



AGENDA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014, 8:00 A.M.
OMNITRANS METRO FACILITY
1700 WEST 5TH STREET
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Next Committee Meeting: Friday, May 2, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
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C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

This is the time and place for the general public to address the Board for items that are not on the agenda. In accordance with rules applicable to meetings of the Administrative & Finance Committee, comments on items not on the agenda and on items on the agenda are to be limited to a total of three (3) minutes per individual.

D. POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve Executive Committee Minutes – March 7, 2014
2. Risk Assessment Request for Proposals – Discussion

F. BOARD BUSINESS

Closed Session

Conference with Labor Negotiator, P. Scott Graham, concerning labor negotiations with Amalgamated Transit Union Local No. 1704 regarding the Coach Operator Unit, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

G. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT



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ITEM # E1

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Alan Wapner at 9:17 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2014.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Wapner, Board Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Spagnolo, Vice Chair
Mayor Ed Graham, City of Chino Hills
Council Member Penny Lilburn, City of Highland
Council Member Dick Riddell, City of Yucaipa

OMNITRANS STAFF ATTENDING

P. Scott Graham, CEO/General Manager

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Next Committee Meeting: Friday, March 7, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – Note Time Change
Omnitrans Metro Facility

Chair Wapner welcomed newly appointed Committee Chair of the Administrative and Finance Committee to the Executive Committee.

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no communications from the public.

D. POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES

There were no Conflict of Interest Issues.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve Executive Committee Minutes – February 7, 2014

M/S (Spagnolo/Riddell) that approved the Executive Committee Minutes of February 7, 2014. Member Graham abstained. Motion unanimous by remaining members present.

2. Explore Options for Future Governance Structure – Fiscal Year 2014 Management Plan, Goal #12

CEO/General Manager Graham reported that the Fiscal Year 2014 Management Plan, Goal #12, is to explore options for the future governance structure of Omnitrans and that, this issue was initially going to be addressed during the development of the Short Range Transit Plan; however as the Short Range Transit Plan is on a short timeline and the governance issue will require in-depth research and discussion, it will be addressed separately. About one year ago the Planning Department presented former legal counsel, Best Best and Krieger with four questions for consideration: 1.) What are the strengths and weaknesses of the existing Joint Powers Authority Structure?; 2) What alternative structures are possible?; 3) What funding sources are available for each alternative?; and 4) What are the next steps for Omnitrans to take regarding governance? Best Best and Krieger presented an Attorney-Client Privileged brief to Planning in July 2013 that addressed these questions.

The issue of governance was first addressed by the Board back in 2008, when the then CEO/General Manager attempted to have Omnitrans become a transit district and reduce the number of members on the Board of Directors. The attempt was met with mixed results by the Board Members and failed.

Board Chair Wapner said this issue more recently came to the forefront because of the relationship that had developed between Omnitrans and SANBAG and the fact that SANBAG's funding sources are dissipating and have to be split with other transit properties, such as Metrolink. Chair Wapner believes it is important to begin looking at options to secure a dedicated revenue source and suggested that Omnitrans contact the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) or the Federal Transit Research group as they probably have already conducted the research and have best practices for Omnitrans to consider.

The alternatives provided in the brief from Best Best & Krieger included the merging of Omnitrans with SANBAG or other transit agency, or the creation of a new transit district, while still maintaining the same representation on the Board of Directors.

The CEO/General Manager expressed his belief that if Omnitrans received approval for the sale of the Mid-Valley property and those funds were invested in transportation improvements with the JPA member cities, an important public benefit could be gained by offering a more progressive public transportation system with improved travel times, enhanced safety and security features, and upgraded customer amenities. If such an effort was made, the return on investment could very well result in the public's support for a future initiative to place a sales tax measure on the ballot to support operating costs required for the capital investment if governance changes. In 2012, despite concerns over the economy, 46 out of 58 pro-transit measures have passed at a rate of 79.3 percent.

SANBAG is supportive of Omnitrans developing an independent funding source, but it is not known whether this would impact the funding already received from SANBAG; this issue still needs to be explored further with the new legal counsel.

The Committee discussed the importance of Omnitrans examining dedicated funding source options and agreed that this matter should be reviewed in depth by an Ad-hoc Committee to be appointed by the Board Chair. The Committee also agreed that the Ad-hoc Committee should be comprised of two members from the west end of the service area and two from the east end, plus one County Supervisor. Further, it was suggested that the CEO/General Manager may want to consider bringing a City Manager or other transit agencies to contribute to the discussion.

Once the Ad-hoc Committee is appointed, available information, including any information available from APTA, will be provided for the Committee's review and comment, which will be provided to legal counsel for consideration.

F. BOARD BUSINESS

There was no Closed Session.

G. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled Friday, April 4, 2014, at 8:00 a.m., with location posted on the Omnitrans website and at the Omnitrans San Bernardino Metro Facility.

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