

**YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 12, 2011
Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, CA**

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Pimentel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He requested that Ms. Souza call roll. He then asked Ms. Alba to lead the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. The following representatives were in attendance:

Davis – Sue Greenwald (Primary)
West Sacramento – Oscar Villegas (Primary)
Winters – Harold Anderson (Primary)
Woodland – Art Pimentel (Primary)
Yolo County – Mike McGowan (Primary) arrived 7:07 p.m.
Caltrans District 3 – Eric Fredericks (Primary)
UC Davis – Geoff Straw (Alternate)

Staff present were Terry Bassett, YCTD Executive Director; Janice Phillips, YCTD Deputy Director; Sonia Cortés, YCTD Legal Counsel and Kathy Souza, YCTD Administrative Assistant.

Also present were Carmen Alba, Veolia Transportation and Mike Barnbaum, Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 - Consider Approval of Agenda for September 12, 2011, 2011 meeting

Vice Chair Pimentel asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Bassett responded there were none.

Minute Order 11-33

Director Villegas made the motion, seconded by Director Greenwald, to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2011 meeting as distributed. Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Anderson, Greenwald, Pimentel, Villegas
NOES: None
ABSENT: Yolo County Representative
ABSTAIN: None

Agenda Item 3 - Comments from public regarding matters NOT on the Agenda, but within the purview of YCTD

Chair McGowan arrived

Mike Barnbaum, Sacramento, informed the board that Sacramento RT had decided not to consider reinstatement of any of its service reductions until a later date. He also advised that the Sacramento International Airport would hold a Community Day to celebrate the completion of the new Terminal B on October 2nd. He asked if Yolobus would have a stop at the new terminal. Mr. Bassett responded that the new stop would be served as soon as the new terminal opens for business and the airport allows Yolobus to use the new stop.

Vice Chair Pimentel passed the gavel to Chair McGowan.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Minute Order 11-34

Director Pimentel made the motion, seconded by Director Villegas, to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- 4a. Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 board of directors meeting.
- 4b. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Filing of Grant Applications and Executing Grant Agreements And Supplemental Documents

Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Anderson, Greenwald, McGowan, Pimentel, Villegas
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Agenda Item 5 - Board Member Reports, Announcements, Appointment Nominations, Presentations

None

Agenda Item 6 – Oral Update from Veolia Transportation

- a) Carmen Alba reported construction was on-going and Veolia was addressing pedestrian safety, especially in low light conditions.
- b) Ms. Alba stated drivers would attend monthly safety meetings during the week.
- c) Ms. Alba reported 4 of the rehabilitated Orion buses were back on property and in service, 3 still undergoing work and 5 still in service waiting to be sent for rehabilitation.
- d) Ms. Alba informed the directors that the Yolo Veolia group had hosted 3 Veolia Management Advancement Programs enabling them to have a higher number of local employees participate.
- e) Ms. Alba reported that, effective 9/1/11, employees had received raises of 1.75 to 2.5% in addition to their step increases.

Agenda Item 7 - Consider Issues Related to Federal Funding of Transportation Projects

Mr. Bassett reported the following items regarding potential funding sources.

a) **FY 2012 Federal Transportation Funding-**

The last federal surface transportation bill, called SAFETEA-LU, on September 30, 2009. Since then, transportation funding had relied on continuing resolutions. Mr. Bassett reported that the leaders of the Senate and House had agreed to extend SAFETEA-LU for an additional 6 months and would go to the full Senate and House for consideration. Also to be considered by both the Senate and House would be a package that would reduce federal transportation funding by 34% proposed by Congressman John Mica which would seriously impact public transportation programs.

- b) **Pending Federal Funding Opportunities**—Mr. Bassett informed the directors that staff had either prepared direct applications or written letters of partnership for the following pending projects.

1) **Applications through SACOG Funding Round**

SACOG solicited applications for funding under Bike/Pedestrian (\$7.2 million), Community Design, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), and Regional/Local categories. For most of these programs, SACOG established its own committee review process. Mr. Bassett added there could be an opportunity to utilize the review process that involving YCTD’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Yolo Managers Group (composed of the four city managers and County Administrator) to prioritize particularly the Regional/Local projects if the directors so chose.

YCTD was asked to partner on the following projects:

City of Woodland: The project would involve road rehabilitation and bike/pedestrian related improvements, including a bus turnout, near and at YCTD bus stops on East Main Street between East Street and Pioneer Avenue. It was staff’s understanding that the total project was \$1.57 million, including \$330,000 in Bike/Ped, \$750,000 in regional/local, \$100,000 in local sales tax and \$290,000 in Woodland State Transit Assistance funds.

County of Yolo: At the request from County of Yolo staff, YCTD staff submitted a grant application for \$100,000 in “Category 3” Community Design funds for bus stop related improvements in the Town of Madison. The total project cost was \$225,000 with remaining funds to consist of state casino revenues and the County’s share of State Transit Assistance funds.

