



## Meeting Minutes

### Executive Committee

Friday, July 16, 2010

**Hilton Pasadena  
San Marino Room  
168 S. Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA**

### Agenda Items

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1. **Introductions and Quorum Call**

Chair Doran Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. **Chair's Report**

Chair Barnes welcomed those in attendance, and noted that the City of Pasadena has joined the Foothill Transit Joint Powers Authority, and thus "we are truly meeting in Foothill Transit territory today." He noted the presence of substitute participants in the meeting, and initiated the official seating of those substitutes.

**Motion, second and carried to seat Rick Bacigalupo of Orange County Transportation Authority and Kate Breen of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency as substitutes for the day's meeting.**

3. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Josh Shaw reported on responses to the feedback/survey conducted following the Spring Legislative Conference. He reported that he had attended two labor rallies (one in San Francisco, the other in Sacramento), and that, while these rallies were primarily focused on appeals for federal funding, they provided him the opportunity to speak in support of Proposition 22. He added that, shortly after the rallies, the Amalgamated Transit Union made a donation to the Yes on 22 campaign, noting that, in spite of some contentious matters, "there are ancillary benefits to our continued affiliation with our union partners."

Shaw reported that the Association task force regarding the Unfunded Transit Needs Study has been organized. He noted that he had communicated with persons within the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation regarding their planned Statewide Transit Strategic Plan and stressed the importance of incorporating the findings of the Unfunded

Transit Needs Study. He raised the possibility of Caltrans therefore helping to fund the Association's study.

Shaw went on to note that the Association is working closely with Kevin Kane, Chair of the Association's Small Operators Committee, in planning for the Small Operators Awards Luncheon at the upcoming Fall Conference. He urged all attendees to review the nomination documents for the Small Operators Awards and consider submitting nominations.

Shaw reported that he would be attending an upcoming joint APTA/AASHTO/CTAA event in Washington state. He concluded by previewing the agenda for today's meeting.

#### 4. **Consent Calendar**

**Motion, second and carried to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.**

#### 5. **Transit Revenue Protection & Enhancement**

##### **a. State Budget**

Association Legislative Advocate Gus Khouri reported that there are numerous preliminary approaches being discussed that would address approximately \$12 billion of the projected \$19 billion state budget deficit, but that it is unclear whether the Governor and/or Republican legislators would be willing to act on a "partial fix" on the way to addressing the entire shortfall or would hold out for a "full solution." Khouri also noted that five labor unions have agreed to restructure their pension packages, a major sticking point in budget negotiations.

Khouri stated that the Association will actively support efforts to pursue clean-up legislation to ensure that PTA/STIP projects are able to be programmed by the California Transportation Commission. In addition, Khouri stated that the Association will support legislation that allows for recipients of the \$950 million High-speed Rail Bond (Proposition 1A) connectivity pot to partake in the "letter of no prejudice" process.

##### **b. Association Litigation**

Executive Director Shaw reported that representatives from the Attorney General's office have finally begun the process of initiating repayment of the Association's attorney fees (approximately \$145,000) related to *Shaw v. Chiang*.

##### **c. Transit Funding Protection Initiative**

In an extensive presentation, Shaw detailed specific provisions and language of Proposition 22, reviewed the recent history of transit funding, reviewed the recent "gas tax swap" transportation funding plan that was adopted in March, discussed legal opinions and political/practical angles on how Prop 22 and the gas tax swap interrelate, outlined anticipated opposition to Prop 22 and the expected arguments to be made by opponents, and shared preliminary thoughts on a post-election legislative strategy.

## 6. **Transportation Legislative & Regulatory Issues**

### a. **2010 State Legislative Program Update**

No discussion.

### b. **Matrix of Transportation-Related Legislation**

No discussion.

### c. **Update from Climate Change Task Force**

Legislative and Regulatory Assistant Sabrina Means reviewed revisions and updates to the task force's statement of principles and policy goals. Subsequent discussion recommended that the updates be further amended to include replacing the term "global warming" with "climate change," and to replace the word "compensate" with "recognize" in policy goal #5.

**Motion, second and carried to approve the amended statement of principles and policy goals of the Climate Change Task Force, with inclusion of the recommended changes discussed by the Executive Committee.**

## 7. **Association Management**

### a. **Association Membership**

Report adopted as part of Consent Calendar

### b. **Update on Annual Fall Conference 2010**

Association Services Director Amy Lai reported on registration and sponsorship figures regarding the upcoming Fall Conference. She reported on marketing efforts on behalf of the event, and reminded that host hotel accommodations have been moved from the Omni San Diego Hotel to the Hilton San Diego Bayfront.

### c. **Membership Satisfaction Survey Results**

No discussion

### d. **Finance and Management Committee Report**

Committee Chair Paul Jablonski updated the Executive Committee on progress toward preparing recommendations for the Association's 2011 Work Program and Budget. The Executive Committee is scheduled to review and act on the F&M Committee's final recommendation at its meeting of November 5, 2010.

Executive Director Shaw reviewed several of the F&M Committee's working assumptions and directions to staff; there was consensus to incorporate these assumptions into staff's planning.

### e. **Executive Director's Performance Evaluation**

Chair Barnes reviewed the upcoming schedule for the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation.

**f. Consider Policy & Practice on Permanent Group Members Substituting Executive Committee Representatives**

Chair Barnes reviewed the need to clarify the Association's policy with regard to substitutes participating as temporary Executive Committee members in place of absent members from the same organization. This policy is applicable only to representatives of the ten Permanent Member Groups.

**Motion, second and carried to approve the staff recommendation regarding clarification of the Permanent Member group Substitution Policy, amended to stipulate that designation of a substitute requires 24 hours notice (as opposed to the one week's notice initially included).**

**8. Treasurer's Report:**

**a. Balance Sheet / P&L Budget vs. Actual**

Accepted on Consent Calendar

**9. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Accepted on Consent Calendar

**10. Committee Reports Matrix**

Accepted on Consent Calendar

**11. Strategic Plan**

**a. Threat and Opportunity Status Report**

Accepted on Consent Calendar

**12. Other Business**

None.

**13. Adjournment**

Chair Barnes adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.