



**Draft Minutes
Of the
Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
9:00 AM
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Davis, Chair; Dick Weinberg, Vice Chair; Sharon Anderson, Secretary; Roger Aceves, Director; John Britton; Director; Brian Fahnestock; Director

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chuck McQuary, Director

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant; Cynthia Boche, Assistant Planning Manager; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance; David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations; Gabriel Garcia, HR & Risk Manager; Brad Davis, Assistant Controller

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Doug Large, Archbald and Spray; Bob Tuler, Radius Commercial Real Estate

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 with the exception of Director McQuary who would not be attending today's meeting.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant reported that on Friday, February 6, 2009, the agenda for this meeting was posted at MTD's Administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

AT THIS TIME CHAIR DAVIS MOVED TO ITEMS # 6 AND # 7 FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEMS # 9 THROUGH ITEM # 11.

6. & 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Fahnestock moved to approve the consent calendar for items #4 (Approval of minutes of January 27, 2009) and item #5 (Cash Report January 20, 2009 through February 2, 2009). Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

9. RESOLUTION 09-04- COMMENDATION JOHN BRITTON

(Attachment- action may be taken)

Director Fahnestock moved to pass a Resolution honoring John Britton, MTD Board Director for his six years of service as MTD's Board Chair (from February 2, 1999 – February 29, 2000 and from September 16, 2003 to January 13, 2009). Secretary Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Davis presented Director Britton with a token of appreciation and thanked him for his years of service.

10. UPDATE- CITY OF SANTA BARBARA (Action may be taken)

Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara Councilmember/MTD Liaison thanked the City-appointed outgoing Chair Britton for his service.

Councilmember Schneider updated the Board on several ongoing projects including a resolution from the Santa Barbara School District to bring the Farmers Market to Harding School on Wednesday afternoons, a scheduled meeting to discuss the intersection of State and De la Vina Streets, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the transportation model under development as part of the Plan Santa Barbara process, a joint meeting with the Transportation and Circulation Committee and the Planning Commission regarding access to the Cottage Hospital area, and the Stimulus Package from Washington DC.

Councilmember Schneider also reported on a Transportation Summit that she attended along with Director McQuary and General Manager Fisher.

11. FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS (Attachment- action may be taken)

Staff presented the Board with a list of MTD projects for Federal Transit Stimulus Funds. Chair Davis moved to direct Staff to draft a letter to SBCAG regarding the stimulus funding. Director Fahnestock moved to approve the list of MTD capital projects for the Federal Transit Stimulus Funds. Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS # 4, # 5 AND # 17.

4. TIME CERTAIN 9:30 AM- RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- 5353 OVERPASS ROAD

(Action may be taken)

Upon returning from closed session the Board instructed staff to continue negotiations with real property negotiators regarding lease of the MTD owned 5353 Overpass Road Property; MTD negotiators Bob Tuler & Brian Johnson, Agents, Radius Commercial Real Estate.

5. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Section 54956.9 (b))

(Action may be taken) One case.

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

17. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-1020 CHAPALA STREET (Action may be taken)

Upon returning from closed session the Board instructed staff to communicate back to the RDA.

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD CONTINUED WITH ITEMS # 12 THROUGH # 16 AND ITEM #18.

12. QUARTERLY STAFF REPORTS (Attachment- action may be taken)

The Board reviewed quarterly staff reports for the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

13. SIX-MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Attachment- action may be taken)

The Board reviewed the Six-Month Financial Statements for FY-08-09.

14. HEALTH INSURANCE (Attachment- action may be taken)

The Board authorized the staff recommendation regarding the renewal of Staff Health Insurance. Director Fahnestock moved to approve the motion. Vice Chair Weinberg seconded the motion. Director Aceves opposed the motion. The motion passed.

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager reminded the Board that the next Board Meeting will be televised on February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

General Manager Fisher reported to the Board that California Transit Association Lobby Day is March 25th in Sacramento. Due to the Proposed Budget revisions and Financial update scheduled for the next meeting, Controller/ Assistant General Manager, Jerry Estrada may not be able to attend the CTA event.

The General Manager also informed the Board of a fundraiser organized by MTD employees for a driver that has been battling a serious illness.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Weinberg update the Board of a Marketing Development Committee Meeting where the Short Range Transit Plan was reviewed. Measure A was also discussed.

18. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.