

AGENDA ITEM IV – A

YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2019

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (4:01 pm)

Present: Cardoza, Fletcher, Hudson, Leahy (Chair), Samayoa, Shaw, Sullenger and Whiteaker

Absent: None

II. Public Hearings & Presentations

A. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307, 5311 and 5339 Grant Applications for FY 2020.

Martin noted that federal funding requires a public hearing to be held prior to the submittal of grant applications to allow for questions from the public.

Director Leahy opened the public hearing at 4:03 pm. There were no questions from the public. Director Leahy closed the public hearing at 4:04 pm.

Director Whiteaker made a motion to authorize the federal funding applications as submitted. Director Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) System.

Adam Hansen gave a demonstration on how the DoubleMap system works and the many features it provides. This includes real-time bus tracking, information on bus location and speed, and reporting capability.

Director Whiteaker asked how we are using the public's feedback on the system. Martin answered that it is helping with route planning and researching bus stop uses and needs.

Director Whiteaker asked if any outreach had been done regarding the new system. Hansen answered that it has been advertised in the monthly newsletters and advertisements. Martin added that it is featured on the cover of the new brochures and that word of mouth is helping the information spread among the riders.

Director Fletcher asked as to how long it will be before the system is set. Hansen answered that the system is already working and that other than working out the bugs the system is operational and open to the public. Director Fletcher commented that the system appears to have many beneficial features and it will continue to help riders as the service grows and improves.

III. Public Business from the Floor.

None

IV. Consent Calendar

Director Whiteaker made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Operations and Maintenance Service Contract.

Martin presented the Operations and Maintenance Service Contract recommendation of the ad hoc committee. He noted the assistance of consultant Roy Glauthier with the new RFP and the input from the ad hoc committee members in the proposal evaluation and contractor interview process. Four proposals were received from Transdev, Storer Transit Systems, First Transit and RATP DEV USA. Interviews with all four firms were held on June 14, 2019. The unanimous recommendation of the evaluation panel is to award the contract to Storer Transit Systems. Approval has been received from Caltrans so there would be no need to conditionally accept the recommendation so staff is instead requesting authorization to execute a service contract with Storer Transit Systems.

Director Whiteaker asked the ad hoc committee members why they chose Storer over the other companies. Director Leahy stated that after the interviews and in reviewing their proposal, Storer appears to be the best fit for Yuba-Sutter Transit and that Storer offered a superior package for the employees including increased pay and paid time off accrual. Director Cardoza agreed with Director Leahy.

Director Samayoa asked about the hiring process and if Storer would consider retaining some of the current staff. Martin explained that all current employees would be offered employment with a ninety (90) day performance period review. Director Samayoa asked about health benefits and Martin replied that they are a part of the four-year contract. Director Samayoa asked if Storer would be bringing anything new to the bus service. Martin stated that the service will likely remain status quo technologically, but that Storer does have experience with modern systems elsewhere.

Director Whitaker asked what would happen to the Maintenance Manager position after the current manager retires. Martin stated that Transdev had proposed that the current shop foreman be promoted to fill that vacancy.

Director Fletcher thanked all those involved in the decision including the members of the ad hoc committee.

Ron Bushman, Transdev Regional Vice-President, addressed the board thanking them for their consideration and for the positive relationship over the years stating that he hoped Transdev will again be considered when the contract is again open for proposals.

Donald Storer, the owner of Storer Transit Systems, also addressed the board thanking them for the recommendation and reiterating the sentiment that his company's business philosophy fits well with that of Yuba-Sutter Transit. He explained that Storer is a family-run business that has been in business since 1952, providing the best service for smaller transit systems. He noted that Storer's plan is to offer the employees a better pay and benefit package to help maintain employee satisfaction and that he is very excited to begin the new partnership.

Director Whiteaker made a motion to accept the recommendation of the ad hoc committee and authorize the execution of a service contract with Storer Transit Systems under the proposed terms and conditions. Director Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Project & Program Updates

1. July 1st Fare Increase, Fare Policy Changes and Sacramento Service Expansion

Martin discussed the early response to the July 1st fare and service changes. After just two weeks, there has been very little change in ridership on the local fixed routes, but there has been a 5 percent increase in ridership on the Sacramento Commuter routes over the same period last year with the expanded and modified commuter schedules helping to increase ridership.

2. Bus Stop Enhancement Project (Bus Stop Shelter Program Expansion)

The on-going Bus Stop Enhancement Project continued with the recent installation of three new shelters at the Walton Terminal, the Yuba County Government Center and the North Beale Transit Center. Other smaller shelters were moved elsewhere and a large older shelter was moved to the Sutter Campus of Yuba College in anticipation of the new shuttle service in January 2020.

3. Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Funding Awards

Martin stated that notice had been received that funding had been approved for both the Yuba College shuttle and the expanded Sacramento Commuter service.

4. Transit Related Yuba County Grand Jury Report Findings

Martin stated that the Yuba County Grand Jury Report included findings and recommendations regarding Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route service in the Johnson Park neighborhood of Olivehurst. He noted that staff will be providing the Board with a draft response at the next meeting.

VI. Correspondence/Information

None

VII. Other Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 AT 4:00PM IN THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS

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