



Transit Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
3rd Floor – SACOG Rivers Room
1415 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Alternate location(s) via conference call:

Yuba-Sutter Transit – Keith Martin
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This will be the first TCC meeting where the 1st hour will be dedicated to a General Transit Manager's Forum.

1. General Manager's Forum (Jackson/All, 1 hour)

- a. FTA Triennial Review recommended emergency drill table top exercises. What can the TCC members do as a group?
 - RT – does emergency drills regularly. Maybe go beyond a table top drill and do a real exercise with 'fake' blood and injuries etc.
 - PI – Works with county EOC.
 - Unitrans – three times a year in Yolo County transit operators do exercises with EOC.
 - YCTD – What happens if something like 9/11 happened again, how do people come back and get their people?
 - EIDo – Planning is needed with mutual aid agreements including school districts.
 - YCTD – no matter how much planning there can never be enough.
 - Ed (SACOG) – Terry B. sent out list to get information for emergency services number of buses.
 - Unitrans – worried about getting reimbursed for services from FEMA.
 - PI – county office of ES wants a catalog/inventory of vehicles.
 - YCTD – CNG fueling nozzle type is important.
 - Unitrans - If you can fuel at PG&E you can fuel anywhere.
 - Roseville – mutual aid agreement needed.
 - PI & RT – Both transit agencies have mutual aid agreements with the County of Sacramento that they will go when called. Track locally what vehicles have been sent out and are available to be sent out in and emergency, need a way to track that information regionally.
 - RT – If a transit operator has an agreement with their county EOC should be sufficient. EOC need agreements with other EOCs.



- b. Should the TCC develop a mutual aid agreement? See above.
- c. Downtown Sacramento transit stop signs.
YCTD - YCTD has a grant for universal signage where YCTD operates. How can the TCC best get those affected together to get this worked on? Is there some way that we can all get together and decide what we're going to do and when we're going to do it.
RT – Have to go through City of Sacramento and working with them since they control where signs go. Go to them and tell them what the transit operators want to achieve, rather than this is the sign.
YCTD – Is there a sign the City of Sacramento likes?
El Dorado – They don't want each individual operator going to the City of Sacramento separately.
RT – Collectively get together and decide what we want, and then go collectively to City of Sacramento together.
Jim (SACOG) – Look at signage existing and see how it serves the customer and what changes/improvements need to be made.
RT – Difficulty with City of Sacramento is that there isn't consistency. An assessment of what the issues are with signage from a customer stand point, then the group can identify what issues we want to solve.
YCTD – May just be issues with signage between RT and YCTD more so than the other regional operators. Set up meeting between RT & YCTD.
Yuba-Sutter Transit – Wants to make and put up new stickers that have the correct YST logo and colors, elevates and makes services more visible for potential new passengers.
- d. Other items of interest –
YCTD - 45 foot agency buses coming to YCTD, PCT and El Dorado coming by the end of the year.
PCT – It is a sign of the times needing larger buses for more capacity without having to operate more vehicles. With the new larger buses seating is increasing by 30% without increasing the number of runs.
RT – If there are multiple 45 foot buses in downtown Sacramento there may be an issue with layovers or existing pull-outs/stops.
PCT – Caltrans has notified operators that they now must file 5311 & 5307 rural NTD reports in addition to urban NTD report.
El Dorado – The group should contact CalACT regarding this issue.
Jim (SACOG) – SACOG would generally support a reduction in paperwork.
PCT – Having to file both these reports will result in double counting.
Yuba-Sutter Transit – These reports are required by FTA to complete and annual NTD report for only that area where services are provided under 50K in population.
Ed – Will contact NTD to check on this issue. Keith will forward email.
RT – Sent info to Leslie Rodgers, regarding successful lawsuit re: STA funding. Don't know about funding or when/if it will come from STA/State. Financial capacity, one of the areas that FTA had concerns about re: capital capacity will be addressed by RT board on Oct. 26th. TCRP funds may never flow, CTC actually passed language that FTA has not accepted, RT updated financial model to take TCRP out of the picture and replaced with borrowing. In July, CTC approve 83 million dollars per year in TCRP funds, approved project for borrowing and can pay



back with the TCRP funds later on, 58 million in TCRP still owed by the state. Questions for CTC re: any other project, when will Indian gaming funds flow into TCRP? Promote/prioritize projects moving forward with transit operator money that will have first 'dibs' tier II projects that are advanced with agency money will get additional funds first.

