

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005, AT 9:01 A.M.

[Directors Heller and Murray were absent. The Board recessed to closed session at 9:02 a.m.](#)

1a. Closed Session

The Board met at 9:03 a.m. in closed session for a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1). Number of potential cases: one.

The Board recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:18 a.m. Directors Heller and Kinsey were absent.

Roll Call:

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Swanson; Director Murray; Director Brown; Alternate Director Albritton

Absent: Director Heller; Director Kinsey

The President reported that the Board met in closed session and advised that there was no announcement at this time.

[1b. Open time](#)

No member of the public addressed the Board.

[1c. Approval of minutes](#)

M/s Supervisor Adams - Supervisor Murray to approve minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2005.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Swanson; Director Murray; Director Brown; Alternate Director Albritton

ABSENT: Director Heller; Director Kinsey

[1d. Board of Directors' Matters.](#)

Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit ("SMART") District Draft Environmental Impact Report

Director McGlashan advised that the passenger rail service project draft EIR has just been received from SMART and is available in hard copy, on CD and on SMART's website.

[1e. Transit Manager's Oral Report.](#)

Staff Introduction

Transit Manager Amy Van Doren introduced Senior Transportation Planner Laura Bernheim.

Draft Short-Range Transit Plan ("SRTP") Timeline

Ms. Van Doren distributed and briefly summarized a draft SRTP timeline, including the allocation process for receiving Transportation Authority of Marin ("TAM") funds for next year.

School Bus Ticket Program

Ms. Van Doren advised that she will provide a full report regarding options for the school bus ticket program for low-income students at the next Transit District meeting.

TransLink Program

Ms. Van Doren clarified information presented at the October 25, 2005, Transit District meeting, noting that Marin County Transit District local service will be included in the implementation of TransLink, which is scheduled for May, 2006. Ms. Van Doren further clarified that special local fare programs will not be included at that time.

1f. Resolution of Local Support for Regional Transportation Improvement Program Funds to Develop a Bus Transit Transfer Facility in Southern Novato.

By letter dated November 22, 2005, Transit Manager Amy Van Doren submitted her report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

M/s Director Murray - Director Swanson to adopt Resolution No. 05-02 for Local Support for Regional Transportation Improvement Program Funds to Develop a Bus Transit Transfer Facility in Southern Novato.

A member of the public expressed concern that the proposed Bus Transit Transfer Facility location may not be an optimum site, noting that this area is at a very busy intersection, which could cause delays in bus service. The speaker urged the Board to amend language in the funding application to allow for evaluation of alternate sites.

(Director Kinsey present at 10:26 a.m.)

In response to the speaker's comments, Director Murray noted that the Bel Marin Keys site is just one of several potential sites used to obtain program funds and evaluation of alternative sites will be included in the project.

Director Kinsey noted that Director Murray has been working closely with the City of Novato to coordinate their transit planning for the future with all stops on the SMART rail line as well as with bus facilities. Director Kinsey agreed that no commitment is being made today to a specific site.

A member of the public noted that the proposed site in Bel Marin Keys is in the middle of nowhere and urged the Board to look at other options for more transit-oriented development sites.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0.

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

ABSENT: Director Heller

[The Marin County Transit District Board of Directors adjourned at 10:31 a.m.](#)

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