

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006, AT 9:08 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Heller; Director Kinsey; Director Albritton (Alternate);
Director Murray; Director Adams

Absent: Director Brown; Director Swanson

1a. Open time

No member of the public addressed the Board at this time.

1b. Approval of minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2006.

M/s Director Heller - Director Murray to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2006.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Director McGlashan; Director Heller; Director Kinsey; Director Albritton;
Director Murray; Director Adams

ABSENT: Director Brown; Director Swanson

1c. Board of Directors' Matters.

Staff Acknowledgement

Directors Kinsey and Heller acknowledged staff for their outreach efforts during recent public hearings to receive comment on the Transit District's Short Range Transit Plan ("SRTP").

Transit General Manager

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian reported that staff will be presenting information to the Board regarding a job description and salary range for the Transit General Manager position. Human Resources is investigating a salary range and staff will be prepared to bring the job description to the Board in April.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission ("MTC")

Mr. Mansourian advised that Director Kinsey was instrumental in ensuring that Marin County Transit District will receive \$1.6 million in surplus federal transit funds after discovering that the District was excluded from a MTC draft policy regarding fund programming. These funds will be designated for MCTD capital projects in the future.

(Supervisor Brown present at 9:13 a.m.)

1e. Request to adopt Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") complaint procedures and designate the Transit Planning Manager as ADA Compliance Officer.

M/s Director Brown - Director Murray to adopt Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") complaint procedures and designate the Transit Planning Manager as ADA Compliance Officer.

Director Murray directed staff to translate the ADA procedures and complaint forms into other appropriate languages.

Thereafter, the vote on the pending motion was

Vote: Motion carried 7-0.

AYES: Director McGlashan; Director Heller; Director Brown; Director Kinsey;
Director Albritton; Director Murray; Director Adams

ABSENT: Director Swanson

1f. Hearing: Receive public comment on Draft Short Range Transit Plan ("SRTP").

Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren briefly summarized the public process to date, as well as the future meeting schedule. Ms. Van Doren reported that the public comment period will close on Friday, March 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at which time staff will finish reviewing all comments and provide direction to the consultants on revising the SRTP. Ms. Van Doren advised that staff plans to provide the revised SRTP to the Board no later than March 14, 2006, and a special Transit District meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the revisions and adopt the SRTP.

Ms. Van Doren advised that staff will present information to the Board in March regarding a public review process and timeline for the separate process of adopting a Service Plan, with a goal of implementation in September 2006.

Ms. Van Doren commented that staff continues to work with communities to review ways to satisfy their service needs.

Director McGlashan noted that the Muir Woods Shuttle is operated by Marin County and not by the Park Service.

In response to a question from Director Kinsey, Ms. Van Doren advised that MCTD fares are proposed to be established independently of Golden Gate Transit fares to allow time for review of the effects of service plan changes.

In response to questions from Director Murray regarding the paratransit plan, Ms. Van Doren briefly described the paratransit elements in the SRTP. Bonnie Nelson from Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates spoke about the proposed travel training program and noted that the focus of the program is on minimizing service denials in non-mandated service areas.

A member of the Novato Senior Citizens Club commented on the lack of paratransit services in the Black Point area of Novato.

Two members of the public requested staff and the Board to place an increased emphasis on creating and implementing a public transportation route that connects the communities of West Marin and urged the Board to consider constituting a formal working group in Bolinas to assess those needs.

A member of the public expressed concern that the Muir Beach community has not been considered in discussions regarding West Marin public transportation and requested that the West Marin Stagecoach schedule be increased.

A representative of the Marin Tenants' Union requested more time for review of the SRTP to allow for additional public outreach.

A representative from Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund ("TRANSDEF") congratulated staff on the SRTP, spoke about the realities of funding the Plan, and provided some suggestions to increase service on Highway 101.

Board members acknowledged staff and the consultant for their excellent work on the SRTP.

Board members commented on public input to the SRTP and whether the plan includes Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit ("SMART"), the use of hybrid vehicles and biodiesel fuel, the potential for Stage service on Panoramic Highway and for service to Muir Beach in the future on the Muir Woods Shuttle, capital improvements to the Marin City-southern Marin transit hub, and correcting fare box recovery assumptions. Members also commented regarding a cost benefit analysis on the direct purchase of vehicles, advertising on bus shelters, collaboration between Health and Human Services and the Transit District to create a partnership for to extend the County Connection shuttle, working to locate the Novato transit hub, and commitment to the transit dependent and to maintain paratransit service through taxi programs and partnerships with non-profit organizations.

(Supervisor Brown absent at 9:55 a.m.)

Board members further commented on local service stops in Sausalito, the provision of a coordinated map of proposed local service and regional service, TransLink or universal fares, the provision for signage and other transit information, the challenge of getting the public to use mass transit, balancing implementation green technology against service improvements to increase ridership and a comprehensive marketing program.

(Supervisor Brown present at 10:05 a.m.)

Board members expressed support for retaining services for the aged and disabled communities and asked staff to insure that there will be opportunities after the SRTP is adopted to review transportation needs as development in certain areas impacts density.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY