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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2014

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 Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth. Directors Andersen and Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Hill, Mitchell, Muzzini, Rettig, and Vassallo

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Worth moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following item: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 19, 2013. Director Weir seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Simmons stated that he will be attending the US Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. He is looking forward to hearing from Anthony Foxx, the Secretary of Transportation.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager Rick Ramacier reported that a copy of the current MOU was sent on January 13, 2014 to the ATU President, responding to her request. At the General Manager's request, Pat Glenn responded to a letter from the ATU Local 1605 President, Judy Barrientos.

Mr. Ramacier also reported that he attended a meeting with the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority. They authorized circulation of the Mobility Management Plan to the four regional transportation agencies for comment. This is the Plan that County Connection adopted late last year for further public input and implementation. The CCTA Board Members had an extensive question and

answer period that he believes that it was both comprehensive and beneficial for all parties. CCTA may take action on the Plan in the spring.
(Director Hoffmeister arrived.)

Upcoming APTA Legislative Conference

Mr. Ramacier stated that the Legislative APTA meeting will be in March 2014 and it is confirmed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors will be attending. The main focus this year will be the Reauthorization of MAP21.

Update on the Governor's FY2014 Statewide Budget

Mr. Ramacier stated that there are no proposed cutbacks to Transit. The Budget looks relatively good compared to other years. County Connection may benefit from the Cap and Trade provision, which may make funding available for the Electric Trolley Project in Walnut Creek for ongoing operational expenses. As he learns more, he will inform the Board of any and all updates.
(Director Andersen arrived.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Operations & Scheduling Committee

Update on The Clipper Card Project

Director Weir thanked the General Manager for all of his and his staff's work on the Clipper Card Project. Mr. Ramacier gave the Board an update on the status of Clipper and where County Connection stands on implementing it. MTC is in talks with their current vendor to bring the 2nd generation of the existing technology to County Connection, TriDelta Transit, and WestCat; the goal is to have it installed and working by the end of 2015 or the beginning of 2016. After much discussion with the Board members, Rick Ramacier recommended that County Connection stay the course with the Clipper implementation schedule, continue to let MTC know that we want Clipper sooner rather than later, and offer help to MTC. The General Manager will meet with the director of CCTA and MTC staff to explore possible alternatives for interim to coordinate fare collection between County Connection and BART. Staff will provide an update to the O & S Committee at the appropriate time.

BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Director Schroder mentioned that he will be writing an article for the Community Focus regarding the Bus Tracker Transit app.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Simmons adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date