



**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, 1:00 P.M.
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM C
4080 LEMON STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
2. <u>SELF-INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
3. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS</u> Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to matters not listed on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on any matter listed on the agenda at the time that the Board considers that matter. Each person's presentation is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.	RECEIVE COMMENTS
4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 24, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (P.3)</u>	APPROVE
5. <u>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT (P.6)</u>	RECEIVE AND FILE
6. <u>APPROVE NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION NOW PRIVATE DONATION (P.9)</u>	APPROVE
7. <u>DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE PLAN, VINE STREET AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA) TIMELINE</u>	DISCUSS

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
8. <u>WENTWORTH, HEMET PROPERTY DISPOSITION UPDATE</u>	DISCUSS
9. <u>TUMF LAWSUIT STATUS UPDATE</u>	DISCUSS
9. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
10. <u>NEXT MEETING</u> BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014 1:00 P.M. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 4080 LEMON STREET, FIFTH FLOOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM C RIVERSIDE, CA 92501	
11. <u>MEETING ADJOURNMENT</u>	

RTA BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Minutes
July 24, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Comerchero called the Board Executive Committee meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. on July 24, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room C.

2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions of those in attendance took place.

Committee Attendees

1. Chairman Jeff Comerchero, City of Temecula, Mayor Pro Tem
2. First Vice-Chairman Andrew Kotyuk, City of San Jacinto, Councilmember
3. Second Vice-Chairwoman Ella Zanowic, City of Calimesa, Councilmember
4. Director Wallace Edgerton, City of Menifee, Deputy Mayor
5. Director Frank Johnston, City of Jurupa Valley, Mayor

Committee Members Absent

1. Immediate Past Chair Marion Ashley, County of Riverside, District V, Supervisor

RTA Staff

1. Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
2. Craig Fajnor, Chief Financial Officer
3. Vince Rouzaud, Chief Procurement & Logistics Officer
4. Jim Kneepkens, Director of Marketing
5. Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Representative

Other Attendees

1. Ken Smart, Agency General Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2014 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

M/S/C (JOHNSTON/ZANOWIC) approving the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Special Executive Committee meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. TRANSPORTATION NOW QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mr. Ustation provided an update on the Transportation NOW Restructure.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY POLICIES AND REVISE THE BYLAWS OF TRANSPORTATION NOW OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

M/S/C (JOHNSTON/ZANOWIC) as to the following:

- Approve modifications of Transportation NOW as proposed.
- Approve the revisions to the Bylaws of Transportation NOW of Western Riverside County.
- Authorize the first General Assembly meeting to take place on January 8, 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GO-PASS PROGRAM PRICING STRUCTURE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR STUDENT REFERENDUM

M/S/C (JOHNSTON/ZANOWIC) as to the following:

- Approve the proposed RCCD Go-Pass pricing structure and program requirements.
- Authorize staff to provide the necessary information to RCCD students and administrators to create a student referendum to establish a five-year Go-Pass program.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND AWARD OF AGREEMENT NO. 14-004 TO NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING ASPHALT AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CONCRETE AT THE AGENCY'S HEMET FACILITY

M/S/C (EDGERTON/KOTYUK) as to the following:

- Authorize staff to rescind award of Agreement No. 14-004 to National Construction & Maintenance for the removal of existing asphalt and installation of new concrete at the Agency's Hemet facility.
- Authorize staff to execute a mutual General Release of Claims Agreement with National Construction & Maintenance.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. WENTWORTH, HEMET PROPERTY DISPOSITION UPDATE

Mr. Rouzaud provided an update on the Wentworth, Hemet property disposition.

10. RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) COUNTY-WIDE STATE OF TRANSIT REPORT

Mr. Fajnor provided an update on the RCTC County-Wide State of Transit report.

11. HIGHWAY TRUST FUND SHORTFALL UPDATE

Mr. Fajnor provided an update on the Highway Trust Fund shortfall.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

Board Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2014
1:00 P.M.
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor
Board of Supervisors Conference Room C
Riverside, CA 92501

14. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

September 25, 2014

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Representative
SUBJECT: Government Relations Report

Summary: Following is a synopsis of federal and state legislative events and issues affecting the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA).

Federal Events and Issues

Highway Trust Fund Solvency

The Highway Trust Fund (HTF) helps states pay for infrastructure and transit programs and is comprised of revenues received from the federal gas tax. The tax has not been raised in over 20 years and the HTF has continued difficulties funding the nation's growing infrastructure and transit needs. In early 2014, the U.S. Department of Transportation predicted that the HTF would be depleted by August 1 if additional revenues were not found.

