



FINAL MINUTES

Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
March 4, 2014
8:30 AM
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Chair Davis reported that all members were present.
3. **REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**
Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, February 28, 2014 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed and mailed to those on the agenda minutes list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES- (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Director Rodriguez moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of February 18, 2014 with an amendment for item #15 that the adjournment should reflect that Director Tabor moved to adjourn the meeting with a second made by Director Easton. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **CASH REPORT- (ATTACHMENTS- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Director Rodriguez moved to approve the cash report of February 11, 2014 through February 24, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
A member of the public (Bonnie) spoke under public comment regarding the placement of benches at bus shelters.
7. **STAFF PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 DRAFT OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS- (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller presented the draft operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Following a discussion, the Board requested that staff work closely with the Finance Committee to address the projected use of cash reserves to balance the operating budget, with special emphasis on the proposed service increase included in the draft service plan.
8. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, reported to the board that the MTD employees who are part of the Teamsters Union Local 186 had voted to ratify a Last, Best and Final offer from the District. Ms. Fisher stated that staff was pleased that the majority of MTD employees who are members of Teamsters Local 186 recognized the economic climate that limited increases in wages and benefits.

Ms. Fisher reported that MTD and UCSB staff have signed a financial agreement for enhanced service that will meet the increased transit demand resulting from the UCSB San Joaquin project. UCSB and MTD staffs are creating a joint press release announcing the agreement.

Ms. Fisher shared with the Board that driver Clarence Suhr had retired on February 28, 2014 after 40 years of employment with the district. Ms. Fisher shared that Mr. Suhr will be attending a future board meeting so that staff and the Board can recognize and thank him for his service.

Ms. Fisher reported that MTD and SBCAG expect to be able to continue the Coastal Express Limited service until December 12, 2014.

Ms. Fisher and George Amoon, Manager of Planning, shared that the Planning Department will be hosting meetings to gather community input for the proposed fall service changes that will be implemented in August 2014, if approved by the Board. The following schedule was shared with the Board:

- Wednesday, March 19th (2:00 p.m.)
MTD Administrative Office
550 Olive Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Thursday, March 20th (6:00 p.m.)
MTD Administrative Office
550 Olive Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Wednesday, March 19th (6:15 p.m.)
Carpinteria Library
5141 Carpinteria Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93103
- To Be Determined
Isla Vista/Goleta
Meeting date and location
to be announced soon

Ms. Fisher and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller, reported to the Board that staff would be submitting a grant application for funds from the Federal Transportation Administration's No Emission (LoNo) Vehicle Deployment Grant Program to be able to remanufacture five electric buses working through Calstart.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The members of the Development Committee asked that a meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th at 8:00 a.m.

AT THIS POINT CHAIR DAVIS MOVED TO ITEM #11 DUE TO AN ERROR IN NUMBERING THAT OMMITTED ITEM #10

RELATED TO EACH CLOSED SESSION; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION– GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
SBMTD designated representatives: Dick Weinberg, Olivia Rodriguez, Ed Easton

SBMTD unrepresented employee: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action had been taken. Chair Davis also reported that Director Easton left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Director McQuary moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Director Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.