

**SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of August 1, 2008**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Item 4.1: Minutes of July 3, 2008**

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was held at 8:12 a.m. July 3, 2008 at the Robert J. Cabral Station, 949 East Channel Street Stockton, CA 95202

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Vice-Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. and Ms. Donna Kelsay, SJRTD led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Bestolarides, Sayles, Harris, Ives  
Commissioners Present by Teleconference at 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA:  
Haggerty, Blalock

Ex-Officio Members Present: Kelsay, Chesley, Dumas

**2. Public Comments**

None

**3. Presentations and Recognitions**

Hubert Hanrahan, Manager of Marketing & Customer Service, introduced Christina Clarke, Marketing Assistant and welcomed back Marla Smith, Marketing Coordinator. John Giovannoni, Operations Supervisor, introduced Sol Jobrack, Fare Inspector.

**4. Public Hearing: Presentation and Approval of a Resolution Adopting the SJRRC/ACE 2008/2009 Work Program and Budget. (Action)**

Executive Director Mortensen recapped the detailed presentation of the draft Work Program and Budget at the June Rail Commission meeting, noting that this presentation would focus on the changes between the Draft and proposed Final Work Program.

Ms. Mortensen highlighted the proposed ACE Fare Program increase of 3.2 percent, in accordance with the Adopted ACE Fare Program. The Stockton based fares would be increased by an additional 3 percent as part of the reinstatement of the full Stockton based fare. The new monthly pass price from Stockton-San Jose will be \$300. The change in the Fare Program is proposed to be coordinated with a potential change in the midday train schedule, and providing extensive passenger outreach with a target effective date of October 6, 2008.

Ms. Mortensen pointed out additional cost controls applied to the Project Management and Contracted Services lines that have resulted in additional savings estimated at \$49,000.

A new Capital project has been included based upon the June Board discussion, to extend all station platforms to accommodate 8-car trainsets. Only the engineering work is proposed at this time.

In summary, the Project Management Budget is \$3.6 Million, or 2% lower than the prior year. The Contracted Services Budget is just under \$12 Million, or 4 ½ % higher than the prior year due primarily to the increase in fuel prices, and the Capital Budget is \$20 Million.

Commissioner Haggerty asked about the timeline for the extension of the platforms in Alameda County. Brian Schmidt, Director of Planning and Programming reported that the engineering work could be completed by the end of the calendar year and construction could begin in Spring of 2009. Commissioner Blalock commented on requests he has seen for commuter service to/from Gilroy and asked staff to explore the availability of the ACE trainsets to provide this service.

Vice-Chair Harris opened the Public Hearing on the Work Program and Budget. There were no public comments and Vic-Chair Harris closed the Public Hearing.

M/S/C (Ives/Sayles) to approve the Resolution Adopting the SJRRC/ACE 2008/2009 Work Program and Budget. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008 by the following roll call vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Sayles, Bestolarides, Harris, Haggerty, Blalock, Ives

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

## **5. Consent Calendar:**

All items listed immediately below will be acted upon under one vote unless specifically requested to be removed from the Consent Calendar by a member of the Commission, a member of the staff, or a member of the public.

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| 5.1 | Minutes of June 6, 2008  | ACTION      |
| 5.2 | Rail Commission/ACE Monthly Expenditure Report   | INFORMATION |
| 5.3 | Monthly ACE Fare Revenue   | INFORMATION |
| 5.4 | ACE Ridership  | INFORMATION |
| 5.5 | ACE On-Time Performance  | INFORMATION |
| 5.6 | Approve Resolution for Shuttle Services for the Altamont<br>Commuter Express Service and Authorize the Executive Director<br>to Execute All Necessary Agreements for Shuttle Service with<br>the following Agencies: | ACTION      |
|     | a. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority \$246,000   |             |
|     | b. Livermore-Amador Transportation Authority \$180,000   |             |

- c. Contra Cost County Transportation Authority \$60,000
- d. Amtrak – Late 3910 Bus \$40,000
- e. Serendipity Land yachts, Ltd. \$84,000
- 5.7 Approve Ongoing Professional Services and Operational Agreements for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 ACTION
  - a. Neumiller and Beardslee – (\$80,000 for Legal Services)
  - b. CJ Strategies – (\$74,000 for Federal Leg. Advocacy)
  - c. Capital Representation Group – (\$31,050 for State Leg. Advocacy)
  - d. Crew Layover Facilities and Crew Transportation (\$175,000)
  - e. Security Services – (\$252,100 for train layover, maint. yard, & headquarters)
  - f. Diesel Fuel – (\$1,800,000)
  - g. Transit Safety Management – (\$85,000 for Project Management Services)
  - h. PlanetMagpie – (\$52,000 for Website Hosting, Maintenance and Development Services)
- 5.8 Approve Measure K Cooperative Agreements: ACTION
  - a. Operating Services for the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Project [\$1,828,642]
  - b. Project Management for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission’s Projects [\$1,328,949]
  - c. Capital Projects for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission’s Improvements for the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Project [\$7,631,069]
  - d. Special Studies for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission [\$500,000]
- 5.9 Survey Results for Special Great America Train, June 14, 2008 INFORMATION

Commissioner Sayles asked about ridership numbers for June, as only May ridership figures were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Baxter noted that the June figures had just been compiled and compared the May average daily ridership of 3,574 vs. the June average daily ridership of 3,809.

Vice-Chair Harris asked Ms. Kelsay if SJRTD was experiences significant ridership growth due to the escalating gas prices. Ms. Kelsay reported that SJRTD had experienced a 29% increase between December and May.

M/S/C (Ives/Sayles) to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 3rd day of July, 2008 by the following roll call vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Sayles, Bestolarides, Harris, Haggerty, Blalock, Ives

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. Approve Resolution Supporting the Application for the Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program not-to-exceed \$125,000 including Local match \$25,000 and authorizing the Executive Director to execute All necessary documents. (Action)**

Thomas Reeves, Strategic Communications and Development Coordinator reported on the SJCOG call for projects in the Smart Growth Incentive Program. Rail Commission staff have been working with SJCOG staff for many months to define a project that makes optimum use of the available land in the vicinity of the Cabral Station. The proposed project is the feasibility and conceptual design of a mixed use parking structure north of the station directly across Miner Avenue.

Vice-Chair Harris asked about the number of stories and number of parking spaces contemplated. Mr. Reeves noted that these factors would be studied in feasibility phase. Vice-Chair Harris urged staff to consider a beefed up foundation to allow for additional vertical stories over time.

Commissioner Bestolarides cautioned the mixed use and the abundance of parking garages with empty retail spaces. Transit related retail may be different, but staff should take advantage of the City of Stockton's experience. He also asked staff to explore tax increment benefits. Commissioner Ives asked, once the design is complete, what assurances there would be that there will be funding available to construct the project. He also asked how the Commission or the City would define a successful project. Both of these elements should be thoroughly discussed in the feasibility documents.

Vaughn Wolfe, resident of Pleasanton, suggested the Commission consider installing the parking underground, and study solar power application in the parking lots.

Commissioner Sayles commented that there is the potential for a high water table in Stockton that might prohibit underground parking. Commissioner Bestolarides echoed the concern from a cost standpoint. Commissioner Sayles also commented on the potential for a day care center in the station vicinity.

M/S/C (Sayles/Haggerty) to Approve Resolution Supporting the Application for the Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program not-to-exceed \$125,000 including Local match \$25,000 and authorizing the Executive Director to execute All necessary documents. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 3rd day of July, 2008 by the following roll call vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Sayles, Bestolarides, Harris, Haggerty, Blalock, Ives

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

**7. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Agreement between Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission for Altamont Commuter Express Operating Expenses. (Action)**

Mr. Schmidt outlined the history of the funding agreements for the ACE Service in Alameda County, involving SJRRC, ACCMA and ACTIA. The proposed agreement would streamline the funding and reporting activities such that ACCMA would deal

directly with SJRRC on capital planning and programming issues and ACTIA would allocate the monthly ACE operating contributions directly to SJRRC.

M/S/C (Haggerty/Ives) to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Agreement between Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission for Altamont Commuter Express Operating Expenses. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 3rd day of July, 2008 by the following roll vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Sayles, Bestolarides, Harris, Haggerty, Blalock, Ives  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 0

## **8. Commissioners Comments**

None

## **9. Ex-Officio Comments**

None.

## **10. Executive Director Reports**

Ms. Mortensen noted that passengers have expressed continuing desire to listen in or participate in the Rail Commission meetings, without having to take the day off of work. She reported that staff will be testing various technologies to allow a web based broadcast of the board meetings and that the August meeting may serve as a test case for the new application.

Ms. Mortensen also gave a brief report on proposed federal legislation to boost transit funding and finally, she directed the Commissioners attention back to the Consent Calendar item on the survey of the Great America Special Train passengers. Ms. Mortensen complimented the efforts of Christina Clarke in assembling the data and providing an informative and useful report.

Mr. Shephard, Counsel for the Commission, adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 8:45 a.m. The Commission returned to open session at 9:13 a.m. and Mr. Shephard noted that the Board gave staff direction, but there were no reportable actions.

## **11. Closed Session**

Right of Way Negotiations – Government Code 54956.8  
Property Railroad Right of Way  
Negotiating Parties: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment

**12. Closed Session**

Real Property Negotiations – Government Code 54956.8

Property: Parcel # 15120102                      1025 E Main St.

Parcel # 15120103                      1001 E Main St

Parcel # 15120106                      25 Union St.

Negotiating Parties: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Mr. Victor Rosasco

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment

**13. Adjournment**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for:            **Thursday August 1, 2008 @ 8:00 a.m.**

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