

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY  
Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting No. 2006-6A  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2006

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fox called the regular meeting of the Riverside Transit Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:03 p.m., on Thursday, June 22, 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. Karen Spiegel, City of Corona
4. Roger Meadows, City of Hemet
5. Daryl Hickman, City of Lake Elsinore
6. Frank Hall, City of Norco
7. Dom Betro, City of Riverside
8. Jeff Comerchero, City of Temecula
9. Bob Buster, County of Riverside, District I
10. John Tavaglione, County of Riverside, District II
11. <sup>1</sup>Charles White, City of Moreno Valley
12. <sup>2</sup>Mark Yarbrough, City of Perris
13. <sup>3</sup>Patty Goodwin, County of Riverside, District V

Absent:

- John Chlebnik, City of Calimesa  
Frank Kessler, City of Canyon Lake  
Doug McAllister, City of Murrieta  
Dale Stubblefield, City of San Jacinto  
Jeff Stone, County of Riverside, Dist. III

**2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions of those in attendance took place.

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Director Hall led the attendees in the flag salute.

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

The clerk of the Board announced that there were public comments regarding item 10.

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<sup>1</sup>Alternate for Director Bonnie Flickinger, City of Moreno Valley

<sup>2</sup>Alternate for Director John Motte, City of Perris

<sup>2</sup>Alternate for Director Marion Ashley, County of Riverside, District V

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 25, 2006, BOARD MEETING**

M/S/C (GOODWIN/SPIEGEL) approving the May 25, 2006, Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chairman Fox requested Item M be pulled from the Consent Calendar as he needs to abstain from voting on this item.

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

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

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

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

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

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item F – Board Budget and Administration Committee Meeting – 6/7/06 Draft Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item G – Board Operations Committee Meeting – 6/7/06 Draft Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item J – Productivity Improvement Program (PIP) Report. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving item K – Authorization to Renew Agreement with David Turch and Associates (DTA) for Government Relations Services. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving item L – Adopt FY 2006/2007 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving item N – Authorization to Enter into a Revised Cooperative Services Agreement No. C-6-0283 with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for Reimbursement of 30 Percent of the Operating Costs for Route 149. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving item O – Drug and Alcohol Policy Revision. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/MEADOWS) approving the receipt and file of item P – Casino Subsidy Report. The motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C (SPIEGEL/GOODWIN) approving item M – Authorization to Award Agreement No. 6-007 to Complete Coach Works for the Purchase and Installation of Danger Zone Object Deflectors on 114 Agency Buses. The motion carried with 11 affirmative votes and one abstention (FOX).

**7. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AGREEMENT TO WELLS FARGO FOR THE AGENCY'S COMMERCIAL BANKING SERVICES**

Director Betro and Alternate White arrived at the meeting during discussion of Item 7.

M/S/C (TAVAGLIONE/WHITE) authorizing staff to award an Agreement to Wells Fargo for the Agency's banking services for a period of 1-year. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) FOR PASS-THROUGH OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDS FOR THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

M/S/C (BUSTER/HICKMAN) authorizing staff to enter into a revised MOU with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the pass-through of FHWA and FTA funding in the amount of \$824,842 for the ITS Demonstration Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. SEVEN DAY PASS UPDATE**

Mr. Scott Richardson, Director of Marketing, presented an update on the 7-day pass.

Director Betro inquired about the status of the ten trip pass. Mr. Rubio replied that staff is currently looking at this and a presentation to the Board would be made soon.

**10. REQUEST TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (SRTP)**

Mr. Craig Fajnor, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the proposed Operating and Capital Budget and SRTP for Fiscal Year 2007 and commented that the capital budget changed subsequent to the May 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Fajnor commented that only one public comment was received on this matter.

Ms. Donna Hecht, RTA rider, requested the Board to continue funding the Route 204 and presented a petition from fellow riders.

Mr. James Schaupp, RTA rider, requested the Board to continue funding the Route 204.

Chairman Fox closed the public hearing period.

Director Hall inquired as to how funding for the route would be included in the budget if the Board decides to continue it after the public hearing process. Mr. Rubio replied that staff anticipates a mid-year budget adjustment that will come to the Board in the fall, at which time the public hearing process would have been completed. These comments and other comments will be incorporated in the public hearing process and it will be presented to the Board as a separate item. If the Board decides to keep the route, it will be budgeted in the mid-year budget process.

A member of the public interrupted the meeting with concerns about Dial-A-Ride service. Staff members discussed his issues with him outside of the Board room.

Director Hickman inquired about ridership for Route 204. Mr. Rubio replied that the route runs during peak hours in the morning and afternoon, and is currently not meeting farebox recovery ratio. The route is currently in an exemption period, which is about to run out. Mr. Mark Stanley, Director of Planning, reported that ridership for this route is over 2,000 trips per month and its farebox recovery is under 6 percent. During the course of the fiscal year ridership has dropped on this route.

Director Betro commented that there might be other alternatives for transporting these passengers such as a mini van and inquired what steps are taken prior to elimination of the route. Mr. Rubio replied that staff will come back to the Board to request the opening of public hearings to consider the elimination or modification of the route. If the Board approves, a series of public hearings will be held in various venues and the results will be brought back to the Board with a recommendation.

Director Hall commented that he was satisfied with approving the budget as long as the route continues until such time that the public hearings take place. He also requested reassurance that if the Board decides to continue it, a budget revision would be presented to the Board to include the cost to continue the operation of this route. Mr. Rubio replied that part of the concern on staff's part is that the Agency must continue to maintain and achieve the PIP requirements. Routes that are achieving a 6 percent farebox recovery ratio under a 20 percent requirement are pulling the system down as a whole, so in order to continue to meet the PIP this year and next fiscal year, there were certain actions staff had to recommend and this was one of them. This route is currently in an exempt status under the State Transportation Development Act (TDA) for farebox recovery ratio.

Alternate White inquired about the overall farebox recovery rate. Mr. Rubio replied that it is a blended rate as urban routes have a 20 percent requirement while rural routes have a 10 percent requirement, so proportional miles are taken in each area and blended together for about a 17½ percent requirement. Rural routes, because of population density, are not expected to produce like urban routes. Many of the urban routes exceed farebox recovery ratio and many rural routes do not meet the requirement. With routes not meeting farebox recovery, the PIP requirements are not met. When staff analyzed and prepared the SRTP and populated the PIP data, there were eliminations that had to occur in order to achieve the performance requirements.

Director Buster commented that the inter-county Inland Empire routes are extremely important and inquired if staff has contacted Omnitrans to discuss a better way to maximize ridership and farebox recovery on this route. Director Buster also inquired if there is any type of cost sharing on this route. Mr. Rubio replied that costs used to be shared across county lines. Cost sharing was eliminated and a reciprocal agreement was created which allowed Omnitrans to run the Route 90 into Riverside County and RTA to run Route 204 into San Bernardino County. The majority of the miles for Route 204 are run in San Bernardino, and the Agency is not receiving any compensation for the route. Mr. Rubio said he would contact Omnitrans to seek the agreement be recrafted, but did not feel optimistic that would occur.

Director Buster commented that 2,000 riders are being judged not productive, and yet the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) plans to introduce a Metrolink Route which will cost at least \$100 million in capital which is double the cost of a bus system. The proposed Metrolink route is only going to produce less than 2,000 riders today and only 3,500 riders in the year 2030. The two systems need to be rationalized and we need to emphasize building routes and ridership in the Inland Empire, where people have the best chance to get to and from work in a minimum period of time.

Alternate Yarbrough inquired as to costs of operation. Mr. Rubio replied that the two largest costs are fuel and labor. This route is contracted out at a fixed rate per hour and one of the problems that staff is faced with is the deadhead miles. The route may be filled to capacity going one way, but may be empty going the other way. The vast region served by RTA, 2,500 square miles, creates unproductive miles. The route leaves Southwest County empty to come to Riverside, at the same cost per hour. Productivity is not realized until passengers begin boarding buses in Riverside to go to Montclair.

Alternate Yarbrough inquired about the bus stops amenities line item in the budget. Mr. Rubio replied that there are over 4,000 stops throughout the service area. Two bus stop shelters were recently placed in the City of Perris. The funds pay for the benches, signs, kiosks, shelters, and the equipment to maintain them throughout the service area.

Alternate Yarbrough inquired about partnership opportunities for bus stop shelters. Mr. Rubio replied that the City of Temecula obtained a federal earmark for bus shelters for \$200,000, which they used to place shelters in their city. Mr. Rubio commented that in the City of Perris, RTA partnered with RCTC to contribute a \$2.5 million federal grant, another \$1 million in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) money, and roughly \$1 million in a Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant toward the development of the Metrolink Station. RTA has contributed \$4.5 million to the City of Perris for the new Metrolink Station that will go in the downtown area.

M/S/C (GOODWIN/HALL) authorizing the following:

- Close public hearing and adopt the fiscal year 2007 operating budget, capital budget and Short Range Transit Plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 11. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REMARKS**

Alternate White apologized for arriving late to the meeting.

