

San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee Meeting

Thursday September 29, 2011

California State Railroad Museum; Sacramento, CA

Important Notice:

The official meeting minutes for the September 29, 2011 San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee were accidentally erased from the laptop that was used to transcribe the minutes. The minutes below are a compilation of minutes from various sources and will need to serve as the official meeting minutes for the meeting if approved by then Committee.

1. Meeting was preceded by “One Million Passengers” event at Sacramento Amtrak Station.

Chair Pedrozo called the meeting to order and had the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hammond, California State Parks, welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Sacramento.

Facilitator Art Lloyd called for the roll call of members. (List Attached)

Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Only
3. Guest Speaker

Fran Halbakken, Railyard Project Manager, provided a presentation and status report on the Sacramento Railyard development. The San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee passed a motion/resolution unanimously to craft a letter of support for TIGER-3 Funding for the Sacramento Railyard project. Some facts provided during the presentation are as follows:

- The Sacramento Valley Station is the 2nd Busiest in California & 7th in the USA
- The Sacramento Railyard will include a depot district, a riverfront district and a central shops district.

Emmet Fremaux, Amtrak, provided information regarding Amtrak Product Development and Marketing.

David Kutrosky, Capitol Corridor, discussed the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and provided an update.

Debbie Mullins, Caltrans, and Laura Langerwerf, Glass Agency, provided information regarding Amtrak California Fall Marketing Campaign.

Tom Dodson, Tom Dodson and Associates, provided a report on the San Joaquin Corridor Environmental Study.

Angelo Lamas and Matt Machado provided a report on the status of the Gap Technical Advisory Committee efforts and mentioned that a resolution will be presented to the SJVRC at its January meeting to support “closing the gap” between Bakersfield and Los Angeles stations.

4. Reports

Amtrak Partnership Coordination: Jay Commer from Amtrak

Amtrak California/Train Operations: Mike Edwards and Greg Santos from Amtrak

Amtrak Government Affairs/Federal Updates: Pat Merrill and Rob Eaton from Amtrak

Amtrak Operations: Anthony Chapa from Amtrak

California Department of Transportation/State Updates: Bill Bronte from Caltrans

BASF Railway: Rick Depler from BNSF.

Amtrak Thruway Bus Operation/Fall Schedule Changes: Rick Peterson from Amtrak. Rick spoke to the effect that there will not be any significant service changes for Fall 2011. New motorcoaches will soon be in operation on routes that operate in and out of the Bakersfield Station thanks in large part to a joint contract agreement with Coach America.

5. Member Comments and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

The next meeting will be on Thursday January 26, 2012, in Merced County.

Meeting adjourned.