

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007, AT 10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director Kinsey; Director McGlashan; Director Brown; Director Arnold; Director Heller;
Director Albritton (Alternate)

1. Open time for public expression, limited to three minutes per speaker, on items not on the Transit Districts' agenda.

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

2. [Approval of minutes for March 19, 2007.](#)

M/s Director Arnold - Director Albritton (Alternate) approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2007.

3. [Board of Directors' Matters.](#)

Director McGlashan announced that the Muir Woods Shuttle is in its third and final year of the pilot program. He stated that starting May 26, the shuttle will meet the Sausalito Ferry and provide express service to Muir Woods during the summer months with 20-minute headways. He added that any Golden Gate Transit bus on Bridgeway links to the Muir Woods service so visitors will be able to make the connection easily.

Director Brown asked Ms. Van Doren about the scheduling process and whether bus drivers are consulted before changes are made to obtain their input.

Ms. Van Doren noted that Golden Gate Transit has an internal feedback process with the drivers.

Director Kinsey agreed that incorporating the drivers' "street knowledge" when considering route changes is a good idea, and asked Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Mansourian, Transit General Manager, to report back to the Board on how this might be accomplished both informally or in a structured way. He stressed that the process should retain the District's independence from the Golden Gate Bridge District in how they run their operations.

Director Albritton asked about the process for considering passenger input and that staff include this in the report.

Ms. Van Doren said that most route changes are developed based on public input.

4. [Transit Planning Manager's Oral Report.](#)

Monthly Monitoring Report for February 2007

Ms. Van Doren submitted the narrative summary of the February 2007 Performance Report and noted that data for the March 2007 report was not available yet from Golden Gate Transit.

At the request of the Board, Ms. Van Doren reported on the implementation of Translink. She said that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and ERG, the Translink contractor, are in negotiations regarding some change orders. The expectation is that Translink will be available for use on Golden Gate Transit vehicles by the end of 2008, and on Transit District vehicles during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Golden Gate Transit is issuing an RPF for new fare boxes that may have magnetic strip readers, and staff is looking at the options this may provide.

Ms. Van Doren reported that the second Route 259 shuttle community meeting was well attended and that staff is working on an analysis addressing operational issues which will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Director Albritton asked about the use of Translink as a monthly pass.

Ms. Van Doren introduced Lauren Gradia, Senior Transportation Planner for the Transit District, who has worked on Translink.

Ms. Gradia said that it requires reprogramming to change the fare amount or add new fare types such as day or monthly passes. She noted that reprogramming must be done by ERG, which will not be available until 2008. She stated that the initial reprogramming costs seem very high, and that negotiations are going on now between MTC and ERG on this issue.

Director Albritton suggested that, given the cost and delay, going with a reasonable per-day fare would be easiest.

Director Kinsey asked staff to consider whether, since over 70 percent of Marin's ridership is transit-dependent, is Translink a financially workable option for them since it requires having a credit card and keeping a minimum balance compared to the cash cost of a monthly pass.

Director McGlashan asked if this subject could be discussed on a future agenda.

Ms. Van Doren agreed to bring the discussion back to the Board at a later time.

5. [Public Hearing for Federal Transit Administration 5311 \(F\) Funds to Purchase One Additional Vehicle for the West Marin Stagecoach.](#)

[041607 Public Hearing for FTA 5311f Bus](#)

Director Kinsey seeing no members of the public who wished to speak, closed the public hearing which was seconded by Director McGlashan.

Ms. Van Doren said that a third vehicle is needed on the new Coastal Route of the West Marin Stagecoach which provides three round trips a day from Stinson Beach to Point Reyes. The additional vehicle would improve reliability of the service.

Director Kinsey moved to approve.
AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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PRESIDENT

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