



October 22, 2015
1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

**Board Executive Committee Meeting
Riverside County Administration Center
Board of Supervisors Conference Room C
4080 Lemon Street, Fifth Floor
Riverside, CA 92501**

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ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

RECEIVE COMMENTS

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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (P.3)

APPROVE

5. TRANSPORTATION NOW QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE REPORT (P.5)

RECEIVE AND FILE

6. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT (P.11)

RECEIVE AND FILE

7. NEXT MEETING

Board Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
Riverside Transit Agency
1825 Third Street, Conference Room
Riverside, CA 92501

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RTA BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Minutes
September 24, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice-Chairwoman Zanowic called the Board Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on September 24, 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. First Vice-Chairwoman Ella Zanowic, City of Calimesa
2. Second Vice-Chairman Frank Johnston, City of Jurupa Valley
3. Director Ike Bootsma, City of Eastvale
4. Director Linda Krupa, City of Hemet

Absent

1. Chairman Andrew Kotyuk, City of San Jacinto
2. Past Chair Marion Ashley, County of Riverside District V

RTA Staff

1. Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
2. Craig Fajnor, Chief Financial Officer

Other Attendees

1. James Donich, Agency General Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 23, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

M/S/C (BOOTSMA/KRUPA) approving the minutes of the July 23, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

The motion carried with 3 affirmative votes and 1 abstention (JOHNSTON).

5. PEPRA/13c – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UPDATE

Mr. Donich presented an update on PEPRA/13c – Department of Labor, followed by discussion.

The meeting went into closed session at 1:20 p.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting returned to open session at 1:22 p.m.

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8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

October 22, 2015

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Manager
SUBJECT: Transportation NOW Quarterly Attendance Report

Summary: Transportation NOW has six chapters; Greater Riverside, Hemet/San Jacinto Valley, Moreno Valley/Perris, Northwest, San Gorgonio Pass, and Southwest. Each chapter meets monthly at a location convenient to the membership. Attendance includes transit users, elected officials, transit advocates, community activists and Riverside Transit Agency staff.

Attached is the calendar year 2015 3rd quarter attendance report for all six chapters.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

Transportation NOW Meeting Attendees
July - September 2015

Jul-15

Greater Riverside Chapter

1	Clarissa Cervantes	Councilmember Andy Melendrez's Office
2	Carmen Cuevas	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
3	Catherine Duran	North High School
4	Christina Duran	Community consultant - Eastside
5	Joanne Hornsby	Long Island resident
6	John Krick	Alvord Unified School District
7	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
8	Andy Melendrez	City of Riverside Councilmember
9	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
10	Keith White	RTA rider

Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chapter

1	Frank Burnett	RTA rider
2	Michael Carle	Golden Village Palms
3	Mario Herrera	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office
4	Andrew Kotyuk	City of San Jacinto Councilmember
5	Linda Krupa	City of Hemet Mayor
6	Rohan Kuruppu	Riverside Transit Agency
7	Randon Lane	City of Murrieta Mayor Pro Tem
8	James Pangrazzi	San Jacinto resident
9	Kathy Prokop	Mt. San Jacinto College student
10	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency

Moreno Valley / Perris Chapter

1	Tonya Burke	City of Perris Mayor Pro Tem
2	Mark Ealy	Reverend
3	Thomas Ketcham	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
4	Melanie Ling	Congressman Mark Takano's Office
5	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
6	Jesse Molina	City of Moreno Valley Councilmember
7	Tasha Samuel	RTA customer
8	Brad Weaver	Riverside Transit Agency

Northwest Chapter

1	Brian Champion	City of Corona
2	Berwin Hanna	City of Norco Councilmember
3	Donna Johnston	Jurupa Valley Unified Boardmember
4	Frank Johnston	City of Jurupa Valley Councilmember
5	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
6	Ted Rozzi	Corona-Norco Unified School District
7	Jason Scott	City of Corona Councilmember
8	Jerry Sincich	Temescal Municipal Advisory Committee
9	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
10	John Vondriska	Corona-Norco Unified School District

San Gorgonio Pass Chapter

1	Rosilicie Bogh	Assemblymember Chad Mayes' Office
2	Nancy Carroll	City of Beaumont Treasurer
3	James Foster	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
4	Mario Janesin	Community Access Center
5	Brenda Knight	City of Beaumont Mayor
6	Harry Nead	Sun Lakes, Riverside Transit Agency rider

Transportation NOW Meeting Attendees
July - September 2015

7	Anita Petke	Sunline Transit Agency
8	Ron Roy	Beaumont resident
9	Richard Skwara	Beaumont resident
10	Rita Skwara	Beaumont resident
11	Brenda Teeman	Beaumont resident
12	Richard Teeman	Beaumont resident
13	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
14	Art Welch	City of Banning Councilmember
15	Anita Worthen	Pass Area Veteran's Expo
16	Ella Zanowic	City of Calimesa Mayor Pro Tem

Southwest Chapter

1	Brian Ambrose	City of Murrieta
2	Greg August	City of Menifee Councilmember
3	Jeff Comerchero	City of Temecula Mayor
4	Nicole Dailey	City of Lake Elsinore
5	Maryann Edwards	City of Temecula Councilmember
6	Kyra Espinosa	Promenade Temecula
7	Michael Garrison	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office
8	Amy Hickman	Lake Elsinore
9	Daryl Hickman	City of Lake Elsinore Councilmember
10	Chris Hyland	Lake Elsinore
11	Jeff Kurtz	Promenade Temecula
12	Rohan Kuruppu	Riverside Transit Agency
13	Victoria Lopez	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office intern
14	Joseph Morabito	Wildomar Rap
15	Aaron Rintamaki	City of Murrieta
16	Alice Sullivan	Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce
17	Bobby Swan	City of Wildomar Planning Commission
18	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency

Aug-15

Greater Riverside Chapter

Chapter was dark in August.

Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chapter

Chapter was dark in August.

Moreno Valley / Perris Chapter

1	Tonya Burke	City of Perris Councilmember
2	Edgar Castelan	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
3	Mark Ealy	Community Activist
4	Cindy Espinza	Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce
5	Verniecia Green-Jordan	Perris Elementary School District Boardmember
6	Cesar Gomez	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
7	Deni Horne	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office
8	Thomas Ketcham	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
9	Eric Lewis	City of Moreno Valley
10	Melanie Ling	Congressman Mark Takano's Office
11	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
12	David Madsen	South Coast Air Quality Management District
13	Cynthia Mendez	City of Perris
14	Jesse Molina	City of Moreno Valley Councilmember
15	Leslie Petersen	Perris Valley African American Committee

Transportation NOW Meeting Attendees
July - September 2015

16	Tasha Samuel	Customer
17	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency

Northwest Chapter

Chapter was dark in August.

San Gorgonio Pass Chapter

1	Nancy Carroll	City of Beaumont Treasurer
2	Franklin Dancy	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
3	Maria Duran	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
4	James Foster	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
5	Pat Foster	City of Beaumont
6	John Huizar	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
7	Mario Janesin	Community Access Center
8	Brenda Knight	City of Beaumont Mayor
9	Kris Linton	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
10	Jack Marty	Riverside County Transportation Commission volunteer
11	David Madsen	South Coast Air Quality Management District
12	Joyce McIntire	City of Calimesa Mayor
13	Heidi Meraz	City of Banning
14	Harry Nead	Sun Lakes, Riverside Transit Agency rider
15	Diego Rojo	SunLine Transit Agency
16	Ron Roy	Beaumont resident
17	Brenda Teeman	Beaumont resident
18	Richard Teeman	Beaumont resident
19	Elizabeth Urtiaga	City of Beaumont
20	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
21	Art Welch	City of Banning Councilmember
22	Ella Zanowic	City of Calimesa Mayor Pro Tem
23	Denise Valdepena	Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Southwest Chapter

1	Brian Ambrose	City of Murrieta
2	Greg August	City of Menifee Councilmember
3	Jeff Comerchero	City of Temecula Mayor
4	Nicole Dailey	City of Lake Elsinore
5	Maryann Edwards	City of Temecula Councilmember
6	Daryl Hickman	City of Lake Elsinore Councilmember
7	Deni Horne	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office
8	Kristen Huyck	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
9	Chris Hyland	Lake Elsinore Commissioner
10	Rohan Kuruppu	Riverside Transit Agency
11	Randon Lane	City of Murrieta Mayor Pro Tem
12	David Madsen	South Coast Air Quality Management District
13	Joseph Morabito	Wildomar Rap
14	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
15	John Zaitz	City of Canyon Lake Councilmember

Sep-15

Greater Riverside Chapter

1	Clarissa Cervantes	Councilmember Andy Melendrez's Office
2	Carmen Cuevas	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
3	Art Garcia	Community Action Commission
4	Cheryl Hansberger	Riverside Office of the Mayor

Transportation NOW Meeting Attendees
July - September 2015

5	Tom Ketcham	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
6	Jim Kneepkens	Riverside Transit Agency
7	Jeff Kraus	UC Riverside
8	John Krick	Alvord Unified School District
9	Lenny Laverne	Riverside resident
10	Richard Lemire	Community Action Partnership
11	Melanie Ling	Congressman Mark Takano's Office
12	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
13	Andy Melendrez	City of Riverside Councilmember
14	Stan Morrison	Security Bank
15	Araceli Ruiz	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
16	Mike Teurel	Rick Engineering
17	Diane Tkach	Goeske Senior Center
18	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
19	Keith White	Bus rider

Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chapter

1	CW Cecchi	Hemet Transportation and Parking Commission
2	Muriel Dufrense	Golden Era Productions
3	Deni Horne	Assemblymember Melissa Melendez's Office
4	Linda Krupa	City of Hemet Councilmember
5	Sean Motlagh	City of San Jacinto
6	James Pangrazzi	San Jacinto Community Activist
7	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
8	Keith White	RTA rider
9	Tom Wilson	Senator Mike Morell's Office

