

CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD  
(CRRMA Board)

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of El Paso City Hall

Friday, November 21, 2008

1:00 PM

BOARD MINUTES

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) Board met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Chair Harold Hahn present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Scott McLaughlin

Tanny Berg

David Marcus

J.O. Stewart

The following members were not present:

Ralph Adame

Tony Payan

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

3. Adoption of Minutes for the CRRMA meeting of August 22, 2008.

Motion made by Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2008 CRRMA meeting.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

4. Update, discussion and action on a Board Resolution to ratify the submission of the Amended Application to the State Infrastructure Bank dated November 4, 2008, for the I-10 at Loop 375 (Americas Interchange) Project.

After discussion, motion made by Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and unanimously carried to ratify the submission of the Amended Application to the State Infrastructure Bank.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

5. Discussion and action on various CRRMA financial matters:

(a) Personnel changes at First Southwest Company (CRRMA's Financial Advisor).

Mr. Telles introduced Wayne Placide, Senior Vice President of First Southwest Company. Mr. Placide explained to the Board that he was taking over the duties formerly provided by Mr. Steven Adams, who had recently left the First Southwest Company. Mr. Placide was welcomed by the board. No action was taken on this item.

(b) Board Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2009 CRRMA Budget.

Mr. Berg moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 CRRMA Budget with the understanding that certain operational items will come back to the Board for approval, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

(c) Board Resolution adopting the CRRMA Investment Policy for fiscal year 2009.

Mr. Berg moved to approve the Investment Policy, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

6. Discussion and action to authorize staff to begin the process of selecting an outside attorney for general legal services.

Mr. Berg moved to authorize staff to begin the process of interviewing and selecting outside legal counsel, subject to the letter of engagement coming back for Board approval, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

7. Discussion and action on a Board Resolution adopting the official CRRMA logo.

Mr. Marcus moved to approve Logo Item One as the official CRRMA logo, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and unanimously carried. [NOTE: Logo Item One is on file with the CRRMA office.]

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

8. Discussion and action on the Executive Director's Report:

- (a) Bond Buyer Award - 2008 Regional Deal of the Year for the Southwest Region (Small Issuer) for the State Spur 601 (Inner Loop) Project.

Mr. Telles explained that the CRRMA had recently received notice that it was being recognized with the "Southwest Regional Bond Deal of the Year" for its involvement in the State Spur 601 (Inner Loop) Project. It was also explained that as regional deal winner, the CRRMA was now eligible for the Overall Deal of the Year, which would be awarded in New York in early December. Mr. Berg and Mr. Telles were asked to represent the CRRMA at the event.

- (b) Comments submitted on the FHWA's proposed "Fair Market Value and Design-Build Amendments".

Mr. Telles provided the board with information on the proposed amendments and the comments that were submitted on behalf of the CRRMA. No action was taken on this item.

- (c) Team-Tx Membership and Recent Meeting.

Mr. Telles briefed the board on the CRRMA's participation with Team-Tx recent events. No action was taken on this item.

(d) FHWA Innovative Financing Workshop.

Mr. Telles and Mr. Adame attended the workshop in McAllen, Texas and provided a brief summary. No action was taken on this item.

(e) CRRMA's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.

The Board discussed the process involved in developing the plan. The draft plan will be provided to Board members and will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting for review and comments. No action was taken on this item.

(f) 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan Update

Eduardo Calvo (TxDOT) presented information and answered questions related to the various 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan projects. No action was taken on this item.

(g) Texas Department of Transportation Proposition 14 Funds – Cesar Chavez Project.

Mr. Calvo also presented and answered questions of board members in relation to the Cesar Chavez Project and Proposition 14 Funds. No action was taken on this item.

9. Discussion and action on the selection of a General Engineering Consultant, including presentations by firms engaged in the CRRMA's Request for Qualifications issued on September 26, 2008 and authorization for staff to begin negotiations with the selected firm, with the proposed agreement to be brought back to the full CRRMA board for approval. The firms providing presentations shall be as follows:

- (a) Camino Real Mobility Partners.
- (b) El Paso Partners.
- (c) URS Team.

Individual presentations were provided by each firm. Board members evaluated each presentation and completed individual scoring sheets. Board members score sheets were tabulated and combined with results from the written submission. The cumulative scores were announced by the Board Chair as follows:

URS Team – 80.55  
El Paso Partners – 83.8  
Camino Real Mobility Partners – 91.25

Mr. Berg moved to select Camino Real Mobility Partners as the General Engineering Consultant for the CRRMA and authorize staff to begin negotiations on an agreement with the Camino Real Mobility Partners to be brought back to the full board for review and approval of all terms and conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

10. Discussion and action on the adoption of the CRRMA's regular monthly meeting dates as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Mr. Marcus moved to approve the second Thursday of the month as the regular meeting date, seconded by Mr. Stewart and unanimously carried.

AYES: Mr. Hahn, Mr. Berg, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLaughlin

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Adame and Dr. Payan

Motion made to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried.

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Approved as to Content:

  
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Dr. Tony Payan, Board Secretary