Bassett passed out a summary of applications submitted by the four cities, the County, YCTD, and U.C. Davis to SACOG. Bassett indicated that SACOG has established a process that uses various committees to review and recommend projects under the Community Design, Bike/Pedestrian, and Regional/Local categories.

Chair McGowan stated that, while it was difficult to prioritize projects (at YCTD), it was a task that should be undertaken.

Director Pimentel explained that the City of Woodland was reconsidering its plans to continue to make the I-5/113 project its number one priority. It was being proposed to move Woodland's Kentucky Avenue improvement project to its number one priority as a regionally significant project. He expressed the hope that the YCTD board could support such a change if the City decided to move forward with it and further expressed appreciation for the continuing support from the board and staff for the I-5/113 project to date.

Mr. Bassett stated that, based on input at tonight's meeting, he would move to convene the TAC, as well as involve the Yolo Managers Group, to bring a prioritized list to the October board meeting.

2) **Applications Directly to Federal Transit Administration or US DOT**

SACOG-Wide Bus Replacements under State of Good Repair Program: Sacramento Regional Transit District, in conjunction with SACOG's Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC), applied for bus replacements, including 34 buses and related equipment for RT (\$14,960,000 request), 14 buses and related equipment for YCTD (\$6,160,000 request), four (4) buses and related equipment for Unitrans (\$1,760,000 request), and a regional spare parts program (\$1,600,000 request). Mr. Bassett reported this group application may not be funded, partly because of the high spare ratio of one of the operators.

YCTD Solar Power: YCTD was applying for funds under the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Investment for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program. The total project was \$4,750,000, including \$4,275,000 in TIGGER III funds, matched by \$475,000 generated through savings in future electricity costs. \$49.9 million was available nationwide.

This was generally the same project requested the previous two cycles, with the exception that YCTD would have completed new bus and employee parking areas that could accommodate the panels.

Streetcar Alternatives Analysis: YCTD was the applicant for \$985,000 in funding under FTA's Alternatives Analysis (AA) program, for which there was \$25 million available nationwide. The proposed AA would further explore the alignments, operating concepts and potential modes for a streetcar or other fixed guideway transit system connecting West Sacramento and downtown Sacramento. The requested grant funds would allow the partner agencies, the Cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit District and YCTD, to complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for the selected route alignment and transit mode. This would assist the project in becoming eligible for federal funds.

TIGER III Funding: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, would provide an opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that could achieve critical national objectives. \$527 million was available for 2011. SACOG's Transportation Committee was to recommend a nominating process. Pre-applications were due October 3, 2011.

Agenda Item 8 - Consider Legislative Matters

Ms. Phillips called the directors' attention to the CTA alert included in their board packets. She summarized that SB 565 had a provision in the most recent amendment that would extend a previous suspension of restrictions as follows: *Existing law creates the State Transit Assistance Program. Under that program, funds may not be allocated to a transit operator for operating purposes unless the operator meets one of 2 specified efficiency standards, subject to certain exceptions. Existing law suspends those restrictions with respect to allocations for operating purposes made to those transit operators after January 1, 2010, through the 2011/12 fiscal year.*

This bill would extend the suspension of those restrictions through the 2014/15 fiscal year.

Chair McGowan asked staff to coordinate support of this bill with each of the jurisdictions before the board might take action at an upcoming meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Receive Director's Report

- a) Mr. Bassett reported he met with the Personnel Subcommittee of Directors McGowan and Pimentel on September 2nd, to review employee salaries and benefits. He added the Subcommittee planned to meet again over the next few weeks, to prepare a report for the YCTD Board for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

- b) Mr. Bassett stated that Ms. Phillips would represent the District at the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) conference, being held in Berkeley September 20-23 which was largely focused on ADA paratransit matters.
- c) Mr. Bassett reported meeting, on August 12, 2011, with staff from the City of Davis and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to exchange information regarding the at-grade pedestrian rail crossing request that the City of Davis submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission. He added that Davis had not applied for any SACOG funding for rail crossing modifications.
Director Greenwald responded that Mayor Krovoza continued to pursue the at-grade crossing proposal.
- d) Mr. Bassett stated the Groundbreaking Ceremony had been a success and very well attended.
- e) Mr. Bassett briefly reported on several recent incidents including one involving a shot fired at a commuter bus, reporting the offender was arrested, but released hours later. (No passengers had been injured in the incident.)
- f) Oral Update – None
- g) Attachments

Chair McGowan recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m., asking those not involved to leave the room, to convene in Closed Session.

Agenda Item 10 – Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957) Title: Executive Director

Agenda Item 11 – Public Report on Closed Session Items

Chair McGowan reported the Board had performed the Executive Director's review and found his work to be at an exceptional and exemplary level.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

 _____, Secretary

TERRY V. BASSETT
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