



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 7:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR CITY COUNCIL PRIOR
TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK

7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Nick Gilman, John Hamon, Ed Steinbeck, Fred Strong and Mayor Duane Picanco

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Dale Gustin** – Announced Estrella Warbird Event, "Wings and Wheels"
- **Annie Robb** – Introduced Youth Commission Members Paul Cleland and C.J. Prusi.
- **Norma Moye, Main Street** – The Recycled Treasures and Bike Bonanza Event was a success.
- **Mike Gibson, Chamber of Commerce** – Announced collaboration between the Chamber of Commerce and Cuesta College for a Business Assistance Center. A \$10K grant was received.
- **Sandee McLaughlin, Cuesta College** – Also spoke regarding the collaboration.
- **Chuck Sawyer** – Thanked everyone for support of a recent Optimist Club fundraiser. Also as a bicyclist, noted roads in need of repair.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Paso Robles Student Achievements

D. Picanco, Mayor

Mayor Picanco presented a proclamation and individual medals to the SkillsUSA and State Vine Pruning team winners.

2. National Day of Prayer

D. Picanco, Mayor

Mayor Picanco read a proclamation observing National Day of Prayer.

3. Bike Month and Bike Week

D. Picanco, Mayor

Mayor Picanco presented a proclamation observing Bike Week and Bike Month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Determination of Historic or Architectural Significance of Two Structures and a Request to Process a Pending Demolition Permit Application

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

That the City Council considers an application to authorize a demolition permit for one commercial building and one residence at 1518-1524 Spring Street.

Mayor Picanco opened the Public Hearing. Speaking from the public were Jamie Kirk, representing the applicants, and Dale Gustin. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Steinbeck, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to approve Resolution No. 10-053 adopting a Negative Declaration determining that the subject buildings are not of architectural or historical significance.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Picanco, Steinbeck, Strong and Hamon

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Steinbeck, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to authorize the demolition permit application to be processed.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Picanco, Steinbeck, Strong and Hamon

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE, NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION. However, if discussion is wanted or if a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, the item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Councilmembers may ask questions of clarification without removing an item from the Calendar. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ARE APPROVED BY THE VOTE THAT APPROVES THE CONSENT CALENDAR, UNLESS AN ITEM IS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

5. Approve City Council minutes of April 20, 2010
D. Fansler, City Clerk
6. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 90291-90406 (04/16/10); and 90407-90556 (04/23/10)
J. Throop, Administrative Services Director
7. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:
Youth Commission Minutes of March 3, 2010
8. Proclamation of National Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week
L. Solomon, Police Chief
9. Adopt Resolution No. 10-054 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alpha Electrical Service in the amount of \$49,795 to replace the variable frequency drives at Lift Station No. 1.
D. Monn, Public Works Director
10. Appoint Council members Hamon and Steinbeck to the Airport FBO Proposal Selection Committee and to act as the Lease Negotiation Subcommittee on behalf of the City Council.
M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager
11. Adopt Resolution No. 10-055 authorizing Human Resources to obtain an Origination Agency Identifier from the Department of Justice.
M. Sanders, Human Resources Manager

Consent Calendar Items No. 5-11 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong.

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

DISCUSSION

12. **Circulation Element Update EIR**
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

For the City Council to authorize a contract with PMC of Monterey for preparation of an environmental impact report for the update of the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-056 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with PMC for services relating to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the update of the Circulation Element of the General Plan and approving a one-time budget appropriation from transportation impact fee funds in a total amount not to exceed \$122,950 to budget account 213-910-5452-545 for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

13. Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan Workshop

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

For the City Council to set a date for a joint workshop with the Planning Commission to discuss recommendations of three ad hoc committees for the Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. Speaking from the public were Dale Gustin and Mike Harrod. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Steinbeck, seconded by Councilmember Strong moved to set Wednesday May 26, 2010 at 3:00 pm as the date and time to conduct a joint workshop with the Planning Commission to discuss the recommendations and give direction for defining a final draft specific plan. The motion makers included a recommendation that staff proceed now with reserving a follow-up Saturday Workshop date in the event it is needed.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

14. Paso Glow – Savor the Central Coast

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

For the City Council to consider a request adding Paso Glow – Sunset’s Savor The Central Coast to the event schedule at City Park.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. Speaking from the public was Noreen Martin of TPRA and Paso Robles Inn. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-057 authorizing the use of City Park for Paso Glow scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

