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**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL HEARING ROOM  
995 PALM ST.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Susan Rains called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Rains, D. Gregg Doyle, Denise Martinez, Margaret Crockett,  
Robert Wolf, Elizabeth Thyne, and Stanley Yucikas

Absent: Kathy Howard

Vacant: Student

Staff: John Webster, Dee Lawson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rita Nelson, senior citizen bus rider, requested the following concerns be addressed: smoking banned near public bus stops, banning non-emergency cell phone use on the bus, denying access to riders who are drunk or pose a public nuisance, and controlling the volume on the automatic bus stop announcement speakers better as on some buses they are very loud..

Staff and the MTC discussed her concerns. Mr. Webster noted that cell phones were already banned but that was hard for drivers to enforce, drivers did have restriction guidelines regarding disorderly conduct. On the subject of automatic bus stop announcements drivers cannot adjust the volume but can turn it off and make manual announcements until the bus is repaired.

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Wes Carlson, ASI Board member, discussed proposed reductions to evening service and outlined the numerous student benefit and present an ASI resolution #09-03 in support of evening service.

Matt Tracy, ASI Student Government member, reported that surveyed students overwhelmingly favored keeping the evening service.

MTC discussed general modifications to evening service and staff noted there are no plans to reduce service during the remainder of the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2009.

## **A. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **A-1. Approval of January 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 18, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes**

It was noted that the next regular meeting date should read Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

Mr. Yucikas moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **B-1. State, Federal and SLORTA budget funding update**

Mr. Webster noted the State eliminated State Transportation Assistance (STA) funds for FY 2009-2010 as this was about 105k due in the FY but had been frozen at 50% paid to the jurisdictions. For the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) which is generated by the retail sales tax the FY 2009-2010 amount had not been determined ; \$1,323,660 was received from the Federal 5307 ARRA stimulus package; RTA will use about \$300K for Capital Projects improvements with \$1,023,660 for SLO Transit. Staff is also waiting for the decision regarding SLORTTA operations and maintenance contract award and whether they will use a contractor or go "IN House". In any case it appears that their expected FY 2009-2010 budget will be increasing and due to the JPA funding agreement that it might have a sever impact on available LTF funds for SLO Transit.

### **B-2. Smoking at bus stops**

Mr. Webster discussed municipal codes regarding smoking prohibitions and stated staff was working with the city attorney to clarify some of the language.

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Mr. Doyle suggested the language just clearly state no smoking 25' from all bus stops.

Mr. Webster agreed to bring the item back for further discussion after getting additional information from the City Attorney.

### **B-3. Fare modification information**

Mr. Webster discussed the modifications and pass information as well as ridership details, noting the fare revenues were up about 12%. He stated that there is a Council public hearing set for April 21, 2007 and will send more info via email at a later date.

## **C. ACTION ITEMS**

### **C-1. MTC Bylaw changes**

Mr. Webster discussed council and staff-generated proposed changes that were part of the agenda package and requested that the MTC accept the changes as an amendment.

Mr. Doyle stated the elections should be more open, referencing "April or May" to allow flexibility of meeting schedules. He also felt Cal Poly and Technical Members eligibility should not have to be limited to San Luis Obispo proper, citing that the pool of qualified technical members is very small and not all would live in the city.

**Mr. Doyle moved to accept the proposed amendments, adding further *under Article 2,) Technical and Cal Poly MTC representatives should be exempt from residency restrictions, and under Article 6, A) elections may be held in April or May***

**Ms. Thyne seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Yucikas mentioned he did not think there should be term limits on MTC appointments.

### **C-2. ARRA Program of Projects**

Mr. Webster discussed the Central UZA meeting, but reported he did not have final recommendations for projects or amounts available at this time. SLO Transit will have \$1,023,660 to use with \$300,000 going to SLORTA for their capital projects. He discussed the POP list with estimated numbers and stated that due to short timelines the projects and amounts will be finalized by staff and expected to go to Council on April 7, 2009 for a public hearing. The public hearing results will be on the May MTC agenda. Some of the projects being discussed will use existing FTA5307 or Prop 1B funding and

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are informational in nature to provide the committee with what kind of funding and projects are anticipated.

1. **EDAPTS Replacement:** estimated at \$405,000 with ARRA FTA 5307
2. **Augment Existing FTA Grant:** estimated at \$375,000 with Prop 1B
3. **Transit Facility fuel tank:** estimated at \$100,000 with ARRA FTA 5307
4. **GFI Fare Box upgrade:** estimated at \$300,000 using ARRA FTA 5307
5. **Trunking Radio system:** estimated at \$100,000 using ARRA FTA 5307
6. **BRT signal timing:** No funds available
7. **Preventive Maintenance:** estimated at \$100,000 using ARRA FTA 5307
8. **Cal Poly Bus stop project:** Use existing grant monies.
9. **Bus Stop Improvements:** Use existing grant monies.
10. **Trolley replacement:** No funds available
11. **Transit Facility improvements/transit staff vehicles:** estimated at \$6,000 using ARRA FTA 5307 grant monies left

Mr. Webster stated he will bring back final ARRA/POP information from the public hearing for the next meeting and that the final amounts and projects will very likely change after additional discussion with staff.

#### **D. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **D-1. Transit Manager's report**

##### **D-2. Operating-Performance reports**

Mr. Webster noted ridership was increased and presented highlight discussion:

- **Contractor issues**
- **Contractor Liquidated Damages**
- **SRTP Update status**
- **Bus Replacement**
- **Implicit Purchase Pooling Solutions National Joint Vehicle Cooperative Procurement Pilot Project (CPPP)**
- **Surplus vehicles**
- **SLORTA.**
- **Transit Operators Group meeting**
- **Region Wide Fare Improvement study**
- **Prop 1B 2008-09 cycle**
- **Capital Projects** – The following projects are under evaluation using FTA 5307 Stimulus American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program funds:
  - DRI-live time AVL and internet passenger access system replacing
  - the existing EDAPTS
  - Augment Bus Procurement for hybrid or double deck style bus
  - Transit Facility fuel tank installation
  - Bus Farebox upgrade-GFI Odyssey models

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- Bus radio trunking system
- BRT-signal timing
- Preventive Maintenance
- Cal Poly Bus stops
- Trolley replacement
- Transit staff vehicle replacement and facility modifications

• **Various SLO Transit System reports-information**

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Martinez stated she thought that drivers should be more proactive in dealing with disorderly intoxicated riders.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary