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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2010 Santa Clara, California (Approved 8-5-10)

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on April 8, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' Chambers in San Jose, CA.

Called to order and Roll call

Members Present: Curt Pringle, Chairman
Russell Burns
David Crane
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Fran Florez
Richard Katz
Quentin Kopp

Members Absent: Lynn Schenk
Thomas Umberg (remote line not functional)

Pledge of Allegiance

Administered by Member Florez

Chairman Pringle stated that Board Members Quentin Kopp and David Crane were to be expected at the meeting soon. Chairman Pringle thanked the City of San Jose for hosting the California High Speed Rail Board Meeting this month.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided to the audience. Several city and county representatives spoke as well as individuals from the public.

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This item was continued without objection.

Executive Director Search Committee Report

Chairman Pringle reported the Board met May 31, 2010 and April 1, 2010 in Los Angeles to interview candidates for the Executive Director. Chairman Pringle

reported that there will be an announcement from the Authority regarding the Executive Director position in the near future.

Executive/Administrative Committee Report

Chairman Pringle reported that it was determined there was a need to establish memorandums of understanding between seven resource agencies and the Authority. The MOUs would utilize the resource agencies staff and staff expertise to review the Authority's environmental documents. Member Kopp moved to adopt the recommendation, Member Katz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pringle reported modifications were added to the Authority's Strategic Plan to meet the Department of Finance requirements. The amendments will be presented at the May board meeting.

Chairman Pringle reported there was a review of suggested board policies and procedures developed by legal counsel and an updated conflict of interest code. The policies and procedures will be reviewed by the Board and presented at the May board meeting.

Operations Committee Report

Member Katz reported that the committee received a presentation from TY Lin (Project Management Oversight Team) on the format for PMO reports. Member Katz reported that it is the goal of the Authority to have these reports in a format that is understandable to the Board, staff and public.

Member Katz reported that the LAMTA and OCTA had passed a motion to present to the Board the recommendation to reinstate the shared corridor/track alternative to be fully studied in the alternative alignments. Member Katz reported new technologies were developed that may reduce the cost from what was considered last year. Member Kopp expressed concerns of the delays to the project if the Authority reinstated an alternative that was previously removed and the cost to the travel times of the system with a shared corridor/track moved to reinstate such an alternative. The motion carried 7-1. Member Kopp voting "no".

Finance Committee Report

Member Crane reported the committee was able to commence business from remote locations in public forums without any problems (Member Umberg - Afghanistan, Member Schenk - San Diego and Member Crane - San Francisco). Member Crane reported the committee determined that an update is needed for the Authority's Financial Plan. Member Crane stated that the Authority requires a more holistic approach to financing due to the funding levels for the Project. Only 25% of funding will be from the state. The Authority will need to determine the other funding sources to move the project forward. Member Crane stated that the new Chief Executive Officer will need to be involved before any changes are made to extending the Financial Consultant's scope of work. The Authority will require a broader knowledge base to be able to determine what financing the private sector will provide. The item will be continued until a new CEO is hired by the Authority.

Transbay Terminal Center Design Waiver

Project Manager Anthony Daniels presented the high-speed rail-specific station design in relation to the proposed design of Transbay Terminal. Mr. Daniels recommended that the layout and track system in Phase two of the terminal project of the design would meet the HSR requirements. Member Katz motioned to approve the staff recommendation, Member Schenk approved, Member Kopp stated that in his opinion it is premature to consider the action as proposed. The motion carried 7-1. Member Kopp voting "no".

Business Plan Addendum

Deputy Director Jeff Barker presented a draft addendum to the 2009 business plan responding to inquiries from the Legislature. Chairman Pringle moved that it should be a Board policy to have every addendum of the business plan presented to the Board for action before it is submitted to the Legislature. Member Katz moved to adopt the recommendation, Member Burns seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bureau of State Audits Report

Interim Executive Director Carrie Pourvahidi reported on the timeline of an upcoming audit report being produced by the Bureau of State Audits, and recommended means by which the Board may participate in the review of the publication.

Chairman Pringle recommended the establishment of an Audit Committee, comprised of Chairman Pringle and Member Diridon. Chairman Pringle requested the Board to delegate responsibility to the Audit committee to respond to the Audit report. Member Burns moved to adopt the recommendation, Member Crane seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alternative Analysis Process

Deputy Attorney General Christine Sproul presented legal requirements of the Alternatives Analysis process.

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt recommended steps in approval procedures for the Alternatives Analysis process which the Board would participate and be allowed to take action in key areas of the process. Staff would also work with the FRA through the entire process and would provide meetings for public comment. Member Kopp moved to approve the procedures, Member Diridon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alternative Analysis Report-San Francisco-San Jose

Regional Director Bob Doty described the alignment alternatives in the San Francisco-San Jose section, timed with the release of the Alternatives Analysis report for the section. The alternative analysis has been posted to the website. Member Kopp commented in reference to Item 7 and the alternative analysis report that there was an inadequate evaluation of the Beale street alternative and there has been no consultation with the toll bridge authority. Member Kopp commented that the alignment analyzed is simply a straight alignment and other alignments are available that do not include Market Street or the Bay; which do not affect any housing, the Bay Bridge footing, the sewer system; and that he was informed by Mr. Doty there has been no consultation with train suppliers or operators. Member Katz moved to approve the Alternatives Analysis Report, member Burns seconded and the motion carried 7-1. Member Kopp voting "no".

Alternatives Analysis Report-Merced-Fresno

Regional Director Carrie Bowen described the alignment alternatives in the Merced-Fresno section, timed with the release of the Alternative Analysis report for the section. The alternative analysis has been posted to the website. Member Florez moved to approve the analysis report, Member Kopp seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pringle ended the session to meet with Santa Clara's request to be done in the room by 1:30 and asked any remaining public comment be submitted in writing to the Authority.