

# County Connection

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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 2013

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

Chair Horn called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Dessayer, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, and Alternate Member Mitchoff (representing Contra Costa County). Directors Hoffmeister and Worth arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Andersen, Hudson, and Weir were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Barnes, Bowron, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Hill, Mitchell, Muzzini, Robinson, Rossini, Thompson, and Vassallo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** None

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Dessayer moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 20, 2013, (b) Approval of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal for FY2014-2016 and Resolution No. 2014-001. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Horn, Mitchoff, Schroder, Simmons and Storer, .  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Directors Hoffmeister, Hudson, Weir and Worth

(Director Hoffmeister arrived.)

Director Dessayer noted that the memo for the Minor Service Change Policy neglected to mention that a Minor Service change is one that is less than a 25% change in route miles of a bus route, not of the whole system.. With this clarification, Director Dessayer moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (c) Minor Service Change Policy and Resolution No. 2014-002, and (d) Minor Service Changes to Routes #2, #5, and #25. Director Mitchoff seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Hoffmeister, Horn, Manning, Schroder, Simmons and Storer, .  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Directors Hudson, Weir and Worth

## **REPORT OF CHAIR**

Chair Horn mentioned that the APTA Annual Meeting will be in October in Chicago and if any Board members would like to attend, please contact staff as soon as possible.

## **REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### **Update on AB160**

General Manager Rick Ramacier provided an update that this Bill is being held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. There are no updates on the discussions between the United States Department of Labor and the Governor's office regarding the California Pension Reform Act of 2013 and the federal labor protection statute known as Section 13(c).

(Director Worth arrived.)

### **Report on SB556 (Corbett)**

General Manager Rick Ramacier alerted the Board of this Bill that is working its way through the Legislature that would require contractors who provide public transportation services to place on the vehicles used for such services, in extremely large font, "THE OPERATOR OF THIS VEHICLE IS NOT A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE." The Bill will also require the employees of a public transit contractor to wear similar language in large font size on their uniform.

### **Report on BART Strike**

General Manager Rick Ramacier informed the Board of the preparations that are being done in the event that there is another BART strike. He described under what conditions County Connection would assist to mitigate the BART strike. General Manager also briefly described how things were handled when BART went out on strike in early July.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee**

#### **Midday Free Fares for Seniors and Disabled**

Director Schroder discussed that prior to 2009, County Connection had a special free fare for seniors sixty-five and over, which was terminated in 2009 due to County Connection's financial hardships at the time. The MP&L committee has reviewed the program and would like to recommend consideration of reinstating the program. The free fares would be effective from 10am-2pm. The MP&L Committee would like this item to be referred to the A & F committee so they can review the financial impact it will have. The Board concurred, and Staff will take this item to the A & F for review.

### **Operations & Scheduling Committee:**

#### **Paratransit Workshop and Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline**

Director Simmons would like the Board members to set aside sometime after the September Board meeting to hold a workshop regarding Paratransit concepts and timelines to issue an RFP for Paratransit services. After much discussion it was decided to hold the workshop at the next O & S meeting scheduled for September 6, 2013. All Board members are encouraged to attend and participate. Legal Counsel will work with the Board Chair and the O & S Chair on how to agendaize this meeting.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION: None.**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Consultation with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Employee Organizations: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors

Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

At 9:36 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board would take a two minute break and reconvene for a closed session to consult with its Labor Negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **A. REPORT OF ACTION(s) TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:02 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board met in closed session with its Labor Negotiator, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the two employee organizations.. Madeline Chun, Legal Counsel, informed the Board that both unions have agreed to the new contracts and that it would be appropriate for the Board to take action to ratify them at this time.

**B. Consider Action to Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1605, consisting of the following principal elements:**

- 1) Three year contract effective February 1, 2013;
- 2) Wage increase in year 1 at zero; 2% in year 2 and 2% in year 3 subject to certain specified triggers.
- 3) County Connection's contribution to the cafeteria benefit plan shall be increased so that the employee's contribution for health benefits will be equal to the contribution required of similarly situated administrative employees, effective January 1, 2013.

**MOTION:** Director Dessayer moved approval of Ratifying Memorandum of Understanding with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1605. Director Hoffmeister seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

**C. Consider Action to Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors, consisting of the following principal elements:**

- 1) Three year contract effective October 1, 2012:
- 2) Wage increase in year 1 at the wage rate that would have applied in 2010 (prior to the wage freeze), effective as of the date of the Union's ratification: Year 2 at zero; and Year 3 at 1%; subject to certain specified triggers;
- 3) No change in non-economic terms.

Finally, in conjunction with the forgoing, ratify settlement for back wages claim with Teamsters Union, Local 856, as recommended by the Labor Negotiator and General Manager.

**MOTION:** Director Manning moved approval of Ratifying Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Horn adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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