



May 24, 2018
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 – APRIL 26, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (P.3)

APPROVE

5. AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH DAVID TURCH AND ASSOCIATES FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES (P.6)

APPROVE

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1912

DISCUSS

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 28, 2018
1:00 p.m.
Riverside County Administration Center
4080 Lemon St., 5th Floor
Conference Room C
Riverside, CA 92501

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RTA BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Minutes
April 26, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Art Welch called the Board Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on April 26, 2018 in the Board of Supervisor's Conference Room C, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, CA.

2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were dispensed with.

Committee Attendees

1. Art Welch, City of Banning
2. Randon Lane, City of Murrieta
3. Tonya Burke, City of Perris
4. Berwin Hanna, City of Norco
5. Maryann Edwards, City of Temecula
6. Andy Melendrez, City of Riverside

Committee Members Absent

1. Linda Krupa, City of Hemet
2. Nancy Carroll, City of Beaumont

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

Other Attendees

1. James Donich, Agency General Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Chairman Welch moved Items 4 and 5 to the end of the agenda prior to closed session.

6. TRANSPORTATION NOW QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mr. Jim Kneepkens presented the quarterly attendance report which was received and filed.

First Vice-Chairman Randon Lane arrived at the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

7. VINE STREET PROPERTY UPDATE

Mr. Vince Rouzaud presented the Vine Street property update.

Director Berwin Hanna arrived at the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1912

Mr. Larry Rubio and Mr. James Donich led a discussion regarding Assembly Bill 1912.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 22, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion and a second were made and the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 4, 2018 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion and a second were made and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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Director Andy Melendrez arrived at the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

The meeting went into closed session at 1:36 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

A CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 TO DISCUSS THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, LOCAL 1277. THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY IS LARRY RUBIO, AND THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, LOCAL 1277 IS ART AGUILAR.

The meeting returned to open session at 1:49 p.m.

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
1825 Third Street
Riverside, CA 92507

May 24, 2018

TO: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Vince Rouzaud, Chief Procurement and 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 Washington D.C.--based representative for advocacy services at the federal level since April 2004. As a Washington D.C. firm, they have direct access to members of Congress and contacts with other federal agencies such as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). They also maintain a strong presence in the Inland Empire representing many local and regional governmental agencies. The Agency's current agreement with DTA will expire on June 30, 2018.

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 Temecula transit facilities, 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 process 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, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The cost for

DTA to provide these services is \$60,000 plus expenses. This amount is unchanged from the current agreement.

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

Fiscal Impact:

The cost for DTA services is \$60,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses. Sufficient funds to cover this request will be included in the Agency's FY19 operating budget.

Recommendation:

- Authorize staff to renew its agreement with David Turch and Associates for the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$60,000 per-year, plus reasonable and customary expenses.
- Authorize staff to file the appropriate forms with the FTA to ensure Agency compliance with federal lobbying provisions.