

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(October 25, 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.

President Charlene Haught Johnson noted a quorum of the Board was not met at 1:30 p.m. and directed staff to present Agenda Item Number 16, Antioch Presentation. Mr. Victor Carneglia, City of Antioch, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Antioch ferry service.

1. REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

President Johnson reported on Interferry and Fast Ferry Conferences in Europe attended by Board and staff members.

2. REPORT OF DIRECTORS

Directors Secchitano and Withington added to the comments of President Johnson on the Europe conferences attended by Board and staff members.

3. REPORTS OF STAFF

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

- South San Francisco – Progress is being made on the SSF service projects as reported later in the meeting (see below)
- Berkeley – An administrative draft of the EIR is due next month for Berkeley/Albany
- Conferences – The Fast Ferry and Interferry Conferences in Europe were attended by staff and Board members
- American Public Transit Association Annual Conference – staff attended and moderated at the ferry operators committee was held during the conference
- A meeting of the Transit Advocates of San Mateo County was held on October 24
- The State lobbyist's legislative report indicates issues to be resolved in SB 976
- This meeting is the last Director Intintoli will attend as Mayor of Vallejo

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (Item 17)

Mayor Rob Schroeder, City of Antioch, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the status of ferry service to Antioch.

President Johnson asked the population of Antioch and if most residents work outside of Antioch. Mr. Schroeder answered that of the 37,000 Antioch residents, most do work in Oakland and San Francisco or rely heavily on the Capital Corridor to commute.

Director Mancinelli asked if the original ferry service operation ceased due to declining ridership. Mr. Schroeder answered that he believes that commuters found a more direct commute taking the Bay Bridge, but new service would be encouraged by increased development and overcrowded highways as well as access to the Veterans Hospital in an emergency response situation.

Directors Secchitano and Boro arrived at approximately 2:00 pm.

5 ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Directors began at 2:00 p.m. Directors present were President Johnson, Directors Boro, Intintoli, Mancinelli, Secchitano, Wagner and Withington. A quorum was reached.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 6 and 7)

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

5 CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President Johnson reported that no action was taken in closed session.

6 ACTIONS RELATED TO TRANSITIONING FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO DIRECT SERVICES (Item 10A – 10D)

Ms. Nina Rannells, Grants Manger, reviewed the particulars of transitioning from LGS to WTA direct hire employment as noted in the memoranda, including contracting with ADP for payroll processing, joining CalPERS retirement system, participating in CalPERS health benefit program and employee benefit insurance plans.

A motion to approve Item 10A was made by Director Intintoli, seconded by Director Secchitano and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve Item 10B was made by Director Withington, seconded by Director Secchitano and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve Item 10C was made by Director Intintoli, seconded by Director Mancinelli and approved unanimously.

President Johnson noted that Item 10D would be deferred to the next Board meeting.

7 APPROVAL OF LETTER OF INTENT, NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ISSUE LETTER OF AWARD FOR SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO VESSELS

Ms. Mary Frances Culnane, Manager of Marine Engineering, reviewed this item, noting that the vessels will be T-boats with a capacity of 149-passengers according to the Board approved designs. She also noted that federal funding set aside for the fuel cell boat project will likely be released to aid funding vessel construction and that the delivery dates of April 08 and December 08 for the vessels are on schedule.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Director Secchitano and carried unanimously.

8 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE - AC TRANSIT PROPOSAL (Item 11)

Mr. Castleberry presented this item for approval, noting that staff recommends rejecting the proposal.

Director Withington made a motion to approve the rejection of AC Transit's proposal. Director Intintoli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

9 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO FUNDING UPDATE (Item 12)

Mr. Castleberry presented this item, noting a lease agreement between the Authority and the San Mateo County Harbor District was reached and that the available San Mateo County sales tax funds for service to Redwood City and South San Francisco is still to be determined.

10 AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO MTC FOR \$2.5 MILLION IN RM2 FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSEL BERTHING FACILITIES (Item 15)

Ms. Rannells presented this item for approval, noting that the funding was allocated through Regional Measure 2 but that MTC needs an application to release the funds for the project.

Director Withington made a motion to approve the item. Director Mancinelli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Grace asked how much money is available for the South San Francisco service project. Mr. Castleberry answered that currently \$41 million is secured for that service.

Directors Wagner and Intintoli departed at 3:30 p.m. The meeting proceeded as a workshop of the Board.

11 AGRICULTURAL/FERRY BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Boris Dramov, ROMA Design, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on design plans for the Ferry and Agricultural Buildings in San Francisco.

Director Secchitano asked what the construction cost is. Mr. Dramov answered that approximately \$35 million would be needed to make the structure secure and add floats and gangways. There was much discussion about the design and costs associated with the project. Mr. Castleberry noted that the Authority does not currently have resources to complete the project. Mr. Sindzinski added that a cost estimate was done so that the Port will be aware of what is required for the project and to possibly work cooperatively with the Authority on the project in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Hodapp, Port of San Francisco, said that the Port conducted a study that includes elements for a master plan for the Agricultural and Ferry Buildings, noting that it is a "Complex Transit Terminal", adding that the Port looks forward to working with the Authority on the second phase of the plan and to build relationships with transportation service operators that will serve the project area.

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

Mr. Jerry Grace commented on a new law in Sacramento requiring skateboarders to wear a helmet as a safety measure and encouraged attendees to be aware of the potential dangers of skateboarding without a helmet.

13 ADJOURNMENT

All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Shelver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Shelver,
Board Secretary