15. Replacement of HVAC Components at the City Hall/Library

D. Monn, Public Works Director

For the City Council to consider awarding a contract for removal and replacement of the Conference Center HVAC units and City Hall/Library building chiller.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Gilman, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-058 appropriating \$154,300 from the Facilities Repair Fund No. 119-310-xxxx-175, and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Knecht's Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$154,300 for replacement of the Conference Center HVAC units and City Hall/Library building chiller.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, and Strong
NOES: Picanco
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

16. Yearly Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

D. Monn, Public Works Director

For the City Council to consider a lease/purchase of vehicles and equipment budgeted for replacement in Fiscal Year 2010 as established by the City's Equipment Replacement Program/policy.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Steinbeck, moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-059 allowing the purchase of the new vehicles and equipment.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, and Strong
NOES: Picanco
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended)

Councilmember Steinbeck inquired how, with the Circulation Element proceeding, will that affect the Specific Plans the City is working on, to which Ron Whisenand responded.

Councilmember Strong reported back on his activities/conference attendance and submitted copies of his reporting notes to Council members and the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ADVISORY BODY INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010 at 7:00 PM AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010 AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

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All persons desiring to speak on an agenda item are asked to fill out Speaker Information Cards and place them at the Staff Table prior to public discussion of that item. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes per item.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT Any individual, who because of a disability needs special assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, may request assistance by contacting the City Clerk's Office (805) 237-3960. Whenever possible, requests should be made four (4) working days in advance of the meeting.

***THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS MAY 7, 2010***

Submitted:

Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk
Approved:



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SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2010

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

Katcho Achadjian, Fourth District, County of San Luis Obispo
Tony Ferrara, City of Arroyo Grande
Bruce Gibson, Second District, County San Luis Obispo (Vice President)
Adam Hill, Third District, County of San Luis Obispo
Jan Howell Marx, City of San Luis Obispo
Frank Mecham, First District, County of San Luis Obispo
James Patterson, Fifth District, County of San Luis Obispo
Janice Peters, City of Morro Bay
Mary Ann Reiss, City of Pismo Beach
John Shoals, City of Grover Beach
Fred Strong, City of Paso Robles

ABSENT: Tom O'Malley, City of Atascadero (President)

STAFF PRESENT: Ed King, Omar McPherson, Aida Nicklin (SLOCOG Executive Secretary), and Rita Neal (Legal Counsel).

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held March 3, 2010, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Vice President Bruce Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Eric Greening, Atascadero, requested that just like San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)'s agenda where they include copies of minutes from advisory committee meetings, Regional Transit Authority (RTA) should also include the minutes from the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) meeting. He then talked about the ongoing labor negotiation between Regional Transit Authority and the Labor Union. He is hoping that this transit budget tightness is transitory and that with the current State budget crisis, people will buy local and work together to preserve the transit system. System preservation is top priority but those who are providing the service (drivers, washers, etc.) should be second in line when money comes in (give them a fair salary that is comparable with others in the state). Mr. King indicated that Mr. Greening's comments are well taken and that staff will include the RTAC minutes in the RTA Board agenda next time.

The Regional Transit Authority is a Joint Powers Agency serving residents and visitors of:

Arroyo Grande Atascadero Grover Beach Morro Bay Paso Robles Pismo Beach San Luis Obispo and The County of San Luis Obispo
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Mr. John Wysong, Grover Beach, stated he moved to Grover Beach (formerly Grover City) 50 years ago. He briefly talked about his moving to this county, how he got his first job here and how the economic conditions got worse through the years. He expressed frustration about the lack of revenue for local governments, which cause a lot of problems affecting everyone in this county. **Vice President Gibson** thanked Mr. Wysong for his comments.

A. INFORMATION AGENDA:

A-1 Executive Director's Report: **Mr. Ed King** reviewed the Executive Director's Report, updating the SLORTA Board on the following -- current RTA activities relative to service delivery and service development (i.e., "Summer 10" Service Improvement Program); grant submittals and required monthly updates for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act [ARRA] federal stimulus grants; RTA is now on Google Transit, providing an online bus trip planner for San Luis Obispo County; Marketing revenue secured from Coast Federal Credit Union and Community Action Partnership; and the December 2009 and January 2010 Key Performance Indicators Report.

Public Comments: **Mr. Greening** brought to attention that January 2010 was a bit rainier than January 2009; hence, the rain could have contributed to the decrease in the fixed route ridership (down 2% in January 2010, compared to January 2009).

Board Member James Patterson inquired about the two subsidies on the Table on page A-1-10, the route productivity report – Year to Date thru December 2009. **Mr. King** responded that those subsidies are capital cost along with operational cost.

