



**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015, 1:00 P.M.
RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM C, 5TH FLOOR
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>	RECEIVE COMMENTS
<p>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.</p>	
4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (P.3)</u>	APPROVE
5. <u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</u>	DISCUSS
6. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH DAVID TURCH AND ASSOCIATES FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES (P.6)</u>	APPROVE
7. <u>BEAUMONT v. RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, ET AL. – UPDATE</u>	DISCUSS

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RECOMMENDATION

8. **NEXT MEETING**
BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
1:00 P.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
4080 LEMON STREET, FIFTH FLOOR
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

9. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

RTA BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Minutes
February 26, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice-Chairwoman Zanowic called the Board Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on February 26, 2015, in the Board of Supervisor's Conference Room C, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, CA.

2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions of those in attendance took place.

Committee Attendees

1. Chairman Andrew Kotyuk, City of San Jacinto, Council Member
2. First Vice-Chairwoman Ella Zanowic, City of Calimesa, Mayor Pro Tem
3. Second Vice-Chairman Frank Johnston, City of Jurupa Valley, Council Member
4. Director Ike Bootsma, City of Eastvale, Mayor
5. Director Linda Krupa, City of Hemet, Mayor

Absent

1. 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 Rouzard, Chief Procurement & Logistics Officer
4. Jim Kneepkens, Director of Marketing
5. Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Representative

Other Attendees

1. James Donich, Agency General Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

M/S/C (JOHNSTON/BOOTSMA) approving the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. TRANSPORTATION NOW QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mr. Ustation presented the Transportation NOW quarterly attendance Report.

6. 2015 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

M/S/C (BOOTSMA/KRUPA) approving and recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Approve proposed 2015 Federal and State Legislative Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kotyuk arrived to the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

7. TRANSPORTATION NOW TRAVEL

Mr. Ustation presented an update on Transportation NOW travel.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO HOST THE 2017 CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE AND EXPO

M/S/C (KOTYUK/BOOTSMA) approving and recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Authorize the Agency to host the California Transit Association 52nd Annual Fall Conference & Expo on November 8-10, 2017.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. PEPRA – 13c UPDATE

Mr. Fajnor presented an update on PEPRA 13c.

10. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HEMET FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TRAINING EXERCISES ON DIVISION II PROPERTY

Mr. Rouzaud presented regarding agreement with the City of Hemet Fire Department for training exercises on RTA's Division II property.

11. NEXT MEETING

Board Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
1:00 P.M.
Board of Supervisors Conference Room C
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

March 26, 2015

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Vince Rouzaud, Chief Procurement & Logistics Officer

SUBJECT: Authorization to Renew Agreement with David Turch and Associates for Legislative Advocacy Services

Summary: The Agency has used the firm of David Turch and Associates (DTA) as its representative at the federal level for advocacy services since April 2004. DTA is a Washington D.C. based firm which gives them daily access to members of Congress and other decision-makers. They also maintain a strong presence in the Inland Empire representing many local and regional governmental agencies. The Agency's legislative services agreement with DTA will expire on June 30, 2015.

In addition to advocacy services, DTA provides a wide range of other professional services. Professional services such as analysis and guidance on pending congressional bills, guidance on federal rules and regulations that effect transit/transportation issues and assistance in matching the Agency's priorities with federal funding opportunities. DTA also provides logistical support in arranging appointments and scheduling meetings with members of Congress and federal agencies in Washington, D.C.

Over the years, DTA has helped the Agency receive millions of dollars in federal funding through the appropriations process for a number of transportation projects, including funding for the Riverside, Corona and Twin Cities Transit Centers, the bus replacement program and the advanced traveler information system.

In order to continue to take full advantage of all federal funding opportunities and given the fact that federal dollars have become more competitive and the procedures for obtaining them more complicated, it is critical to have a professional advocacy firm like DTA to help advance the interests of the Agency.

Staff is recommending the renewal of DTA's contract for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, with a one-year

option. The cost for DTA to provide these services is \$48,000 per-year plus expenses. This amount is unchanged from the current agreement.

If approved, the Agency will be required to file the appropriate forms with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to ensure compliance with federal lobbying provisions.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost for DTA services is \$48,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses. Sufficient funds to cover this request will be included in the Agency's FY16 operating budget.

Recommendation:

Approve and recommend this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Authorize staff to execute an agreement with David Turch and Associates for legislative advocacy services at a cost of \$48,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses, for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, with a one-year option.
- Authorize staff to file the appropriate forms with the FTA to ensure Agency compliance with federal lobbying provisions.