2. Approve minutes from the April, July and September 2009 TCC meetings (Jackson/All)
ACTION - Approved.

3. Introductions and Brief Round Table Operator Discussion (Jackson/All, 20 minutes)

Les and Maurine with RT.

Ed – RT & SACOG have entered into transit trip planning agreement.

PCT – Has a new connection with City of Lincoln transit, moved south to Twelve Bridges area.

Unitrans – Bought two used buses from RT and put tanks on some of the older buses.

PI – Fares increased to \$5 per ride and \$125/mo. for an unlimited ride pass. Ridership is slightly up but still down overall year over year.

RT – Monday October 12th, held ground breaking ceremony for Riverside LRT service.

Platforms will be at 8th and H and at Township 9. The project is about enhancing development in that area and being proactive. Plan to start revenue service in 2010. Some minor service reductions and fare increases, ridership down 14% year over year, rail is up y-o-y, three state furlough days are having a large impact. RT is installing cameras and electronic message signs and light rail stations, as well as soda machines and advertising enclosures at the stations. RT has a guaranteed return contract with advertisers. Only private-non-profit agency ads on the inside of buses.

Roseville – On routes #2 and #6 added another bus. Oct. 21st going to Board for Highway 50/Butterfield commuter service approval.

Unitrans – Transferred 2 smaller Bluebirds to Elk Grove.

RT – Board adopted ordinances for charging for parking, Watt/I-80, Watt West, Roseville Rd. for \$1 a day. Acquiring machines, consumer advertising, parking passes/tickets available, charging begins on January 1, 2010. Could only deal with illegal parkers by towing, but can now cite them.

Unitrans – Nextbus is now up on Unitrans public site.

- a. Discussion of effect of discontinuation of STA funding and Unmet Transit Needs (Jackson/Gordon Arruda (Caltrans)/All)
- b. Sacramento Regional Transit transfer agreements' status and discussion –
Roseville – Has a draft agreement.
El Dorado and Folsom done
PCT not done yet
Elk Grove done.
- c. Upcoming service changes, coordination or joint purchase opportunities.
- d. H1N1 (Swine Flu) – Any new issues or actions taken related to 'the flu'?
El Dorado – Transit operators deemed 1st responders, so will get first treatment with H1N1 vaccination.
- e. Discussion of future topics of interest to TCC members



