

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 5, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Katzakian, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 San Joaquin Regional Transit District Presentation (PW)

City Manager Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) presentation.

Donna DeMartino, Executive Director for SJRTD, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding SJRTD. Specific topics of discussion included SJRTD's services within San Joaquin County and Lodi, current and future funding for transit services, transfer and comparative services, innovative services, and options through consolidation.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Ms. DeMartino stated MV Transportation is now providing employee services through a contract with SJRTD for a five-year period.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated the reduced bus size is good for public perception albeit not a strong cost savings because an operator is still needed for the bus.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated a rider is counted each time the person rides the bus regardless of how many times per day they ride. She stated Lodi inter-city service riders usually ride in the morning from Lodi to Stockton and back in the evening.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated SJRTD staff is currently working with City staff on the new stop on Kettleman Lane near Coco's Restaurant.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Ms. DeMartino stated the two primary destinations for Lodi riders are San Joaquin Delta College and downtown Stockton for employment purposes.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Traffic Engineer Paula Fernandez stated the City has funds currently to replace two buses and five buses will retire in 2012.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated all it takes to add a new stop to the Hopper system is a request.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated BRT buses in some cases run similar to a light rail system and have the ability to change light functions through intersections when running behind. Further, Ms. DeMartino stated the new Route 44 ends at the airport in Stockton although there is a lot of general business ridership along that corridor as well.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated the Dial-A-Ride taxi cab service has 24 independent operators and runs throughout the County and Stockton on a reservation system.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. DeMartino stated she is not sure about how the private taxi cab service works in Stockton.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Ms. DeMartino stated MV Transportation is a contractor only and SJRTD is still the service provider and takes care of reporting and tracking requirements, monitoring, and funding and grant applications.

Discussion ensued regarding ridership numbers throughout the County and in cities in the County and the possibility of having one regional transit provider through consolidation throughout the County to better utilize services and resources.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. DeMartino stated SJRTD has a Board of Directors appointed by City Councils and the Board of Supervisors, the annual budget is \$30 million of which one-half comes from the State and \$6 million to \$7 million comes from federal funds, fare box recovery is approximately 20%, the diesel hybrid path is better than compressed natural gas in her opinion, and currently the President's budget increases transportation funding although Congress will likely fight over what it will and will not support.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. DeMartino stated in order to qualify for Measure K funding, an agency must use all of its other transportation funding and currently only Stockton and Lodi fulfill that requirement. Further, Ms. DeMartino stated MV Transportation has the ability to provide lower wages and benefits as it is the largest provider in the country.

In response to City Manager Bartlam, Ms. DeMartino confirmed smaller shuttles go from the airport to the County hospital because they are more Americans with Disabilities Act accessible, from Lodi a rider could take Route 23 to the downtown transit center to one of two routes to the hospital, the total trip time is 90 minutes with one transfer, and the longest wait time is 30 to 45 minutes.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Ms. DeMartino confirmed the cost for the trip to the County hospital is \$2.50.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. Fernandez confirmed the City's service runs from 6:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk