

Ross Valley Yellow Bus Transportation Services

Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Joint Committee

March 14, 2019

7:00 PM

**San Anselmo Town Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Ave, San Anselmo, CA
94960**

I. 7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

JEPA Board members present:

Town of San Anselmo: Brian Colbert, Dave Donery

Town of Fairfax: Renee Goddard, Garrett Toy

County of Marin: Katie Rice, Nancy Vernon

Ross Valley School District: Wesley Pratt, Rick Bagley

Dave Donery, San Anselmo Town Manager made opening comments.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Joint Exercise of Powers (JEPA) Joint Committee on subjects not on the agenda may do so at this time. Please note, however, that the JEPA is not able to undertake extended discussion or action on items not on the agenda. Matters requiring action will be referred to the joint committee or staff or placed on a future JEPA meeting agenda. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

III. JEPA BUSINESS MEETING

Item	Presenter	Action
A. Election of chairperson		Approve

Katie Rice nominated Brian Colbert to be the chairperson.

M/S, Katie Rice, Renee Goddard to elect Brian Colbert to be the chairperson of the Ross Valley Yellow Bus Transportation Services Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Joint Committee. Ayes: Brian Colbert, Dave Donery, Renee Goddard, Garrett Toy, Katie Rice, Nancy Vernon, Wesley Pratt, Rick Bagley

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B. Review JEPA purpose	Chairperson	Discussion

Brian Colbert asked Nancy Whelan and John Wright (in the audience) to provide history for why the JEPA was started. Nancy spoke for Marin Transit with regards to cost and traffic management goals. John Wright stated a JEPA provides more transparency without creating the liability issues attached to a JPA. Katie Rice stated there was a need for a Ross Valley specific Ad Hoc Committee.

C. Establish subcommittee to develop by-laws for review and adoption by Joint Committee	Chairperson	Approve
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Dave Donery, Garrett Toy and Nancy Vernon volunteered to be on the subcommittee to develop by-laws.

D. Review of 2018-19 operations, pass sales, and budget	Marin Transit	Discussion
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Kelly Zalewski, Marin Transit, made a presentation regarding the Marin Transit Program Management.

Steve Lamb, San Anselmo resident, noticed students ride Marin Transit buses and wanted to know if one system is preferable to another. Nancy Whelan explained the supplemental routes and stated public transit buses can be ridden by anyone. However, the better type of service for younger kids is a yellow bus.

E. 2019-20 budget scenarios	Marin Transit	Discussion
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Nancy Whelan, Marin Transit, went over the four budget scenarios and stated the end-product may be a blend of variables. Kelly Zalewski presented the budget and mentioned pass sales are coming in lower than expected and staff time is lower than expected.

In Scenario 1, all the financial burden will be put into the pass price.

In Scenario 2, the unmet revenue will be filled by the Towns.

In Scenario 3, there is a reduction in the number of buses and routes.

In Scenario 4, there are increased routes with the same number of buses, which will require staggered bell times.

Item**Presenter****Action**

Garrett Toy clarified the base assumption is that only \$132,000 would be coming from Measure A/AA. Toy wanted to know if the number is fixed or if there was a phasing in opportunity. Nancy Whelan stated that Marin Transit did look at a variety of ways to make more money for it, but in the end, picked this formula. Supervisor Katie Rice mentioned Ross Valley was the only program getting money for years and the County has been contributing \$125,000 also. However, the County is looking at rationale for the program moving forward and warned the formula that is being talked about from the County in the future is \$90,000. Renee Goddard clarified that the \$35,000 difference would need to be made up by local agencies.

Wesley Pratt, School District, asked if the Measure A/AA formula was cast in stone, since the \$132,000 was dropping from \$175,000. Pratt also wanted to know why the school bus program was \$600,000. Whelan, stated the Measure AA money was the renewal of ½ cent sales tax. However, the budgeted amount needed to use the sales tax revenue for a program was \$600,000. Whelan mentioned Marin Transit spends more than the sales tax revenue. Whelan stated since SB1 was not repealed and Measure AA was approved, there was certainty with money and Marin Transit was sure they could come up with \$600,00. Without SB1 and Measure AA, the program would have been shut down. Pratt asked if the \$600,000 could have come from two different buckets. Whelan stated it would have to cut other transit service and reiterated there just isn't enough money for the yellow bus service. Whelan stated Marin Transit has other revenue sources but they can't be used for yellow bus service.

Whelan stated Marin Transit is looking for guidance and if there are preference with regards to the scenarios. Rice stated the group needs to know what the local match is and to define if the local match is a combination of the County and Towns' contributions.

John Wright, San Anselmo resident, wanted to know what the data is on bus pass pricing for other jurisdictions. Whelan stated other jurisdictions pay more money towards their bus programs, so their bus pass pricing is lower.

Steve Lamb, San Anselmo resident, asked if there was a way to measure the cost benefit for the rate payer. He felt it is a benefit to the community and wanted to know if there is anything that can be done as a community to make it succeed.

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Garret Toy stated the group needs to figure out what the local match will need to be. Rick Bagley stated they need to survey parents to know which pain is better, less routes or pay more money for passes. Dave Donery asked Marin Transit if they could come back with something in between Scenario 1 & 2 with a 5% escalator. Brian Colbert stated he was not prepared to give guidance.

A school principal in the audience stated he was worried if the bus prices went up, it would take money away from the Yes program.

F. Recommend Marin Transit sign Measure AA funding agreement	Marin Transit	Approve
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Nancy Whelan presented report.

Wesley Pratt stated there are parts of the agreement where the recipient is the school district. The recipient should be Marin Transit, not the school district and wanted the agreement to reflect those changes.

G. Set date, time, location and agenda topics for next meeting	Chairperson	Approve
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There was group consensus for the next meeting to be on April 2nd. Another meeting would be potentially held in late April and a poll would go out to confirm the best date.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no reports.

V. 9:10 PM ADJOURNMENT to the next regular meeting of April 2nd 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Kacmar
San Anselmo Town Clerk