- f. Other items of interest
- 4. “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”** (Brown/Taylor/All 10 minutes)
- a. Status report on FTA approval of ARRA grants and subrecipient agreements. Everyone’s applications are in, and SACOG has all information regarding 10% shift of operations.
Roseville – Example of RFP for use of ARRA/federal funds for bus rehab needed.
- 5. Update on State Budget and Federal Updates** (Brown/All 20 minutes)
- a. Update on California Transit Association STA Litigation – see CTA chart.
RT – State continuing to collect funds that go into STA, but court said they can’t spend it is budgeted.
Jim – Negotiations are expected between the state, transit operators, CTA etc.
RT – Had staff look at what was received and what RT should have received. RT should have gotten approximately \$13 mil/year and received \$18-20 mil/year over the last five years.
Jim – State unfunded the STA process for the next five years.
RT – CTA executive committee involved with CTA staff on the outcome with the STA funds. Attorneys from CTA have already begun to talk with the state.
 - b. Status of the State Budget - Is there anything new that we should be aware of? No good news.
PCT – Another try at the gas tax.
Jim – Considering suspending prop 42, suspend gas tax for transit. etc.
RT – If the state goes in and starts raiding gas tax it will create a whole additional dilemma for state.
Jim – LTF funds are not protected constitutionally, so if everything is on the table those could be vulnerable too.
 - c. Federal Updates – Is there anything new we should be aware of? 15 days into 30 day extension of SAFETEA-LU. Continuing short term extensions or 18 month extension are expected.
 - d. Status report on “Reauthorization” - Continuing resolutions and extensions are expected.
 - e. Review of recommendations on the Sacramento urbanized area JARC and New Freedom grant program applications. All applications have been scored, and Sacramento DHA has agreed to absorb the over subscription of JARC in their request. Will accept new applications for ‘left over’ New Freedom funds and bring applications and summary back to TCC in November.
 - f. Other issues of importance or concern
- 6. SACOG Fall/Winter SACOG Programming Cycle** Discussion of the upcoming funding call for projects for the regional funding programs in the Four County RTPA area including RSTP, CMAQ and STIP target funding amounts (Brown/Crow, 10 minutes) (Attachment) Applications due at the end of this month (Oct. 30). Only have STIP-TEA money and has pretty strong restrictions on how it can be used. Applicants need to break out projects that can be funded by STIP-TEA funds.



- 7. Charge/Mission of the Transit Coordinating Committee** (VaughanBechtold/All 5 minutes) Should be a yearly review of TPA recommendations and status.
El Dorado – Look at membership and who should be attending/kept in the loop.
Unitrans – Keep projects from popping up that no-one knows about, by bringing to TCC first before taking them to SACOG committees or Board.
Roseville – TDA claims, how SACOG is trying to match up SRTP and LRTP?
A more lengthy discussion on the charge/mission of the TCC may be needed. Bring items from MOU into charge and make sure there isn't conflict between MOU and charge document. Does there need to be a distinction between voting membership vs. ex-officio membership?
- 8. Status Report on MTIP** (Caceres/Brown 5 minutes) Out with MTIP amendment, going to SACOG Board tomorrow (Oct. 15) and move on to feds and state after that. Next major MTIP amendment will be scheduled for the January 2010.
- 9. TDA Triennial Performance Audit** Contractors selected and potential audit schedule. (Coviello 5 minutes) November 3rd for a kick-off meeting with RT/PI for Moore and Associates. November 10th for kick-off for smaller transit operators as part of TCC meeting, that day.
Jim – TPAs statutorily required, but would operators like to look at change to requirement?
PCT – Leave well enough alone.
RT – Don't see much value in TDA performance audit.
Jim – Unless FTA would schedule their triennial reviews on same schedule as the TDA TPAs.
- 10. Update on Local Transportation Fund Sales Tax Revenues** (Brown, 5 minutes)
Continuing work in progress. Karen Wilcox is moving on after October 2009.
- 11. Update on Long Range Transit Plan Project** (Brown, 5 minutes)

 - a. Discussion of project objectives and schedule
 - b. Discussion of operator participation
 - c. What do operators do with the LRTPs? Jim – Receive and file by transit operator, and if operator wants take it to their Board and adopt it.
Unitrans - Have something laid out so there are no surprises.
RT – has to be in a plan (MTIP etc.) in order to be funded so there shouldn't be surprises.
YCTD – Will projects need to be in LRTP to even get in the MTIP?
Jim – adopt plans that are financially constrained, but have 'wish list' in addition beyond financial constraint.
Unitrans – Amend LRTP in the future, but should be systematic rather than an afterthought after applying for projects/funds, Mike W.(RT) agrees.
Jim – Should be in a plan prior to going into MTIP.
- 12. Set Next Meeting Dates** (Brown/Jackson)

 - a. TCC –November 10, 2009 (Tuesday prior to Veterans' Day holiday), December meeting needed? December 9th.
 - b. Other meetings or events



13. Other Matters (5 minutes)

14. Adjournment

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