On July 31, Congress approved \$10.8 billion in offset revenue to support transfers of general funds into the HTF and to extend the authorization for transit, highway and highway safety programs funded from the HTF through the end of May 31, 2015. A majority of the offset revenue was created through so-called "pension smoothing," which allows companies to put off otherwise mandatory contributions to their defined-benefit employee pension funds, thus increasing tax revenue for the Treasury since those contributions would have been tax-deductible.

The Senate was initially opposed to extending the funding through May 2015 and preferred extending funding to late December 2014, thus creating urgency during the lame duck session to pass a successor to Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and creating a stable funding source for the HTF.

Short-Term Continuing Resolution

On Thursday, September 18, Congress passed a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund all programs and functions of the federal government for the first ten weeks of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The CR extends funding for all federal programs, agencies and services until December 11, 2014, at the current annual rate of \$1.012 trillion.

For public transportation formula programs, funding is continued at a rate equal to the MAP-21-authorized FY14 level of \$8.595 billion. Discretionary grant programs and transit research, technical assistance, and training programs are funded at a rate equal to FY14 appropriated levels. However, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) typically waits for congressional appropriations of five months or more before the agency will apportion formula grant funds, and as a result transit agencies will likely see their FY15 apportionments delayed due to the short-term nature of the CR.

State Events and Issues

Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan

As part of the California state budget passed in June, legislators detailed current and future year proceeds from the Air Resources Board's Cap and Trade Program. For the 2014-15 budget year, the approved spending includes:

- \$25 million for local transit capital or operations
- \$25 million for state transit capital or operations
- \$130 for sustainable communities and housing (transit-oriented development projects are eligible)
- \$200 million for low-carbon transportation including zero-emission buses
- \$250 million for high speed rail

The long-term spending plan for Cap and Trade revenue was divided to include on an ongoing basis:

- 5 percent of Cap and Trade revenue for local transit capital or operations
- 10 percent for state transit capital and operations
- 20 percent for affordable housing and sustainable communities
- 25 percent for high speed rail
- 40 percent for a variety of energy, water, waste diversion and weatherization programs

Although staff would have liked more funding dedicated to transit, it is encouraging that a new long-term revenue source has materialized from the Cap and Trade program that is estimated to generate up to \$5 billion in future years.

Assembly Bill 1783 – PEPRA Exemption Extension

Assembly Bill (AB) 1783 provides a one-year extension of last year's measure that exempted transit workers from the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) for 2014, as litigation continues against the U.S. Department of Labor on its interpretation of PEPRA vs. 13(c) of Federal transit law. That federal court action will not be resolved before the legislature adjourns this year, so AB 1783 (Jones-Sawyer) has been amended to extend the exemption for one more year, thus ensuring federal transit funds will continue to flow into California on January 1, 2015.

AB 1783 has passed both the Assembly and Senate and was presented to the governor on September 4 for his signature.

Assembly Bill 1522 – Paid Sick Days

Assembly Bill (AB) 1522 would enact the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 to provide that an employee who works in California for 30 or more days within a year is entitled to paid sick days to be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick days beginning on the 90th day of employment.

The bill would authorize an employer to limit an employee's use of paid sick days to 24 hours or 3 days in each year of employment. The bill would prohibit an employer from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who requests paid sick days.

The Agency currently provides 24-hours floating holiday time annually to part-time coach operators. Staff is researching how this would apply to requirements of AB 1522. Also, this bill may have implications for on-call positions for the next fiscal year. Staff will work with legal counsel to ensure the Agency follows the proper procedure as prescribed by law.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

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September 25, 2014

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Representative
SUBJECT: Approve Northwest Transportation NOW Private Donation

Summary: The Northwest Transportation NOW (T-NOW) chapter has worked throughout 2014 to create a promotional video contest that builds on a similar contest held in 2013. This year the contest theme is How to Ride Public Transportation. The chapter is hopeful that the video entries will positively illustrate how to read a bus schedule and route map, where to purchase passes and tickets, and how to create a travel itinerary on the Google Transit Trip Planner.

To generate interest in the contest, cash prizes of \$1,250, \$750 and \$500 will be offered to the top three entries as judged by a committee formed by the chapter. A donation of \$2,500 from Foremost Properties in Corona was received by the chapter to fund the prizes. Per Article IV Section 2(i) of the T-NOW Bylaws, donations of \$1,000 or more are subject to Board Executive Committee approval.

Fiscal Impact:

No direct fiscal impact as the entire donated amount will be distributed to the contest winners.

Recommendation:

Approve receipt and expenditure of a \$2,500 private donation from Foremost Properties for the Northwest T-NOW video contest winners.