

# **SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

**Item 3A:** For the Meeting of June 29, 2007

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday; the regular July meeting of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was held on June 29, 2007, at the Robert J Cabral Station, 949 East Channel Street. Stockton, CA 95202

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

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and Vice-Chair Restuccia led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Commission Members Present: Harris, Sayles, Ruhstaller, Haggerty, Vice-Chair Restuccia, Chairman Ives

Ex-Officio Members Present: Cowell

### **2. Public Presentations and Recognitions**

Hubert Hanrahan, Manager of Marketing and Customer Services introduced new staffmembers Sheri Mason (Marketing) and Lorenza Leal (Customer Service) and Maintenance Supervisor Don Johnston introduced new staffmember Ezra Messlein. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Ives welcomed the new staff.

Chairman Ives presented Laura Farley with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding and tireless work in promoting special group travel on the ACE trains and for educating hundreds of students about train and track safety through Operation Lifesaver.

### **3. Public Hearing: Presentation and Approval of a Resolution Adopting the SJRRC/ACE 2007/2008 Work Program and Budget**

Brian Schmidt, Director of Planning and Programming summarized the major work program elements, noting that there had been no significant changes since the draft work program and budget had been submitted to the Board on June 1, 2007. Mr. Schmidt presented the Capital Budget which included \$9 Million in carryover from the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

Mr. Schmidt noted minor differences between the draft Operating Budget and Final Operating Budget. Increases were due to the addition of a facility watchman for the Cabral station due to the expanded station area, additional planning support for the Central Valley Commuter Rail Study and additional outreach efforts in the Tri-Valley/Fremont area.

Chairman Ives opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions from members of the audience. Seeing none, Chairman Ives closed the public hearing.

M/S/C (Harris/Restuccia) to approve a Resolution Adopting the SJRRC/ACE 2007/2008 Work Program and Budget. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 29th day of June, 2007 by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Harris, Ruhstaller, Sayles, Haggerty, Restuccia, Chairman Ives  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 0

#### 4. 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 staff, or a member of the public.

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| A. | Minutes of June 1, 2007  | ACTION      |
| B. | Rail Commission/ACE Monthly Expenditure Report   | INFORMATION |
| C. | Monthly ACE Fare Revenue   | INFORMATION |
| D. | State and Federal Legislative Updates  | INFORMATION |
| E. | ACE Ridership and On Time Performance  | INFORMATION |
| F. | ACEPac Minutes of June 9, 2007   | INFORMATION |
| G. | Approve Resolution for Shuttle Services for the Altamont Commuter Express Service and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute All Necessary Agreements for Shuttle Services with the following Agencies: | ACTION      |
|    | a. Valley Transportation Authority (\$340,800)   |             |
|    | b. Livermore-Amador Transportation Authority (\$161,700)   |             |
|    | c. Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (\$68,250)   |             |
|    | d. Amtrak Late Bus (\$39,900)  |             |
|    | e. Serendipity Land Yachts, Ltd. (\$82,000)  |             |
|    | f. A.C. Transit (\$25,000)   |             |
| H. | Approve Ongoing Professional Service and Operational Agreements For Fiscal year 2007/2008:   | ACTION      |
|    | a. Neumiller and Beardslee (\$90,100 for legal services)   |             |
|    | b. CJ Strategies (\$75,600 for fed. leg. Advocacy)   |             |
|    | c. Capital Representation Group (\$32,500 for stage leg adv.)  |             |
|    | d. Crew Layover Facilities & Ground Transpo (\$168,000)  |             |
|    | e. Security Services (\$217,400 train layover, maint. Yard and headquarters)   |             |
|    | f. Diesel Fuel (\$1,350,000)   |             |
|    | g. Transit Safety Management (\$100,000 for project management)  |             |
| I. | Approve Measure K Project Cooperative Agreements for:  | ACTION      |
|    | a. Operating Services for ACE Project (\$1,916,782)  |             |
|    | b. Project Management for SJRRC's Projects (\$1,630,081)   |             |
|    | i. Capital Projects for the SJRRC's Improvements for ACE Projects (\$14,564,982)   |             |

Gregg Baxter, Director of Operations commented that with the strong ridership growth toward the end of the year, annual ridership will likely be 10% higher than the previous year.

M/S/C (Haggerty/Restuccia) to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 29th day of June, 2007 by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Harris, Sayles, Ruhstaller, Haggerty, Restuccia, Chairman Ives  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 0

**5. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute All Funding Documents with Caltrans Associated with the Cabral Station Track Extension and the Stockton Northwest Track Connection**

Mr. Schmidt described the two Stockton rail projects in partnership with Caltrans and noted that the state requires a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. These projects have previously been approved by the Commission and are included in the adopted work program and budget.

M/S/C (Restuccia/Sayles) to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute All Funding Documents with Caltrans Associated with the Cabral Station Track Extension and the Stockton Northwest Track Connection. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007 by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Harris, Sayles, Ruhstaller, Haggerty, Restuccia, Chairman Ives  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 0

**6. Update on Conceptual Scottish Games Train**

Mr. Hanrahan reported that the special train was estimated to cost \$8,600. Based upon the pricing structure discussed at the last Commission meeting, ridership would need to be at least 700 to cover these anticipated costs. Mr. Hanrahan expressed some concern over the short time-frame in which to market the Labor Day event. Commissioner Haggerty encouraged the Commission to continue support for the high-profile, regional event. He offered some ideas for how outreach efforts could be leveraged. Alan Purves discussed the Caledonian marketing strategies and the need for Commission staff support to make the train a success.

Commissioner Sayles commented that regular Saturday service may have some appeal for Central Valley residents and this event may help move in that direction. She suggested that combining a train to serve both the Scottish Games and Great America might make it more successful overall.

Vice-Chair Restuccia noted his support for the combined train concept.

M/S/C (Restuccia/Haggerty) directing staff to work with the appropriate parties to operate a special train to the Scottish Games and Great America. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007 by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 6 Harris, Sayles, Ruhstaller, Haggerty, Restuccia, Chairman Ives  
Noes: 0  
Abstain: 0

## **7. Commissioner's Comments**

None

## **8. Ex-Officio's Comments**

Dana Cowell, SJCOG, commented on the work effort for the Measure K Renewal Program, including the SMART Growth element, which may be of interest to the Commission. SJCOG also recently met with the new Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary, who has expressed interest in the Trade Corridor component of the State Infrastructure Bonds.

## **9. Executive Director Report**

Mr. Schmidt reported that Commission staff are actively working on the Measure K Smart Growth program and the State Prop. 1C Smart Growth program, with a particular focus on the Cabral Station master plan area.

## **10. Closed Session**

Right of Way Negotiations – Government Code 54956.8

Property: Railroad Right of Way

Negotiating Parties: SJRRC, Union Pacific Railroad

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Mr. Tom Shephard, Counsel for the Commission announced the Closed Session at 8:28 a.m. The Commission returned from Closed Session at 8:48 a.m. and Mr. Shephard noted there was nothing to report.

## **11. Adjournment** (The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.)

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Friday, August 3, 2007 @ 8:00 A.M.**  
Robert J. Cabral Station  
949 E. Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202