## 12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Rubio made the following announcements:

- CommuterLink routes are up 45 percent with the biggest jump on Route 206, which runs between Temecula and Corona. Monthly ridership on that route grew 71 percent compared to this time last year. Last month, RTA added another bus to the Route to keep up with the demand. Route 202, which runs between Temecula and Oceanside, grew by 55 percent. Route 204, which runs between Riverside and Montclair, grew by 17 percent. Route 208, which runs between Temecula and Riverside, grew by 35 percent. In addition to the growth on CommuterLink, contracted fixed route ridership is up roughly 11 percent and Dial-a-Ride service jumped 12 percent. Many passengers are telling us that the rising cost of fuel has prompted them to ride our buses. We are hopeful that those new passengers will stay even as gas prices begin to drop.
- As discussed earlier this month, the Board Budget and Administration and Board Operations Committee meetings previously scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> have been rescheduled to July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Because the League of California Cities annual conference being held in San Diego on September 6-9, it was suggested that the Committee meetings for September be rescheduled to September 13<sup>th</sup>. The clerk of the Board has emailed the Committee members to poll your availability.
- I will be on vacation from June 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Fox complimented staff for the hard work during contract negotiations.

Chairman Fox announced that the picnic has been rescheduled to October 14<sup>th</sup>. Employee Appreciation Day will be held on the day of the Board meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the No Lost Work Days raffle. These events will have a Luau theme. Chairman Fox encouraged everyone to dress in Hawaiian attire.

## 13. **NEXT MEETING**

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

14. **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**

The Board of Directors went into Closed Session at 2:53 p.m.

The Board of Directors returned to Open Session at 3:14 p.m.

General Counsel Smart reported the action taken in Closed Session as follows:

M/S/C (COMERCHERO/GOODWIN) as to the following:

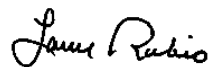
- Approve for all employees hired after June 22, 2006:
  - Retiree medical vesting after 10-years of employment with RTA
  - Elimination of RTA paid retirees' dependent medical premiums.
- Authorize the Agency to obtain an employee/retiree medical insurance "like" policy outside of CalPERS Medical System.
- Adopt and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors to approve the attached Resolution No. 2006-08 Fixing the Employers Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. This will be in effect until the Agency successfully discontinues medical insurance coverage with CalPERS Medical.
- Approve binding grievance arbitration for bargaining unit employees.
- Approve changes to Human Resource Policy, Section 5-1, Medical/Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance.
- Approve the three year Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside Transit Agency and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1277, for the coach operators, mechanics, and service workers.

Director Buster complimented staff for the hard work during contract negotiations.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at p.m. 3:17

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. TOM FRANKLIN	CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
4. CRAIG FAJNOR	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
5. MARK STANLEY	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
6. LAURA MURILLO	DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
7. SCOTT RICHARDSON	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING
8. NICK BURRIE	DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE
9. RICK KACZEROWSKI	DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
10. VINCE ROUZAUD	DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MGMT.
11. MARICELA HERNANDEZ	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/CLERK OF THE BOARD
12. CHRISTOPHER GALLANES	PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING MANAGER
13. BEVERLY SMITH	CONTROLLER
14. VALERIE KELLY	OPERATIONS MANAGER
15. VIRGINIA WERLY	CONTRACT OPERATIONS MANAGER
16. JILES SMITH	RISK MANAGER
17. REGGIE FAULKNER	TRAINING MANAGER
18. NATALIE ZARAGOZA	CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR
19. MARY ARDEN	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CLERK OF BOARD
20. BRAD WEAVER	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
21. NATALIE GOMEZ	COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST
22. LINDA KELLER	CONTRACT OPERATIONS FIELD ADMINISTRATOR
23. MILA NELSON	PLANNING ANALYST
24. LORELLE MOE	PLANNING ANALYST
25. JOAN HEPWORTH	SENIOR SECRETARY
26. MIKE MCCOY	SENIOR PLANNER
27. LUCIANO ROSE	BUYER
28. JESSICA OMOHUNDRO	BUYER
29. JESSICA BECERRA	ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN
30. TANYA LOVE	RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
31. MARIA ARANGUIZ	CITY OF CORONA
32. PHIL PITCHFORD	THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE
33. MARK HEWLETT	WELLS FARGO
34. MRS. AMY HICKMAN	LAKE ELSINORE RESIDENT
35. DONNA L. HECHT	RTA RIDER
36. JAMES SHAUPP	RTA RIDER
37. CESAR MARTINEZ	RTA RIDER