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The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said the transition for the Redi-Wheels contract is continuing to go smoothly and on-time performance has improved.

Mike Levinson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Chair, said May Nichols, former PCC member, passed away in January. The PCC's Education Committee will be making several presentations on the history of feedback received on the presentations they have given.

Committee Chair Zoe Kersteen-Tucker announced the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) recruitment opens on February 6 to fill five seats on the committee. Applications are available online and are due March 6. The Board will appoint selected CAC members at the April 1 Board meeting.

Peter Ratto, CAC Chair, said he was reelected chair and Margaret Pye was elected vice chair. The CAC received a presentation on Clipper 2.0 and the SamTrans Service Plan quarterly update.

Chuck Harvey, Deputy CEO, presented the Mobility Management Report: Caltrain (attached).

Average Weekday Ridership – December 2014 Compared to December 2013 Bus: 37,860, a decrease of 3.4 percent, which is attributed to the heavy rain in December All modes: 100,070, an increase of 1.2 percent

The Finance Committee and Board

- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for December 2014.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Review and Fixed Income Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2014.
- Authorized Amendment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Operating Revenue in the Amount of \$3 Million for Total Operating Revenues of \$163,561,129 and Total Operating Expenses of \$133,090,358.
- Authorized Award of Contract to MV Transportation, Inc. to Provide Contracted Shuttle Services for a Base Term of Five Years and Four Months at an Estimated Cost of \$1,148,097.
- Authorized Award of Contract to Anthem Builders, Inc. to Provide Security Upgrades at Three District Facilities for a Total Amount of \$1,299,781, Amendment of FY2015 Capital Budget by \$230,000 and Delegation of Approval and Authority for all Aspects of the Project, Including Design, Construction, Phasing, and Schedule to the General Manager/CEO.
- Authorized Award of Contract to New Flyer Industries Canada ULC for the Provision of Brake Parts and Related Items for an Estimated Total of \$156,496 for a Three-Year Base Term.

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- Authorized the Amendment to Extend the Contract with C.A.R.E. Evaluators, LLC for ADA Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services for up to Five and One-Half Months for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$257,514.
- Received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

The Legislative Committee and Board

Approved the 2015 Legislative Program. The Program is organized to guide the District's actions and positions in support of three primary objectives 1) maintain and enhance funding opportunities to support the District's programs and services, 2) seek a regulatory environment that streamlines project delivery and maximizes the District's ability to meet public transportation service demands, and 3) reinforce and expand programs that build and incentivize public transportation ridership.

There was a ruling in favor of the State to implement the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act with respect to transit employees. The Department of Labor is going to appeal the decision and they do not plan on certifying a grant for SamTrans until this issue gets resolved.

The president released his budget request and it includes a six-year reauthorization proposal called Grow America. The proposal includes \$1.25 billion a year for the TIGER Program, \$28.6 billion for rail, including Positive Train Control, and a 76 percent increase in transit formula funding, compared to a 29 percent increase in highway funding.

The Board of Directors

Presented a Resolution of Appreciation to past chair, Jeff Gee.

Michael Scanlon, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Recognized Jaime Moran with a 30-year safe driver award.
- An Association of American Retired Persons Driver Safety Program was held on January 7 and wheel chair ramp training was done for paratransit customers.
- Fixed-routes logged 22,000 miles between service calls and Redi-Wheels logged 153,255 miles without a service call.
- Investment in human capital continued In December with over 2,300 hours of training for six new part-time bus operators, mandated training by the Department of Motor Vehicles, maintenance training, and professional development training.
- The Redi-Wheels transition to the new operator was successfully completed and went extraordinarily well.
- Operations Planning staff is working on a transition with the Federal Transit Administration on the National Transit Database. This has been a manual ride check process and staff is converting it over to a fully automated electronic system using the automatic passenger counters on the buses.
- A new runbook was launched on January 11 without any problems.
- A 60-foot electric bus from the Chinese company, Build Your Dreams, was on property and staff tested it on Route ECR.

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- Staff from Protera Bus was at North Base. They build zero-emission electric buses and were looking at processes and procedures.
- The annual Art Takes a Bus contest was just launched. This year's theme is "The Future of SamTrans."
- SamTrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) are working with the City/County Association of Governments in updating the long-range Countywide Transportation Plan that feeds into the regional Bay Area Plan that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission overlooks. SamTrans has committed to a contribution of \$25,000 and the TA is contributing \$50,000. The total cost for the Plan is \$150,000.

Legal Counsel reported that there was no action taken on the matter of Ling La and the recruitment of the General Manager/CEO.

Meeting was adjourned in memory of May Nichols, former PCC member.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 2 p.m.

























