

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
Minutes of Meeting No. 2006-3A
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fox called the regular meeting of the Riverside Transit Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2006, in the RTA Board Room, 1825 Third Street, Riverside, CA.

Present:

1. Brenda Salas, City of Banning
2. Jeff Fox, City of Beaumont
3. John Chlebnik, City of Calimesa
4. Frank Kessler, City of Canyon Lake
5. Karen Spiegel, City of Corona
6. Roger Meadows, City of Hemet
7. Daryl Hickman, City of Lake Elsinore
8. Bonnie Flickinger, City of Moreno Valley
9. Doug McAllister, City of Murrieta
10. Frank Hall, City of Norco
11. John Motte, City of Perris
12. Dom Betro, City of Riverside
13. Jim Ayres, City of San Jacinto
14. Jeff Comerchero, City of Temecula
15. Bob Buster, County of Riverside, District I
16. ¹Donna Johnson
17. ²Patty Goodwin

Absent:

Jeff Stone, County of Riverside, Dist III

2. **SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions of those in attendance took place.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Director Meadows led the attendees in the flag salute.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The clerk of the board announced that there were no public comments.

¹Alternate for Director John Tavaglione, County of Riverside, District II

²Alternate for Director Marion Ashley, County of Riverside, District V

5. PRESENTATIONS

- TO ROSCOE HUGHES AND ALICIA RIVERA UPON THEIR RETIREMENT AS COACH OPERATORS

Chairman Fox presented Mr. Hughes with a retirement clock for his years of service.

RTA riders Keith White and Lynn LaMonk presented Mr. Hughes with a plaque and a card in appreciation of his kindness to his passengers during his years of service.

Mr. Hughes thanked the Board for this recognition.

Chairman Fox presented Ms. Rivera with a retirement clock for her years of service.

Ms. Rivera thanked the Board for this recognition.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2006, BOARD MEETING

M/S/C (MCALLISTER/AYRES) approving the March 23, 2006, Board meeting minutes. The motion carried with 15 affirmative votes and one abstention (GOODWIN.)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item A – RTA Financial Profile – February 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item B – Ridership Report – February 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item C – Personnel Report – February 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item D – Transportation Center Report – February 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item E – On Time Performance Report – February 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item F – Board Budget and Administration Committee Meeting – 3/1/06 Draft Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item G – Board Operations Committee Meeting – 3/1/06 Draft Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item H – ADA Committee Meeting – 2/2/06 Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item I – Agency Credit Card Statement for February. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item J – Cash Flow Projections. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item K – Festival of Lights Service Update. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving item L – Corona/Norco/District 2 Holiday Trolley Service Update. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (HALL/MEADOWS) approving item M – Request to Execute an Advance of Funds with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and Amend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 23-001 with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC): Perris Multi-Modal Transit Center. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **RATIFY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S DECISION TO HAVE SOUTHLAND TRANSIT INC., (STI) TAKE OVER THE ADA/DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION AND CALL CENTER SERVICES EFFECTIVE MARCH 12, 2006**

M/S/C (KESSLER/GOODWIN) to ratify staff’s decision to move-up the start for Agreement 5-018 to Southland Transit, Inc. from April 1, 2006, to March 12, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER THE AGENCY’S REMAINING SURPLUS SUPERBUS VEHICLE TO THE MURRIETA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Director McAllister commented that the recipient of this bus would be Vista Murrieta High School, which is a subset of the Murrieta Unified School District.

Director Salas arrived at the meeting during discussion of Item 9.

Director Comerchero commented that the option of donating the bus to Hemet Unified School District and Murrieta Unified School District was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of March 1st. Director Meadows graciously agreed to donate it to Murrieta as they are in greater need of it.

M/S/C (MEADOWS/GOODWIN) authorizing the transfer of the Agency’s remaining surplus Superbus vehicle to Vista Murrieta High School. The motion carried unanimously.

10. PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) REPORT

Mr. Craig Fajnor, Chief Financial Officer, presented a report on the Productivity Improvement Program.

11. MODIFICATION TO SECTION III, BOARD OFFICERS, PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Discussion took place in regard to establishing a Nominating Committee that would include members of the general Board of Directors.

M/S/C (AYRES/MCALLISTER) to continue this item to next month's Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Chairman Fox reported on the recent lobbying trip to Washington, DC. Chairman Fox said that the legislative package put together by Mr. Richardson and his staff was phenomenal. The legislators as well as staffers were very impressed with this document. He thanked and commended Mr. Richardson for such a wonderful job.

Chairman Fox also reported on the recent trip to San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG.) Staff from SANDAG gave RTA representatives a tour of Otay Ranch, a transit oriented development which has been in the works since the 1980's.

Mr. Rubio commented that SANDAG's staff was very generous, and they presented their Regional Comprehensive Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, and Master Planned Community documents and video. In addition, RTA representatives were taken on a tour of Otay Ranch. Transit is a major component of all of SANDAG's plans. Otay Ranch may not be for every community. It is an interesting development with high density housing, greenways that will eventually become bus rapid transit routes, village concept with businesses, park, and elementary school in the center of the community as opposed to having them in the outskirts of the development. Walking is promoted with smaller curved streets to slow traffic down, which gives it a sense of community.

Director McAllister commented that one of the items discussed at SANDAG was their managed lane concept for transit. He suggested that a report be presented to this body on their managed lane concept because there is going to be a disconnect between Riverside and San Diego Counties regarding mass transit. Director McAllister commented that Board Alternate Ron Roberts might be the one who could present a report to the Board as he is very familiar with what SANDAG is doing.

Director Meadows reported that during his recent trip to Washington, DC to the National League of Cities Conference, one of the big issues discussed was cuts in the 2007 budget for Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds. Director Meadows encouraged the Board to write their Congress and Senate Representative to voice concerns regarding funding cuts.

Director Chlebnik reported that another issue discussed in Washington, DC was to limit or eliminate the exemption for taxation of municipal government bonds.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the RTA Board Room, at 1825 Third Street, Riverside, CA.

15. CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 TO MEET WITH RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE LARRY RUBIO REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, LOCAL 1277, REPRESENTING THE COACH OPERATORS AND MECHANICS

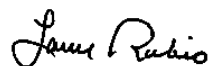
General Counsel Smart announced that the meeting will not reconvene to Open Session.

The Board members, General Counsel Smart, and Mr. Rubio went into Closed Session at 2:46 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Rubio
Chief Executive Officer



Maricela Hernandez
Clerk of the Board

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1. LARRY RUBIO	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
2. KENNARD R. SMART, JR.	AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL
3. CRAIG FAJNOR	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
4. VINCE ROUZAUD	DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
5. LAURA MURILLO	DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
6. SCOTT RICHARDSON	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING
7. NICK BURRIE	DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE
8. RICK KACZEROWSKI	DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
9. MARICELA HERNANDEZ	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/CLERK OF THE BOARD
10. CHRISTOPHER GALLANES	PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING MANAGER
11. BEVERLY SMITH	CONTROLLER
12. VALERIE KELLY	OPERATIONS MANAGER
13. REGGIE FAULKNER	TRAINING MANAGER
14. NATALIE ZARAGOZA	CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR
15. MARY ARDEN	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CLERK OF BOARD
16. BRAD WEAVER	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
17. NATALIE GOMEZ	COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST
18. VIREN SHAH	CITY OF CORONA
19. PAT FOSTER	MCDONALD TRANSIT
20. MRS. AMY HICKMAN	LAKE ELSINORE RESIDENT
21. MR. AND MRS. CAMPBELL	RTA RIDER
22. ROSCOE HUGHES	RTA RETIREE
23. ALICIA RIVERA	RTA RETIREE
24. KEITH WHITE	RTA RIDER
25. LYNN LAMONK	RTA RIDER