Moreno Valley / Perris Chapter

1	Sabrina Cervantes	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
2	Mark Ealy	Community Activist
3	Cesar Gomez	Assemblymember Jose Medina's Office
4	Thomas Ketcham	Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office
5	Eric Lewis	City of Moreno Valley
6	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
7	David Madsen	South Coast Air Quality Management District
8	Cynthia Mendez	City of Perris
9	Jesse Molina	City of Moreno Valley Councilmember
10	Leslie Petersen	Perris Valley African American Committee
11	Tasha Samuel	Customer
12	Giovanna Sedgwick	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
13	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency

Northwest Chapter

1	Ike Bootsma	City of Eastvale Mayor
2	Brian Champion	City of Corona
3	Berwin Hanna	City of Norco Councilmember
4	Donna Johnston	Jurupa Valley School District Boardmember
5	Frank Johnston	City of Jurupa Valley Mayor
6	Jim Kneepkens	Riverside Transit Agency
7	Rohan Kuruppu	Riverside Transit Agency
8	Tyler Madary	Senator Richard Roth's Office
9	Jerry Sincich	Temescal Municipal Advisory Council
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11	Keith White	Rider

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7	Chris Hyland	Lake Elsinore Commissioner
8	Grace Morabito	Wildomar Rap
9	Joseph Morabito	Wildomar Rap
10	Eric Ustation	Riverside Transit Agency
11	John Zaitz	City of Canyon Lake Councilmember

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

October 22, 2015

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Eric Ustation, Government Affairs Manager
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

Transportation Reauthorization

Congress continues their pattern of passing short-term extensions of highway and transit programs while debating how to fund a long-term bill. The most recent extension occurred in late July when Congress passed a three month bill containing a roughly \$8 billion patch to the Highway Trust Fund. While initially intended to fund programs through the end of October, the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced in September that the funding extension will in fact last through June 2016, six months longer than originally anticipated. DOT officials said they would be able to make the dollars stretch further than expected because the pace of U.S. construction has a pattern of slowing down in winter months.

This extra time will allow Congress to continue work on a long-term bill that leaders of both Chambers claim to want. However, there remain fundamental differences between initial House and Senate versions of a long-term bill, and new funding sources for any such bill remains a sticking point as gas tax revenues cannot solely fund the current needs of highway and transit programs.

State Events and Issues

End of 2015 Legislative Session

Governor Jerry Brown had until October 11 to sign or veto the hundreds of bills that were passed through the State Senate and Assembly and presented to him. Below are brief summaries of the result of transit related bills:

AB 1250 - This bill addressed the ongoing issue of bus weights. AB 1250 proposed a new, more realistic schedule of new bus axle weights starting January 1, 2016 – one which acknowledges that transit buses in operation today may not always comply with the state's old, outdated bus axle weight limit. The bill decreases the maximum bus axle weight over time, to incentivize bus manufacturers and public transit operators to design, manufacture and ultimately put into operation increasingly lighter transit buses. Finally, it converts the measurement and enforcement of bus axle weights to curb weight as opposed to today's gross weight standard. This allows for a fair standard in which buses can be weighed without the variation that the weight of passengers on-board can add. The Governor signed this bill into law on October 4.

AB 1347 - This bill proposed to establish a new claim resolution process for all public entity contracts, with the expressed goal of addressing issues of delayed payment. Specifically, this bill would require a public entity to review and respond to written claims within 30 days of receipt, and would mandate payment of undisputed claims within 30 days. If a public entity fails to respond to a claim from a contractor within the 30-day period, this bill would penalize that public entity by requiring that the claim be approved in its entirety.

Staff had strong concerns with additional state government intrusion into the actual administration of contracts post award. Letters in opposition were sent to the author of the bill. Although the bill passed through the Assembly and Senate, the Governor vetoed the bill on October 11 stating that he did not believe this bill contained procedures that are an improvement over current law.

SB 508 - This bill proposed to delete the requirement for transit operators to maintain higher farebox requirements based on the 1978–79 fiscal year. Instead, farebox requirements will be determined strictly on an operating cost versus revenue basis. The bill would exempt additional categories of expenditures from the definition of operating cost used to determine compliance with required farebox ratios, including, among others, certain health

coverage, pension, fuel, insurance, and claims settlement costs. The bill would also exempt startup costs for new transit services for up to two years. The bill would revise the definition of operating cost for performance audit and certain other purposes to exclude principal and interest payments on capital projects funded with certificates of participation or other lease financing mechanisms. This bill was signed by the Governor on October 9.

Special Session on Transportation

Earlier this year, Governor Brown called a special session of the California Legislature to come up with solutions to fund the state's unmet transportation needs. Numerous proposals were suggested to raise funds over what is currently collected through gas and diesel sales and excise taxes. Some suggestions included a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee, increasing registration fees, implementing a fee on electric vehicle users, and simply raising the gas tax.

Opposition to increased fees and taxes arose amongst Republican members of the Legislature, who argued that existing revenues were more than sufficient if they were used as intended. Due to this opposition, legislative leaders will convene a conference committee, under the rubric of the special session, to continue debate on a long-term solution to our state's transportation funding crisis. This debate is expected to continue well into fall.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.