



MEETING MINUTES

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento
Sacramento, CA 95814

Agenda Items

Chair Doran Barnes called the meeting to order at about 4:10pm; and, a quorum was established.

General Business

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

Chair Doran Barnes welcomed those in attendance and noted the intention for the committee to pick up discussion regarding the latest on the transportation funding package (or "gas tax swap") making its way through the legislative process.

The Chair took a moment to mark the passing of Jim Gleich, Deputy General Manager of Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District and a longtime member of the Association's Executive Committee. Mr. Gleich passed away on March 7. Barnes commented that "You could always count on Jim to ask the probing question. He will be sorely missed. We will adjourn today in his memory, and we will forward information regarding memorial services."

Executive Director Joshua Shaw added that "Jim was a unique and powerful voice for AC Transit, and he was always helpful to us as an Association. We believe he was the longest-seated member of our Executive Committee. We will miss him and his contributions."

2. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Shaw reported that the March 10 Transit Lobby Day had been scaled back from its traditional format, per the approval of the Executive Committee, because of the still-pending nature of the gas tax swap. He noted that Association was moving forward with meetings involving targeted legislators and regionally-comprised teams of key Association members.

Shaw also reported on the California Transit Initiative Training Workshop held earlier in the day, which was co-sponsored by the Center for Transportation Excellence and drew more than three dozen participants.

3. Consent Calendar [Marked with an asterisk*]

Discussion Summary: none

Motion, Second and carried to approve the Consent Calendar

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

4. Transit Revenue Protection & Enhancement

a. State Budget

Executive Director Shaw updated the Committee on the status of the gas tax swap, noting that the plan had been approved by both houses of the Legislature on March 4, and that it had now been split into two bills: one to execute the elimination of sales taxes on gasoline and two enact corresponding increases in the excise taxes, and a second to implement accompanying policy, including preservation and increase of the diesel sales tax and allocation of those revenues to transit. He reported that rail interests (predominantly private freight carriers) expressed concerns over the plan. These groups have traditionally been exempt from excise taxes on diesel, so the planned configuration would result in a net increase of approximately \$10 million per year in their tax liability. He noted that resolution of this matter could result in a corresponding \$10 million decrease in the proposed annual allocations to transit. He advised that this figure was not substantial enough to merit staunch opposition from transit interests, and recommended that the Association stand by and monitor the legislature's efforts to reconcile the concerns of railroad interests.

b. Association Litigation

Shaw reported that, with the Governor's January, 2010, State budget proposal the governor – by proposing to entirely eliminate all sources of PTA revenue – would seemingly relieve future legislatures from having to comply with case law as established in our litigation with regard to transit funding. Furthermore, the Department of Finance is now seeking to overturn the court ruling requiring reimbursement of \$1.118 billion illegally transferred from the PTA in 2007-08, and is seeking to vacate the earlier judgment requirement full reimbursement of the PTA. Resolution of the matter is expected some time in mid-April.

c. Transit Funding Protection Initiative

Shaw reported that more than 770,000 signatures had been collected in the effort to qualify the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 for the November ballot, and that the Association and its partners in the effort continue to move toward qualification.

5. **Transportation Legislative & Regulatory Issues**

a. 2010 State Legislative Program Update

Legislative Advocate Gus Khouri reported that the Association is not sponsoring any bills during the current legislative session, and that the deadline for submission of bills had passed on February 19

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

6. **Association Management**

a. Association Membership

Staff reported that 2010 membership dues invoices were sent to members the third week of December 2009. Staff sent Second Notices for outstanding dues on February 1, 2010 and plans to send Third/Final Notices, as well as make follow-up calls in early March. Verification forms were also sent to all members to confirm their staff to be included in the Association's 2010-11 Directory & Resource Guide.

Accepted under consent calendar

b. Update on Annual Fall Conference 2010

Association Services Director Amy Lai reported on plans to host a scaled-down version of the Association's annual Fall Conference and Expo during the week of September 13 in San Diego.

c. Proposed Supplier Membership Category – Rename

On recommendation of Executive Committee member Kam Shadan, the Committee discussed revising its Transit Industry Supplier membership category name to "Business Member" or "Associate Member" to be more in line with other transit organizations and current market trends.

Motion, Second and carried to rename the Association "Supplier" membership category to "Business Member."

d. Initiate Electronic Collaboration with APTA & UITP

Motion, Second and carried to table this item for future discussion

e. Spare Ratios – Support Maintenance Committee Effort

Motion, Second and carried to support APTA's position on spare ratios.

Strategic Goal 3 - Organizational Management and Development: Increase the Association's ability to achieve its goals by aligning financial resources, staff expertise, work program, member participation, and governance process.

7. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Balance Sheet / P&L Budget vs. Actual As of January 31, 2010 (p. 99)

Accepted under consent calendar

8. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. January 12, 2010, San Diego, CA

Accepted under consent calendar

- b. February 11, 2010 Conference Call

Accepted under consent calendar

- c. February 18, 2010 Conference Call

Accepted under consent calendar

9. Committee Reports Matrix

Accepted under consent calendar.

10. Strategic Plan

- a. Threat and Opportunity Status Report (p. 123)

Accepted under consent calendar

Other Business

11. Other Business

- a. Items Otherwise Not on the Agenda

12. Adjournment

Chair Barnes adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Executive Committee (2009-2011)
California Transit Association
Thursday, March 4th, 2010

Members Present

X	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
X	Donna DeMartino	San Joaquin Regional Transit District
X	Paul Jablonski	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
X	Debra Johnson	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
X	Kevin Kane	Victor Valley Transit Authority
A	Will Kempton	Orange County Transportation Authority
X	Brynn Kernaghan	Long Beach Transit
X	Karen King	Golden Empire Transit District
X	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
A	Brian MacLeod	Gillig Corporation
X	Teri Mantony	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District
A	Jim Mastin	Mendocino Transit Authority
A	Seamus Murphy	San Mateo County Transit District
A	Pam O'Connor	Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
XT	Carl Sedoryk	Monterey-Salinas Transit
A	Kam Shadan	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
X	Michael Wiley	Sacramento Regional Transit District

Substitutes Present

X	Joe Policarpio	Gillig LLC
X	Wendy Villa	Orange County Transportation Authority
X	Michael Turner	LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
X	Stephanie Negriff	Santa Monica Big Blue Bus
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
X	Tuyen Truong	California Transit Association
X	Andrew Antwih	Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, inc. – California Transit Association

Others Present

X	Sharon Cooney	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
X	David Reyno	Foothill Transit

X – Present
XT – Present by Telephone
A – Absent