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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2012

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, Weir and Alternate Member Mitchoff (representing Contra Costa County). Director Schroder arrived after roll call was taken. Director Hoffmeister was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: There was no communication from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Simmons moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 16 2012 and (b) CCCTA Investment Policy—Quarterly Reporting Requirement. Director Andersen seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Worth asked staff to schedule a closed session during a future Board meeting so the Board could discuss negotiation strategies for expiring labor agreements.

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R1EPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Report on the 2012 APTA Legislative Conference

General Manager Rick Ramacier reported on highlights of meetings and events he and Director Simmons attended during the 2012 APTA Legislative Conference. They met with all of CCCTA's current and future Congressional representatives in addition to Senate staff who wrote the transportation reauthorization bill. Although the Senate bill is a compromise two-year bill, it has bipartisan support and passed by a vote of 74 to 22. If the House is unable to move its reauthorization bill prior to March 31, 2012 when the current reauthorization extension expires, it is anticipated another short-term extension will be approved. Director Simmons also reported on meetings he attended and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend this Conference; Chair Worth said she felt it is important that our Legislative delegation meets with CCCTA representatives on a regular basis.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning and Legislative Committee

One Bay Area Plan

Director Weir stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are developing the One Bay Area Plan that will contain a variety of scenarios to make it possible to reduce greenhouse gases. Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Marketing, explained that MTC and ABAG are working together on this Plan to implement requirements of SB375. The Plan identifies goals and objectives for reducing greenhouse gases, increasing transportation safety, reducing transportation costs and accidents, and accommodating future housing needs without negatively impacting low-income residents.

Ms. Muzzini advised that the Plan includes various scenarios that focus growth near the BART stations and urban areas so as to reduce travel and CO2 emissions. There is controversy about the Plan because it overrides local planning decisions about land use. A study conducted by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority found that miles traveled by individual automobile drivers are a very small percentage of the CO2 emissions. The Plan matches the land use scenarios with two transportation scenarios, i.e., growth in the core areas or the status quo. CCCTA staff does not see a big difference in its service or transit funding level in the Plan.

Director Andersen commented that some of the jurisdictions do not qualify as public development areas (PDAs) because they do not have enough transit service. Cities that do not have a BART station in their community may want to qualify as a PDA and they will be looking at the need for increased levels of service from CCCTA. Mr. Ramacier clarified that this Plan will not affect CCCTA's funding or service levels. If a jurisdiction wants to qualify as a PDA and it does not have enough transit service, it needs to invest its own resources to increase its transit levels. Director Hudson pointed out that ABAG will select one of the scenarios tonight. If jurisdictions want to make a change, they must select one of the scenarios for the sustainable community strategy and then staff can determine how that scenario will impact CCCTA. Most of it will be through mitigation, such as the planned transit center in San Ramon. Since San Ramon is a part of the Tri-Valley, transit will be necessary for the increase in low-income housing units and that will have an effect on the entire region.

Operations and Scheduling Committee

ITS Project Change Order

Director Horn reported that this is a change order to update the computer screens on the buses so they are all the same type. Funding is covered under various grants as outlined in the staff memorandum dated March 5, 2012.

MOTION: Director Horn moved approval of Resolution No. 2012-020, which authorizes execution of a change order to the Clever Devices ITS contract in the amount of \$96,000. Director Manning seconded the motion and it was approved.

- Aye:** Directors Anderson, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Mitchoff, Schroder, Simmons, Weir and Worth
- No:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** Director Hoffmeister

REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Chair Worth moved the appointment of David Libby to the Advisory Committee as a representative from the City of Orinda. Director Dessayer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote.

- Aye:** Directors Anderson, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Mitchoff, Schroder, Simmons, Weir and Worth
- No:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Absent:** Director Hoffmeister

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Referring to a newspaper article in the Board packet, Director Horn commended Scott Mitchell, Director of Maintenance and the Maintenance Department staff for maintaining the buses during their useful life so they do not incur expensive refurbishing costs. Director Simmons advised the City of Walnut Creek is going through the regulatory approval process for two major developments. One is at Broadway Plaza and the second is the Walnut Creek transit village.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Worth adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date