Management Inventory and Plan. The motion was seconded by Director Simmons and received the following vote of approval.

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

REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: There was no report.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Responding to comments from Director Hudson regarding the EIR process for on/off ramps on Norris Canyon Road, Chair Worth asked staff to return to the Board with information on CCCTA's past actions on the Norris Canyon HOV on/off ramps and how best to express our support for the project during the current EIR process.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Worth adjourned the regular meeting at 10:05 a.m. in honor of the 220-year anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

Minutes prepared by

Janet Madrigal, Clerk to the Board

Date