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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006, AT 9:16 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Heller; Director Brown; Director Kinsey; Director Swanson; Director Murray; Director Adams

**2a. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

(1.) Election of President.

M/s Director McGlashan - Director Murray to nominate Director Adams as President of the Marin County Transit District Board of Directors for calendar year 2006.

AYES: ALL

(2.) Election of Vice-President.

M/s Director McGlashan - Director Kinsey to nominate Director Kinsey as Vice-President of the Marin County Transit District Board of Directors for calendar year 2006.

AYES: ALL

(3.) Election of Second Vice-President.

M/s Director Swanson - Director Murray to nominate Director McGlashan as Second Vice-President of the Marin County Transit District Board of Directors for calendar year 2006.

AYES: ALL

**2B. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION, LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER, ON ITEMS NOT ON THE TRANSIT DISTRICT AGENDA**

Alternate Transit District Director

Alternate Transit Director Paul Albritton advised that he was present.

("SMART")

In response to a question from a member of the public, Director Brown advised that staff has been instructed to coordinate comments from departments and Board members regarding the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit ("SMART") Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR").

**2c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2005**

M/s Director Adams - Director Murray to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2005.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Director McGlashan; Director Brown; Director Kinsey; Director Swanson; Director Murray; Director Adams

ABSTAIN: Director Heller

2d. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MATTERS

Director Kinsey requested a discussion in regards to a co-location for the Marin County Transit District ("MCTD") and the Transportation Authority of Marin ("TAM") be added to Item 2h, regarding the organization of the Transit District.

2e. TRANSIT PLANNING MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian advised that he had nothing to report at this time.

2f. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT (MAY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2011) WITH THE GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE INTRACOUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE IN MARIN COUNTY

By letter dated January 10, 2006, Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian submitted his report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter and briefly summarized the proposed five-year agreement with Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District ("GGBHTD"). Mr. Mansourian introduced County Counsel Patrick Faulkner who advised that Section 10 of the Agreement has been revised as follows: In the event any dispute arises regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, the parties agree to participate in nonbinding mediation as a prerequisite to the initiation of litigation; and the protocols and time deadlines applicable to the mediation phase shall be determined by mutual agreement of the parties.

Board members and staff discussed several issues including contracted hourly rate comparisons, operating costs related to fuel, a cap of 5% growth in hourly cost per year, replacement buses, and continued efforts to reduce costs of service, and requested several modifications to the five-year Intracounty Public Bus Transit Service in Marin County Agreement.

A few members of the public addressed the Board and thanked Director Kinsey, Mr. Mansourian, and Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("GGBHTD") General Manager Celia Kupersmith for their work on this item, discussed Measure A revenues, Transportation Development Act ("TDA") and State Transit Assistance ("STA") funds, alternative fuel buses, and increasing levels of service.

M/s Director Kinsey - Director Adams to authorize President to execute five-year Marin Local Fixed Route Service Contract with Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District ("GGBHTD"), as recommended by staff.

AYES: ALL

2g. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE TWO-MONTH AGREEMENT (MAY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2006) WITH THE GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE INTERCOUNTY PARATRANSIT SERVICES

By letter dated January 10, 2006, Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Murray - Director Adams to authorize the President to execute amendment to agreement with Golden Gate Transit ("GGT") for a two-month extension to provide Intercounty Paratransit Services.

AYES: ALL

2h. PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

By letter dated January 10, 2006, Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian submitted his report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter, gave a brief history of the Marin County Transit District ("MCTD"), and briefly summarized three options for adjusting the reporting arrangement of MCTD. Mr. Mansourian advised that it is time for MCTD to become a separate entity and recommended the second option.

M/s Director Kinsey - Director McGlashan to:

- (1.) Approve a Transit General Manager position;
- (2.) Authorize the Public Works Director to prepare a job description and salary range for a new position of Transit General Manager; and
- (3.) Report through a Transit General Manager directly to the Board of Directors, without reporting through the County's Public Works Director. Under this alternative, the District would hire a full time professional Transit General Manager who would shape the future of the District. The District would operate as an independent governmental entity, which is allowable under the enabling legislation.
- (4.) Authorize the Public Works Director to provide a detailed budget analysis for implementation and report back to the Board in February for final approval.

A few members of the public addressed the Board regarding the administrative duties of MCTD and the costs of reorganization.

Board members responded to a question from Craig Yates of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's ("MTC") Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee ("EDAC") regarding consultants hired for the Transportation Authority of Marin and those hired to assist the Transit District with the development of the Short Range Transit Plan.

Thereafter, the vote on the pending motion was

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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