

ITEM 3A.

SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION

MINUTES

For the meeting of September 7, 2006

The regular meeting for September 7, 2006 of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was held at the Robert J. Cabral Station, South Hall Meeting Room, 949 E. Channel St., Stockton, CA.

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

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and asked Vice-Chair Restuccia to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commission Members Present: Harris, Rhodes, Blalock, Vice-Chair Restuccia,
Chairman Ives

Absent: Giovanetti, Sieglock,

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dumas (for Ajise)

2. Public Presentations and Recognitions

Maintenance Supervisor Don Johnston introduced new maintenance employee Eric Retzlaff.

3. 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.

A. Minutes of September 7, 2006	ACTION
B. Rail Commission/ACE Monthly Expenditure Report	INFORMATION
C. Monthly ACE Fare Revenue	INFORMATION
D. State and Federal Legislative Updates	INFORMATION
E. ACEPac Meeting Minutes	INFORMATION
F. ACE Ridership and On-Time Performance Report	INFORMATION

Vice-Chair Restuccia requested item 3F to be pulled and requested that the new midday train ridership be shown separately from the peak period trains on the weekly and monthly reports.

M/S/C (Restuccia/Harris) to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7th day of September, 2006, by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 5 Harris, Rhodes, Blalock, Vice-Chair Restuccia, Chairman Ives

Noes: 0

Ex-Officio Tom Dumas arrived at 8:05 a.m.

4. Approve Agreements with Caltrans and Amtrak for the Operation and funding of the 4th Train and Authorize Executive Director to Execute all Necessary Documents.

Director of Operations Gregg Baxter outlined the operating and funding agreements for the midday train between SJRRC Caltrans and Amtrak and asked for authorization for the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents.

M/S/C (Restuccia/Blalock) to approve Agreements with Caltrans and Amtrak for the Operation and funding of the 4th Train and Authorize Executive Director to Execute all necessary documents.. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7th day of September, 2006, by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 5 Harris, Blalock, Rhodes, Vice-Chair Restuccia, Chairman Ives
Noes: 0

5. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Expansion Opportunities Analysis, Not-to-Exceed \$285,000 and Authorize and Direct the Executive Director to Execute all Necessary Documents.

Brian Schmidt reported on the process for selecting a consultant to perform the Phase II.... Proposals were received from four teams, consisting of 12 consulting firms. The selection committee included SJRRC staff, Pennino and Associates, SJCOG, ACEPac members and TSM Consulting. All four teams were interviewed and the committee selected the team lead by Wilbur Smith and Associates.

Commissioner Harris expressed his appreciation that the selection committee included ACEPac members to provide the passenger perspective. Chairman Ives suggested that staff consider inviting members of the Board to serve on the selection committees for future studies.

M/S/C (Restuccia/Rhodes) to approve Professional Services Agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission Expansion Opportunities Analysis, Not-to-Exceed \$285,000 and Authorize and Direct the Executive Director to Execute all Necessary Documents. Passed and Adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the 7th day of September, 2006, by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: 5 Harris, Blalock, Rhodes, Vice-Chair Restuccia, Chairman Ives
Noes: 0

6. ACE Corridor Rail Service Analysis Update

Commission Haggerty arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Mr. Schmidt introduced study consultants Gregg Chiodo and David McCrossan who outlined draft criteria to evaluate the potential ACE service improvements, and identified several potential improvement strategies based of the initial assessment of the current service conditions. The consultants felt that significant improvements could be made in reliability and

running times. Reducing the overall trip time to 1hour 45minutes is definitely in the realm of near term possibilities. There are also opportunities to improve the current bus connection to BART.

Mr. Schmidt noted that community meetings were planned to gather public input on desired ACE service changes. Tentatively, these meetings will be held in Stockton, Lathrop, Tracy and Pleasanton.

Ms. Mortensen asked for any comments or additions to the draft criteria. Commissioner Restuccia suggested that Financing Potential be added as a criteria. Commissioner Blalock suggested that a cost benefit component be included in the proposed cost criteria.

7. Commissioner's Comments

None

8. Ex-Officio's Comments

Caltrans representative Tom Dumas reported that Caltrans Director Kome Ajise had commented that the midday train celebration was a great success.

9. Executive Director Report

Ms. Mortensen reported that based upon the Board's direction, staff offered the ACEPac members a mileage reimbursement for meeting travel consistent with the SJCOG Citizen's Advisory Commission. The ACEPac asked instead to have access to free tickets for special trains or promotional events. They did not want to be monetarily compensated for their service on the ACEPac.

10. Closed Session

Tom Shephard, Counsel for the Commission announced a closed session regarding the following:

Right of Way Negotiations – Government Code 54956.8

Property: Railroad Right of Way

Negotiating Parties: San Joaquin Regional Commission, Union Pacific Railroad

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 8:49 am and returned to Open Session at 9:07 am.

Legal Counsel, Mr. Shephard, reported on the Closed Session and noted that direction was given to staff and there was nothing to report in Open Session.

11. Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2006 8:00 a.m.
Robert J. Cabral Station, 949 E. Channel St., Stockton, CA 95202