

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(November 1, 2012)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the WETA offices at Pier 9, Suite 111, San Francisco, CA.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charlene Haught Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Other Directors present were Vice Chair Intintoli, Director Gerald Bellows and Director Timothy Donovan. Vice Chair Intintoli led the pledge of allegiance.

2. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

No report.

3. REPORT OF DIRECTORS

No report.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Nina Rannells noted her written report to the Board and then reviewed the enhanced service provided by San Francisco Bay Ferry for the Giant's 2012 World Series victory parade. She noted that the Vallejo service had set a single day ridership record of 6,154 passengers compared to a regular weekday service of about 2,000.

Chair Johnson said that she would like to receive a regular operations report detailing ridership. Director Bellows asked that any operations report note any times that vessel capacity was found to be insufficient, and Director Donovan requested that such a report also include any customer service issues or improvements. Ms. Rannells noted that an operations report to the Board would be initiated for the meeting.

Director Donovan asked if there had been any issues on the parade day with boarding due to the high passenger volume. Ms. Rannells replied affirmatively and noted that complications were to be anticipated when riders for special events impacted regular commute riders. She added that overall things went smoothly and that it always helped when extra WETA and Blue & Gold staff stayed landside to guide new passengers.

Ms. Rannells introduced Operations Manager Keith Stahnke, who reported that there had been some issues with boarding on the return trips and that at one point long queues had formed but that they had dissipated within an hour.

Chair Johnson added that she would like to see San Francisco Bay Ferry differentiated from Golden Gate Ferry more clearly in news reports.

Public Comment

Veronica Sanchez of Masters, Mates & Pilots suggested that staff reach out to KQED regarding the Board Chair's concern that San Francisco Bay Ferry be differentiated clearly from Golden Gate Ferry. She said that she heard them confuse the two consistently.

Chair Johnson then recognized Philip Vince, Martinez City Manager, noting his request to address the Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Vince thanked the Board for postponing the approval of the Short Range Transit Plan. He reviewed the background of Martinez' marina and development plan, noting that it depended on private capital to support the city's vision. Mr. Vince said that he understood that WETA was not in a position to fund operations and that he had been working with Caltrans and Contra Costa Transportation Authority to look at public/private partnership options. He said that the city requested inclusion in WETA's SRTP for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and added that he believed WETA's ridership forecasts were low and would be doubled. He asked that the city be included in the SRTP for those four years and that if things don't work out to take them out after year 10.

Mr. Vince said that he believed that the ferry deserved a chance, and explained that he was aware that dredging, maintenance and operations costs were ongoing costs that would require an operating subsidy. He reiterated that the city's request was for inclusion and SRTP and that he believed that Martinez was in agreement with Antioch and Redwood City in this view and that all wanted to be part of WETA's success.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Intintoli made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes from the October 4, 2012 meeting. Director Bellows seconded the motion the item carried unanimously.

6. UPDATE ON NEW PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO WATER TAXI PROGRAM

Planner/Analyst Chad Mason introduced Gerry Roybal, Marketing Manager for the Port of San Francisco, who delivered an informational presentation on the history and current status of the Port's water taxi services program.

Public Comment

Ms. Sanchez noted that Masters, Mates & Pilots were crewing the water taxi services, noting that the operator had been proactive in reaching out to unions, that he had made safety a priority and that the customer response had been great. She added that she felt the water taxis had attributes that would make them valuable in emergency response situations.

Ernest Sanchez, Public Information & Marketing Manager, asked Mr. Roybal what the capacity of the vessels was. Mr. Roybal replied that *Tideline* carried 12 while *Emerald Lady* held 17 and that both operators were looking for larger boats.

Chair Johnson said it sounded like they were breaking new ground and commended Mr. Roybal for his work. She said that she hoped the water taxis didn't run into too much competition and that safety had been adequately addressed.

Mr. Roybal added that landings were currently limited to three locations and that the Port would assist if additional landings were needed. Director Bellows requested that the Port coordinate any additional landings beforehand with WETA so that options for emergency landing facilities could be considered.

7. AUTHORIZE FILING AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FORMULA PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Finance & Grants Manager Lynne Yu presented this item requesting that the Board authorize by resolution the filing of an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for funds from the FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 Federal Transit Administration Formula Program funds to support various capital projects and to commit the necessary local match and assure completion of the projects.

Vice Chair Intintoli made a motion to authorize the resolution. Director Bellows seconded the motion the item carried unanimously.

8. AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEJO FERRY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY

Planner/Analyst Chad Mason presented this item requesting the Board authorize, by motion, the release of a Request for Qualifications for construction management services for construction of the Vallejo Ferry Maintenance and Operations Facility.

Director Donovan asked if a project labor agreement had been discussed. Planning & Development Manager John Sindzinski replied that generally the construction management firm would make sure that WETA received the proper Davis-Bacon documents to ensure compliance. WETA legal counsel Stanley Taylor III of Nossaman LLP added that WETA and Lennar Mare Island, the land holder, did not have a labor agreement. Director Donovan asked if this would be clear to submitters that there may be a project labor agreement involved in the work. Mr. Taylor said that it could be made clear if it wasn't sufficiently so. Mr. Sindzinski pointed out that he anticipated submissions from contractors familiar with public sector work but that this could be put in bold in the RFQ.

Director Bellows made a motion to approve the item. Vice Chair Intintoli seconded the motion the item carried unanimously.

9. AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR FERRY TERMINAL REFURBISHMENT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mr. Stahnke presented this item requesting that the Board authorize, by motion, the release of a Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services for East Bay ferry terminal refurbishment projects.

Director Bellows asked for confirmation of what the total cost of the work would be. Mr. Stahnke responded that it would be \$365,000 for both terminals. He noted that both projects would include federal funding so there would be some extra work required of the selected firm.

Vice Chair Intintoli made a motion to approve the item. Director Donovan seconded the motion the item carried unanimously.

10. AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE ENCINAL AND PERALTA

Mr. Stahnke presented this item requesting that the Board authorize, by motion, the release of a Request for Proposals for Purchase and Installation of Life Saving Equipment (Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus) for the *Encinal* and *Peralta*. Mr. Stahnke noted that this equipment would be meet US Coast Guard requirements for 2015 and that it was included in the capital budget.

Director Bellows made a motion to approve the item. Director Donovan seconded the motion the item carried unanimously.

11. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Chair Johnson called the meeting into closed session at 2:12 p.m. Upon reopening of the meeting at 3:05 p.m. she reported that no action had been taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary
