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Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Wednesday, February 24, 2010 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Items

Chair Doran Barnes called the meeting to order about 11:03 am; and, a quorum was established.

General Business

1. **Chair's Report** (oral)

Discussion Summary: Chair Doran Barnes welcomed participants and expressed his appreciation for their continued involvement as the ongoing state budget process unfolds

2. **Executive Director's Report** (oral)

Discussion Summary: Executive Director Josh Shaw welcomed participants and proceeded directly to the first agenda item regarding the latest on the state budget process

Strategic Goal 1 - Advocacy: Influence decision makers to enact policies and supply funds supporting and advancing public transit.

3. **Transit Revenue Protection & Enhancement**

a. **Transit Funding: Budget, Litigation & Initiative**

Discussion Summary: Executive Director Shaw reported that the Assembly on Monday passed a bill containing essentially the package the Executive Committee had earlier voted to support. This includes a one-time allocation of \$400 million to the State Transit Assistance program for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11, retention of the diesel sales tax, and increase in the diesel sales tax rate, a 75/25 split of diesel sales tax revenues between local transit operators and historic state transit obligations (chiefly intercity passenger rail) and supplemental non-Article XIX funds to help achieve the request STA baseline of \$350 million annually.

Shaw noted that this action took place on the 45th and final day of the 8th Special Session, but that the Legislature had not officially adjourned the Special Session. He reported that action on this package in the Senate was awaiting further negotiations with the Governor. He noted that among the Governor's chief concerns is the local fee authority

component, speculating that, while the Governor does not necessarily oppose this feature, the timing of the issue presents concerns for the Administration given current efforts to qualify a ballot initiative to suspend AB 32. Shaw also noted that the Governor takes exception to the package's inclusion of the suspension of certain corporate tax breaks in order for the package to retain revenue neutrality.

Shaw concluded that "Senate and Assembly leaders appear to be on the same page," and recommended no change in the Association's position on the measures.

Strategic Goal 2 - Member Services: Provide members timely information and services enhancing the strengths and effectiveness of their organizations.

4. Association Management

a. Transit Lobby Day and Spring Legislative Conference Planning

Discussion Summary: Shaw explained that, given the status of budget negotiations and the current absence of any other compelling transit-oriented business under way in the Legislature, it was recommended that a "traditional" Transit Lobby Day program was inappropriate, and that the day's activities instead should be comprised of targeted visits to key legislators and administration officials by members of the Executive and Legislative Committees, given that these members have been extensively involved in ongoing internal discussions about the current budget process. Though no formal vote was conducted, there was a consensus among the meeting participants supporting the idea of a scaled-back Transit Lobby Day.

Shaw directed participants to a listing of possible options for the hosting of a Spring Legislative Conference and advised that the Executive Committee would discuss the matter further at its face-to-face meeting scheduled for March 9.

Other Business

5. Other Business

a. Items Otherwise Not on the Agenda

No additional items were put before the Executive Committee.

6. Adjournment

Chair Doran Barnes adjourned the meeting at about 11:40am.

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California Transit Association
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Members Present

A	Charlie Anderson	Western Contra Costa Transit Authority
X	Mona Babauta	Santa Rosa CityBus
X	Doran Barnes	Foothill Transit
X	Jennifer Barton	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
A	Michael T. Burns	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
A	Donna DeMartino	San Joaquin Regional Transit District
A	Jim Gleich	AC Transit
X	Paul Jablonski	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
X	Debra Johnson	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
X	Kevin Kane	Victor Valley Transit Authority
X	Will Kempton	Orange County Transportation Authority
X	Brynn Kernaghan	Long Beach Transit
X	Karen King	Golden Empire Transit District
A	Jeanne Krieg	Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
A	David B. Kutrosky	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
A	Arthur Leahy	LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
X	Rebecca Long	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
X	Brian MacLeod	Gillig Corporation
X	Teri Mantony	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District
A	Jim Mastin	Mendocino Transit Authority
X	Seamus Murphy	San Mateo County Transit District
X	Pam O'Connor	Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
X	Carl Sedoryk	Monterey-Salinas Transit
A	Kam Shadan	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
X	Michael Wiley	Sacramento Regional Transit District

Substitutes Present

X	Richard Baciagalupo	Orange County Transportation Authority
X	Kurt Evans	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Staff Present

X	Joshua Shaw	California Transit Association
X	Sabrina Means	California Transit Association
X	Jeff Wagner	California Transit Association
X	Gus Khouri	California Transit Association
X	Amy Lai	California Transit Association
A	Tuyen Truong	California Transit Association
X	Andrew Antwih	Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, inc. – California Transit Association

Others Present

X	David Feinberg	Santa Monica Big Blue Bus
X	Leslie White	Santa Cruz Metro

X – Present
XT – Present by Telephone
A – Absent