



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Executive Committee Thursday, April 22, 2010 Conference Call**

#### **Agenda Items**

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Chair Doran Barnes called the meeting to order at about 2:05pm; and, a quorum was established.

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

Chair Doran Barnes welcomed those in attendance and noted the intention for the conference call: to talk about the Association going forward with the initiative.

2. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Joshua Shaw noted that AC Transit has requested that Beverly Greene, Acting Assistant General Manager for External Affairs and Communications, be the new seated member on the Executive Committee. Shaw also noted that Brian Macleod retirement from Gillig left a seat open, and that it is the Executive Committee's prerogative to vote on that now or at the May 18 meeting. The Executive Committee decided to vote now on the AC Transit seat and in May on the vacant Business Member seat.

**Motion, Second and carried to approve Beverly Greene as the seated member representing AC Transit.**

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

Executive Director Shaw reported that there are expected to be enough signatures collected for the Local Taxpayers, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 to submit to the Secretary of State for qualification evaluation. Shaw therefore asked the Executive Committee's confirmation of their approval for going ahead with submitting the signatures.

Shaw reported that the League of Cities is still committed to the initiative, though it is less clear where the California Alliance for Jobs will be. The Alliance for Jobs wants to know the implications of the Gas Tax Swap on bond debt relief.

## **Discussion Summary:**

Rebecca Long with MTC asked about the political fallout / consequences of going full speed ahead. Shaw responded and noted the possible consequences, which pale in his opinion to the benefits of locking down as much as possible the funds which various legislative leaders and governors have proven all too willing to divert away from transit.

Les White of Santa Cruz METRO asked how to explain to the board the seeming inconsistency of supporting an initiative changes the State Transit Assistance program formula as enacted in the Gas Tax Swap, from 75% of the sales tax on diesel, to 50% of the sales tax on diesel, when STA is the top priority. Shaw replied that yes, the enhanced sales tax on revenue stream is now projected to produce an STA program – if split 75% / 25% -- larger in all future years than all but one year's actual STA allocation in the past. We know that flexible STA funds are critical to almost all transit operators. However, the vulnerability of that state revenue stream is outweighed by the gas tax swap's new 75% / 25% formula. In other words, protecting that very revenue stream constitutionally for a variety of transit purposes, including transit capital projects in the STIP and ITIP, seems more important than the short-run benefit of shifting roughly \$140 million a year (on average over the next ten years) from the STA program to the IPR/STIP/ITIP expenditures.

Moreover, even under the Act's 50% / 50% revenue split, the sales tax on diesel revenue stream is projected to produce an average annual STA program over the next ten years (starting in 2011-12) of \$277 million; that's nearly \$90 million more per year than the STA program actually received – on average – over the last ten years.

Members discussed other points. Shaw concluded: Protecting even a lower STA program (and one still very large, compared to the past) is more important than leaving a *potentially* larger program vulnerable to diversion in the future.

**Motion, Second and carried to support submittal of signatures for qualification of, and endorse a robust campaign for passage of, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, on the November ballot.** [OCTA representative Rick Bacigalupo indicated that his governing board had not yet taken a position on the measure, and that OCTA would therefore not be voting on this motion.]

#### **4. Spring Legislative Conference Planning**

Executive Director Shaw reviewed the proposed program for the Conference, and solicited feedback from Executive Committee members regarding cancellation of the traditional Legislative Reception, and instead replacing that with a dinner for the Executive Committee and Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg. The consensus direction to staff was to proceed in this direction.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Chair Barnes adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Executive Committee (2009-2011)  
California Transit Association  
Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

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
X	Michael T. Burns	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
A	Donna DeMartino	San Joaquin Regional Transit District
X	Beverly Greene	AC Transit
X	Paul Jablonski	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
A	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
X	David B. Kutrosky	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers 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
A	Pam O'Connor	Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
A	Carl Sedoryk	Monterey-Salinas Transit
A	Kam Shadan	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
X	Michael Turner	LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
X	Michael Wiley	Sacramento Regional Transit District

Substitutes Present

X	Richard Bacigalupo	Orange County Transportation Authority
X	Kate Breen	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
X	Mike Hernandez	Monterey-Salinas Transit

Staff Present

X	Joshua Shaw	California Transit Association
X	Sabrina Means	California Transit Association
X	Gus Khouri	California Transit Association
X	Andrew Antwih	Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, inc. – California Transit Association

Others Present

X	Kate Miller	AC Transit
X	Leslie White	Santa Cruz METRO
X	Joe Policarpio	Gillig
X	Kurt Evans	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
X	David Reyno	Foothill Transit

X – Present  
A – Absent