B. ACTION AGENDA:

B-1 Fixed Route Performance Productivity Standards: **Mr. King** summarized the staff report, noting that the Fixed Route Performance Standards is a guide or tool for RTA staff to be more efficient and productive. The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) has reviewed and approved the proposed standards for final Board adoption, with a revision recommendation for staff to begin the in-depth evaluation (as outlined in the staff report) after two (2) consecutive quarters rather than only one quarter before it is targeted for review. Staff concurred with RTAC and has revised the staff recommendation to include the recommended revision.

Board Member Fred Strong asked if there is benchmark per route, or if it is just strictly comparison. **Mr. King** responded that there is a benchmark within each route. RTA staff will evaluate the route at a trip-by-trip level.

Vice President Gibson suggested that in considering a way to identify the underperforming route/trip/service, staff should also consider where those resources are going to go.

Board Member Tony Ferrara noted that a step is missing in this whole process, adding that RTA either take any underperformance at face value or investigate why the route is underperforming. He stressed the need to do some local marketing, reminding the public that transit service is perishable if not used, and assess everything before reducing or discontinuing any transit service. **Mr. King** explained that there are specific steps (on page B-1-2) that RTA takes to assess if a route, a trip or a service period falls below the standard.

Public Comments: **Mr. Larry Bray**, Cayucos, brought to attention that back in November 2009, RTA made a decision to delete some fixed routes and to carry the 6:57 a.m. route forward for further assessment. However, to date, nothing has been done to promote that route. He asked if the Board's action today would supersede their decision last year.

arts policy. He briefly talked about some issues on bus stop/shelter maintenance citing a problem with a well maintained bus stop/shelter in Arroyo Grande that has become a homeless shelter.

Public Comments: Mr. Greening said he personally welcome any RTA partnership with the Arts Council. The Arts Council is up to date with policies of member jurisdictions. Pointing out one of the standards (agenda page B-2-2) relative to bus shelters, Mr. Greening indicated that the real issue is the depth of the shelter. When it is raining, the shelter is of no use because the seats and bus riders still get wet. He suggested installing "rain gutters" to new bus shelters or retrofitting existing bus shelters.

Mr. De Carli said that SLOCOG has always advocated for clean, safe, and well maintained bus stops as part of an intermodal system. SLOCOG strongly supports approval of this item.

Board Member Strong stated he concurs with the staff recommendation and suggested that "rain gutters" be included in the staff recommendation. The Board concurred.

During a brief discussion that occurred, Board Member Shoals noted that these new developments, including the use of Google Transit for online bus trip planning are a reflection of Mr. King's leadership and that he supports the staff recommendation. Board Member Marx noted that the Arts Obispo Program would be a good resource for both statewide and countywide arts policies. She also noted the need to improve the bus stops at the corner of Osos and Palm and to provide more shelters, as most of the benches there have no shelters. Mr. King said RTA staff would evaluate the shelters at that location, look at designs, and will do what they can. Board Member Mecham requested staff to investigate the cost relative to the standard design of bus shelters.

Board Member Katcho Achadjian moved and Board Member Mecham seconded, to approve the Staff recommendation on Bus Stop Amenities Standards – minimum requirements for placing and maintaining bus stop amenities at RTA bus stops throughout the county, including the installation or retrofitting of "rain gutters" into new or existing bus stops. The motion carried on a voice vote, with President O'Malley absent.

B-3 Proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Fare Increase: Mr. King reviewed the staff report using a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the RTA Proposed Fare Changes Table on agenda page B-3-3, which shows both the current fares and the proposed fares.

Board Member Ferrara requested an explanation about the big difference between the current fare and the proposed fare for South Bay Dial-A-Ride (DAR). Mr. King clarified that although the proposed fare is a big jump from the current fare, \$20 per DAR punch pass is a real value for that type of service, a door-to-door service.

Vice President Gibson called for any public comments. Mr. Bray brought to attention that as a driver, he had seen passengers digging into their pockets for change to pay for the fare. He requested the RTA Board to hold the line and not increase the cash fare and pass prices. Increasing the fares will only decrease ridership. He noted that RTA had recently put up signs of the current fares and that having fare increases would mean a waste of money, as those signs will now need to be replaced.

