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RD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
September 7, 1999

Meeting Began at: 9:00a.m.

Meeting Ended at: 10:08a.m.

Members Present: Coleen Seng, Bernie Heier, Linda Steinman, Bob Workman, Jonathan Cook, Jon Camp

Others Present: Roger Figard, Larry McNeel, Michele Maly and Connie Thoreson of Public Works and Utilities; Dick Nuernberger, County Treasurer; Wynn Hjernstad, Urban Development; William Kuester, Attorney; Kurt Micek, Accountant; Tom Leikam, Olsson Associates; Joel Pedersen, City Law

Order No. 99-14

Coleen Seng called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the previous minutes. B. Heier motioned to approve the minutes; L. Steinman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Order No. 99-15

Dick Nuernberger read the Treasurer's Report. The County Treasurer's balance for the district was \$1,107,101.66 as of the end of July 1999. The District's checking balance was \$651,301.15 as of August 25, 1999. L. Steinman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; B. Heier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board inquired how banks are selected for investing RTSD funds and what the average interest rate is. Dick explained that the money is put into the banks that want it. The average interest rate is a little more than 5%, give or take .25% with each bank.

Order No. 99-16

Roger Figard presented the budget with a reallocation of funds between the Antelope Valley Project and creating a new Project #13 called Baseball Partnership. The bottom line of the budget will remain the same. Project #7, which is Antelope Valley, will be reduced to make the accommodations for the Baseball Partnership Project #13. The total reallocation is \$1,250,000; \$250,000 for the land acquisition that UP owns between 901 and 1001 N. 6th St.; \$1,000,000 is for the pedestrian overpass to be placed over the BNSF rail corridor. By approving the budget the RTSD Board is making the appropriation for this money, not authorizing the expenditure. An Interlocal agreement would come before the board to authorize the expenditure negotiated.

Joel Pedersen addressed the issue of land acquisition negotiation. All were in agreement for a strong negotiation resulting in the Railroads donation of the land between 901 and 1001 N. 6th Street, reiterating, the RTSD Board would have to agree to any land acquisition dollars by an Interlocal Agreement. It is understood the final negotiations are not completed.

The Board would like to see the \$1,250,000 listed separately; \$1,000,000 (Pedestrian Overpass); and \$250,000 (Land Acquisition). This was done on the CIP and Roger Figard will make sure that it follows through on the RTSD budget.

Steinman moved for approval of the budget as presented to the board. Cook and Workman seconded simultaneously. The vote was unanimous.

The Board would like to be involved with the Pedestrian Overpass as it develops through meetings.

Kurt Micek presented the 1999-2000 Budget Form LC-3 (Lid Computation) which needs a separate approval. This form has two allowable increases, one being the Base Limitation Percent Increase of 2.5% which is a straight increase until adjusted by the Legislature; second is a .59% Allowable Growth, per the Assessor, minus the 2.50%. The separate approval is needed for the 1% the RTSD may exceed the Budget limit, for a fiscal year. This is an allowable carry over authorized by the RTSD Board and will be finalized by the County Board. L. Steinman motioned the RTSD may exceed the Budget limit for 99/00 fiscal year by an additional 1%; B. Heier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was discussion regarding the RTSD going out for bonds, rather than or in addition to using taxpayers money. L. Steinman will bring this issue before the Commons.

Order No. 99-17

Wynn Hjernstad reviewed the status of 3rd & 'A' Street Project. Tom Leikam from Olsson Associates was present for questions. There has been a lot of public input and the lines of communication are being kept open for people living and working in that neighborhood. Wynn presented a packet to keep the RTSD Board informed of the project activities to date. There is overwhelming public support. There is investigation into rodent and/or bird nesting prevention, noise reduction, and tying the trails into this area.

The Board expressed concern regarding the average train speed through this area. Tom Leikam said the speed is not great because the trains are going into and out of the yard that is very near this area. The maximum speed limit will be made available to the board.

Roger Figard reviewed the 'X' Street project. The project is going along very well and on schedule. A new requirement, by the railroad, for utilities under the tracks to be encased, is under consideration to be included in this project. Roger will keep the board informed. The new crossing materials are in at 14th & 17th Streets.

Roger Figard went through the status of the 3rd & 'F' Street Project. The pumping equipment has been changed, debris has been cleaned out, and the drains have been lowered on both ends. There is a contractor to place to put in some additional curbs along the sidewalk to keep the debris from going into the underpass and hold the mulch and landscaping in place. The City has supported this project by keeping the underpass cleared. Finke Gardens began the landscape portion of this project starting with weed control and will wait for drainage work to be completed so that they may begin plantings. The cost for making corrections to this project is being split 50/50 between RTSD and Contractor/Consultant, however, RTSD did pay for the curbs.

Harlan Layton spoke of his concern regarding the 'F' Street underpass. He does not agree with the way the new drains were put in. Roger Figard suggested the two of them meet, at the project, for discussion regarding Mr. Layton's suggestions.

Order No. 99-18

RTSD collected bids for an annual maintenance contract for the 3rd & 'F' St. Project. The low bid was \$14,000/year. Roger recommended awarding the contract to Aaron Svik, the low bidder. There was a motion to award the contract by J. Camp, and seconded by Steinman. The vote was unanimous.

With continuing negotiations being done on the Baseball Project, RTSD may have agreements to bring before the board. Roger Figard and/or Connie Thoreson will contact the Board at the earliest convenience to schedule the next meeting, which will be scheduled on a Monday.

Coleen Seng called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Heier made the motion; J. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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