

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(March 22, 2007)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority met in regular session at the Port of San Francisco, Bayside Conference Room, Pier 1 on the Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Directors began at 1:30 p.m.

Directors present were President Johnson, Vice President Wagner, Directors Boro, Intintoli, B. Johnson, Mancinelli, Rapport, Secchitano and Withington.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Johnson reviewed the protocol for public comment.

3. REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

President Johnson announced that TAC Chair Mark Kasanin had been in the hospital with an illness recently but was at home and recovering.

4. REPORT OF DIRECTORS

No Directors had any report to make.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

CEO Steve Castleberry reviewed the CEO report highlighting the following issues:

- Berkeley/Albany-the scoping meetings have been completed and a summary will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Public Ferry Coalition-the newly formed coalition's members participated in a conference call in order to raise awareness of ferry issues in Washington DC.
- Senate Transportation and Housing Committee-testimony was given at the Committee's hearing discussing funding in the infrastructure bond measure for emergency response.
- Assemblyperson Jared Huffman-a meeting was held to discuss the proposed Assembly Bill 463, relevant to clean emissions standards, and emergency response.
- Conferences-Shirley Douglas (WTA Manager, Community Relations) attended the annual APTA Conference in Washington, DC.
- Newsletter-two agency newsletters have been sent for outreach purposes.
- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700s are due soon.
- Welcome to the newest WTA staff member, Scott Houston, Administrative Assistant.

Director Secchitano acknowledged the work done on the Crew Newsletters. She inquired about the possibility of collaborating with other operators for customer service training.

Mr. Castleberry continued the staff report with the Federal and State legislative activities, noting a \$2 million federal funding request for the Berkeley service. For the State report we are following two draft legislative bills affecting the Authority, SB 976 (emergency response spot bill changing the enabling legislation) and AB 463 ("Clean Ferries Act" emissions standards for all

ferries bill). The Authority will continue to work with Barry Broad, its State Lobbyist, on language that will adequately serve the Authority under both bills.

6 COMMENT ON AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Items 6 and 7)

Director Withington moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Intintoli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously, with the exception of Director Mancinelli who was out of the room at the time of the vote.

7 SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS PRIOR TO OPERATION OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO FERRY SERVICE (Agenda Item 8)

Mr. Castleberry presented this item for discussion, noting that staff is preparing a draft service plan that will be brought back for Board discussion in April. Pursuant to a requirement in the Authority's enabling legislation, notices will be sent to other operators who may be interested in operating the Authority's South San Francisco service. Director Wagner asked to send the letters.

8 AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO TERMINAL PROJECT (Agenda Item 9)

Mr. John Sindzinski, Manager of Planning and Development, presented this item for review and action. He noted that initial work to the time of the construction bid is estimated to be under \$100,000. The total cost is estimated to be \$500,000 and is reimbursable under capital grants.

Director Secchitano asked if there is any commitment to include restrooms in the design. Mr. Sindzinski answered there is no commitment now but that staff will continue to take feedback on the plans.

Director Intintoli moved to approve the item. Director Mancinelli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

9 OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from members of the public.

Director Withington asked to include the Albany City Council Resolution, currently attached as an informational item, on the next regular Board meeting agenda for action.

10 ADJOURNMENT

All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Shelver,
Board Secretary