Mr. Greening noted that the real rate of inflation is much higher on the common people than what the government is experiencing. He said he can support this fare increase proposal but is hoping that once done, RTA can hold it for awhile. He suggested that to make it easy for riders, the RTA Regional Day Pass be rounded off from \$4.50 to \$5.00. He further noted that he would like to think that riders are willing to invest a little more in the transit system, but he would also like to see that those who are operating the system (bus drivers, washers, dispatchers, etc.) will get some benefit from the fare increase (i.e., salary increase).

Mr. Greening noted that the word "discontinuance" under #3, Final Service Proposal (agenda page B-1-2) is an inappropriate word. He expressed concern about how a system can be discontinued, adding that rerouting would only mean feeding the weakness of a discontinued route into another route; hence, weakening the other route. He reminded the RTA Board that the SLOCOG Board did not commit to dismantling the system but to a moderate growth scenario in transit; it is never meant to be a service shrinkage scenario. **Mr. Greening** indicated he likes #1 and #2, stressing that the RTA Board should never talk about discontinuing any transit service without considering the impact on the riding public.

Board Member Strong pointed out that it is also important not to plan any financial cuts and that he hopes that rerouting means realignment, which should strengthen the system, not weaken it.

Mr. King noted that RTA staff's intention is to work with the community and RTA customers. The intent is not to dismantle the system, but to support and strengthen it. This agenda item is being presented today for the Board to review. The process is detailed in the staff report, and this will be evaluated and reevaluated and will be brought to the public for public input.

Board Member Patterson stressed that the words discontinuance, rerouting or reduction of service should be last on the list of measures to consider.

Board Member Frank Mecham asked if benchmarks and more specifics on how to promote this would be included in staff's next report to the Board. He also asked if any kind of indicators would be established to know ahead of time that there is a problem with a certain route or trip. **Mr. King** responded affirmative, noting that details on the marketing and outreach plan, benchmarks, and a plan for public workshops would also be included. Prior to this, RTA did not have a process; this is the first step in completing the process.

Board Member Janice Peters concurred with Board Member Patterson's comments, that the wording is very important. She suggested that under #3, reword the second line as follows: "...after Step 2, staff would recommend, based on the analysis -- potential rerouting, reduction of service, or as a last resort, discontinuance." The Board concurred.

Board Member John Shoals moved to approve the Staff Recommendation to Adopt the Fixed Route Performance Standards, with the above recommended revision that staff consider beginning the analysis process or the in-depth evaluation (as outlined in the staff report) after two (2) consecutive quarters rather than only one quarter before it is targeted for review, and to reword #3 as suggested by Board Member Peters. Board Member Mary Ann Reiss seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote, in the absence of President Tom O'Malley.

B-2 Bus Stop Amenities Standards: **Mr. King** discussed the staff report, highlighting the recommended minimum requirements for placing and maintaining bus stop amenities at RTA bus stops throughout the county (agenda page B-2-2).

Board Member Patterson thanked Mr. King, Mr. Jason Gillespie, RTA staff, SLOCOG staff and County Public Works for their efforts and help in securing a bus stop shelter in Santa Margarita. **Mr. King** noted that it is a good example on how agencies and the community can work together to make something like this happen.

Mr. Strong noted the need to be cautious when it comes to including art at bus stops because art can be controversial. He hopes that a standard on art will be included. **Board Member Jan Howell Marx** pointed out that the City of San Luis Obispo (SLO) has a process that includes a policy or standard relative to the use of art in public places. She suggested RTA staff get more information by contacting the SLO City Manager. **Board Member Ferrara** noted that the City of Arroyo Grande also has a public

Mr. Peter Rodgers, SLOCOG Administration Director, spoke about the State's inability to bail out transit, noting that nothing is more stable than local funding and transit fares. RTA's proposed fare increase seems modest and this increase could help RTA's fare box ratio recovery. **Mr. Rodgers** encouraged RTA staff to follow through and get public input.

Board Member Mecham asked how RTA is making people aware of these proposed increases. **Mr. King** indicated that RTA has plenty of time to get the information out to the public, using advertisement on newspapers, posting on the RTA website, and information flyers/posters inside the buses. The effective date is August 1, 2010, and there is a 30-60 day notice before the effective date. He noted that RTA has a network of customers who can also get the word out about the changes.

Board Member Mecham commented it would be confusing for riders to differentiate fiscal year and calendar year.

Board Member Shoals remarked that funding for transit has become increasingly difficult. He agreed about considering **Mr. Greening's** suggestion to make the regional day pass a straight \$5.00. He supports the staff recommendation. **Board Member Marx** said it makes sense to make it straight \$5.00, and suggested increasing the regional 31-day pass from \$57.00 to \$60.00 (instead of \$59), and the regional 31-day pass *discounted* from \$28.00 to \$30.00 (instead of \$29). She also suggested that the South Bay DAR punch pass be increased only to \$15.00 and bring it \$20.00 next year to match the Nipomo DAR.

Board Member Ferrara asked if the signage at stops include all fares listed. He also noted his support to make the regional 31-day pass a straight \$5.00. **Mr. King** indicated that RTA has two (2) types of signage – a fixed metal sign that has general information and a sign at kiosks that can be changed. He noted that the timing is good for this because RTA is ready to reprint their bus schedules and signs for kiosks. On the suggestion about increasing the regional 31-day pass from \$4.50 to a straight \$5.00, **Mr. King** said staff would need to evaluate it and get public input.

Vice President Gibson asked what level of detail staff would be bringing back to the Board. **Mr. King** said public workshops would be held in March and staff will come back to the Board with more information in May. Staff will assess this whole thing fiscal year by fiscal year.

Board Member Patterson directed staff to consider all suggestions given today. He asked if RTA would have a pass for those who ride the fixed route infrequently. **Mr. King** said RTA would be introducing a new card – "Stored Value Card." It will have value on it based on cash fare and it will cost between \$15 to \$90. There are still some glitches in the software. It is expected to be fixed in seven to 10 days.

Board Member Shoals indicated he would be moving a motion to approve the staff recommendation, with the understanding that the fares will be adjusted according to findings from the public workshops.

Board Member Shoals moved to authorize staff to prepare an operating program with a fare increase and authorize the Executive Director to hold public workshops to obtain feedback on the proposed increase, in order to incorporate the projected revenue in the FY 2010/2011 Operating Program. **Board Member Ferrara** seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote, in the absence of President O'Malley.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: **Vice President Gibson** requested pulling Consent Agenda Item C-3, *Resolution supporting the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010* for discussion. The Board concurred.

Vice President Gibson suggested delaying action on Item C-3 for a least a month or two because of the current State Legislative activity in Sacramento. He believes that there are consequences/potential impact that may ripple down to the County and local jurisdictions. The League of California Cities (LCC) and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) are in discussion, and LCC is in discussion with the State Legislature. If this particular initiative qualifies, it will be in the November 2010 ballot.

Board Member Ferrara noted that the discussion going on right now at LCC is from Executive Director to Executive Director. This initiative will qualify for the November ballot and there is a strong chance that it will pass overwhelmingly. He said he is certain that the outcome is predictable at this time, and he has no problem about delaying action on this issue because LCC is still in dialogue with the legislators.

Board Member Patterson queried if there is any opportunity to change the outcome and what the value would be. **Board Member Ferrara** indicated that it would be good to have CSAC better understand the impacts, mentioning that LCC is currently gathering signatures to help qualify this initiative for the November ballot. **Board Member Marx** agreed, noting that if those people who are watching this meeting right now want to sign the petition, they can Google the League of California Cities and get more information (from LCC's website) to sign the petition.

Board Member Achadjian said he does not expect any changes, noting the need for this region as a county to be there to show a strong front. He requested that this issue be included in the County Board of Supervisors agenda. **Board Member Ferrara** concurred, and noted that there are counties out there that endorse this initiative on their own (independent of CSAC).

Vice President Gibson called for a motion on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item C-3, and a separate motion for Item C-3. See Board actions below.

Consent Agenda Items:

- C-1 SLORTA Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2010 (Approve).
- C-2 CalTIP Board of Directors Staff Appointments
- C-3 Resolution Supporting the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010
- C-4 Fiscal Year 08/09 Audits

Board Member Achadjian moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of Item C-3. **Board Member Shoals** seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote, with **Board Member Ferrara** abstaining from the approval of the SLORTA Board meeting minutes of February 3, 2010, and **President O'Malley** absent.

Board Member Strong moved and **Board Member Marx** seconded, to delay Consent Agenda Item C-3 for one (1) month. The motion passed on a voice vote, with **President O'Malley** absent.

The SLORTA Board meeting was recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

D. CLOSED SESSION:

D-1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): Conference with Labor Negotiator concerning labor organization: Teamsters Local Union No. 381.

The SLORTA Board went into Closed Session at 10:04 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:22 a.m.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Rita Neal reported out of Closed Session, noting that the SLORTA Board discussed the closed session item and no reportable action was taken.

E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice President Gibson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Arda Nicklin
SLOCOG Executive Secretary

