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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Simmons called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Anderson, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Storer and Weir. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened. Director Worth was absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Barnes, Barrientos, Bowron, Casenave, Churchill, Crayton, Hill, Mitchell, Muzzini, Polee, Rettig, Robinson, Rossini, and Thompson.

Guest: Ralph Hoffman and Phil McGuire, Innovative Paradigms Representative

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Ralph Hoffman suggested a change to Route 4 in Walnut Creek to ease traffic jams and make the trips faster.

Judy Barrientos, President of the ATU, stated that the ATU and County Connection came to a contract agreement three months ago. She and the members of the ATU would like to review the written contract.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Manning moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 19, 2013; (b) Additional CalPers Medical Plans for Administration, ATU and Teamsters and Resolution Nos. 2014-007, 2014-008, 2014-009; (c) Increasing Cafeteria Amounts for Non-Represented Employees and Resolution No. 2014-011. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval. Director Simmons noted that he would abstain from approval of the September 19, 2013 minutes as he did not attend.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Weir

No: None

Abstain: Director Simmons (as to Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2013 only)

Absent: Directors Hoffmeister and Worth

(Director Hoffmeister arrived.)

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Simmons thanked the Board for electing him as the new Board Chair. The Chair reported that BART is about to begin the Walnut Creek BART redevelopment project at the Walnut Creek BART station. He indicated the project should be well on its way in next nine months.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Rick Ramacier reviewed the following: First, he made note of the upcoming County Connection Employee Appreciation Day. Next, he mentioned that Bill Churchill, Director of Transportation with County Connection, looked into comments relative to potential service issues raised at recent Board meetings by First Transit employees. He was unable to substantiate any of the claims of service problems with First Transit's delivery of Link service. The General Manager noted that County Connection is unable to get involved in disagreements or disputes between First Transit employees and management. The General Manager added that First Transit's management has been notified by County Connection staff that their appears to be issues between First Transit management and its employees that need their attention.

Federal Government Shutdown Impact on County Connection Grants

General Manager Rick Ramacier reported that the Federal Government had little impact on County Connection. Federal Grants were put on hold during the shutdown, however the grant process started back immediately after the shutdown was over.

County Connection Response to Any Possible BART Strike

General Manager Rick Ramacier announced that County Connection was prepared for another possible BART strike and reviewed any additional services to be provided.

Report on APTA Annual Conference in Chicago

General Manager Rick Ramacier reported that at this year's APTA Conference the main focus was the Reauthorization of MAP21 and how the transit industry can cope with the significant changes and interpretation of the new rules.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance Committee:

Update on Bishop Ranch Service Agreement

Director Dessayer informed the Board that County Connection has been in negotiations with Bishop Ranch to include service to AT&T. He then turned over the discussion to Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning, to further discuss where these negotiations are. Staff believes that this is a good time to consider updating the contract between Bishop Ranch and County Connection to address the interest in adding service. After a fair amount of discussion between Bishop Ranch and County Connection the issue of updating the contract has been deferred to a later date.

Due to time constraints of some board members, Board members wanted to change the order of the agenda with allowing item 7.c. to be heard before 7.b.

MOTION: Director Horn moved that the order of agenda items be changed from 7.b.to 7.c. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

Operations & Scheduling Committee

Proposed Alamo T-1 Service Agreement

Anne Muzzini explained that the Alamo T-1 Service Agreement between the County of Contra Costa and County Connection would establish a transit benefit for the residents of the County Service Area (CSA) T-1. Since 2006, a yearly fee has been collected by the county from each residential home to fund extended public transit service. The intent of the Agreement is to provide a free shuttle service in the service corridors between CSA T-1 and the Walnut Creek and Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations, to help mitigate traffic on the Danville roads.

MOTION: Director Schroder moved approval of Resolution No. 2014-010, Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Contra Costa County for Operation of Alamo Creek T-1 Transit Services. Director Horn seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee:

The Contra Costa County Mobility Management Plan

Director Schroder introduced this item and mentioned that it has been to the MP & L Committee on two separate occasions. The MP & L Committee believes the adoption of this plan will help move forward some of the things identified at the Paratransit workshop on September 6, 2013.

County Connection retained the services of Phil McGuire of Innovative Paradigms. Phil McGuire gave a brief description on the process of putting the plan together and some of the findings. He also briefly explained the potential of a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA).

General Manager Rick Ramacier stated that the implementation of the mobility management function, would be funded initially by Measure J and federal new freedom grants. This function would be overseen by an over sight committee made up of transit operators and select social service providers.

After substantial discussion from the Board, it was a general agreement that it should be fully supported and be forwarded to Contra Costa Transit Authority after the Board approves it.

Ralph Hoffman, representing seniors in the area, stated that as seniors we need to be able to get out and go to doctors' appointments or other errands and still feel independent. So many seniors commit suicide because they feel useless or helpless. So he fully supports the Contra Costa Mobility Management Plan.

MOTION: Director Storer moved approval of the draft for the Contra Costa County Mobility Management Plan. Director Horn seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Erling Horn stated that he has submitted his letter of retirement today after 17 years. It has been a pleasure and a fantastic tenure. Don Tatzin will be taking over for him, and Erling feels he will be a great asset to the Board of Directors and to County Connection itself.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Position: General Manager

At 10:27 a.m. Chair Simmons announced the Board would take a break and reconvene for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Position: General Manager.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:48 a.m. Chair Simmons announced the Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Position: General Manager. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Simmons adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date