



Foothill Transit

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FOOTHILL TRANSIT EXECUTIVE BOARD
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**

**FOOTHILL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM
100 S. VINCENT AVENUE
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Friday, April 30, 2021
9:15 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sternquist at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Gary Boyer, Member Cory Moss, Member Becky Shevlin,
Vice Chair Corey Calaycay, Chair Cynthia Sternquist

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

After discussion, by Common Consent, the Chair and Chief Executive Officer confirmed the agenda as presented.

4. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2021 and Special Meeting of April 7, 2021.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Vice Chair Calaycay, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2021 and Special Meeting of April 7, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 5-0.

5. INTRODUCTION OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS

There were no presentations by Foothill Transit business partners.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Aguilar, ATU 1277, urged the Executive Board to press Transdev to settle the contract with ATU 1756. Abhilasha, Jobs to Move America, stated that



tax payers should not be paying Transdev \$6 million in profits for unsafe and delayed service. She asked that the Executive Board urge the head of Transdev to negotiate a fair contract with ATU 1756. Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, stated that Transdev should treat its employees fairly and requested that the Executive Board urge Ibrahima Toure, Transdev, to negotiate a fair contract with ATU 1756. Michael Granada, ATU 1555, asked that Transdev be encouraged to return to contract negotiations and negotiate a fair contract with ATU 1756. Aiden Geronimus, Jobs to Move America, stated that Transdev employees are owed a fair contract. Lorrence Bradford, ATU 1756, expressed concerns over drivers working 13-15 hour days and the lack of restroom availability for drivers. Winter Hawk, Jobs to Move America, urged Transdev to negotiate fair contract with ATU 1756. Cesar Buenaventura, ATU 1309, asked that Ibrahima Toure be urged to negotiate a fair contract. Angel Ramirez, Coach Operator, stated that Transdev employees deserve a fair contract. Scarlett DeLeon, Alliance for Community Transit Los Angeles, stated that Transdev should not be receiving \$6 million in profits and urged that Transdev negotiate a fair contract. Shane Weinstein, ATU 1575, stated that Transdev employees have been working without a contract through the entire pandemic. He asked that the Board hold Transdev accountable. John Courtney, ATU 265, stated that drivers should be rewarded with a fair contract.

6.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

Doran Barnes, CEO, stated that Transdev and the ATU 1756 have been encouraged to reach a mutually agreeable resolution. Based on analysis the information in regards to a \$6 million profit may be incorrect.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no Public Comment on the Consent Calendar.

7. **MARCH 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

Recommendation: Receive and file the Financial Statements and Investment Summary year-to-date report through March 31, 2021. The attached Financial Statements and Investment Report summarize Foothill Transit's unaudited operations and financial condition as of March 31, 2021, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to receive and file. Motion carried 5-0.



8. **APRIL 2021 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

Recommendation: 1. Receive and file the April 2021 Legislative Summary; and 2. Adopt support positions on SB 623 (Newman) and AB 917 (Bloom).

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to receive and file, and adopt. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP NO. 21-090) FOR HYDROGEN FUELING SOLUTION**

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 21-090 for a Hydrogen Fueling Solution at the Pomona Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ NO. 21-091) FOR HYDROGEN DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEMS**

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 21-091 for engineering consulting services to design Hydrogen Detection and Alarm Systems at the Pomona Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

11. **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON-CALL COST REALISM SERVICES**

Recommendation: Recommended Action: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for on-call price and cost realism services.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

12. **EXERCISE OF CONTRACT OPTION - GENERAL MARKETING SERVICES**

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the second of two one-year options to extend Contract No. 17-053 with Pulsar

Advertising, Inc., for the provision of general marketing services.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. POST PANDEMIC RIDERSHIP RECOVERY

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to implement a half-price fare program for a period of three months starting in July 2021.

Felicia Friesema, Director of Marketing and communications.

Ms. Friesema reported that overall ridership is at 54 percent of pre-pandemic boardings, and fare revenue is approximately 12 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Foothill Transit is proposing a limited time half-price sale on all passes beginning July 1, 2021 and to help facilitate customer purchases, Foothill Transit will be offering free TAP cards. Communications will be robust and with a heavy digital focus. Staff will closely monitor ridership and commute patterns.

There were no comments from members of the public on this item. Ms. Friesema responded to comments from Member Shevlin.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Shevlin, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

14. SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a five-year Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services to be performed on an as-needed basis at a cost of \$200,000 per year.

John Curley, Chief of Safety and Security, presented this item.

Mr. Curley reported that the current contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ends on June 30, 2021. Authorization of a new contract will help staff with deployment of transit patrols, mitigation of fare evasion, security and crime related issues, and would help the persons experiencing homelessness issue. Mr. Curley also reported on recently conducted training



and on the Homeless Outreach Service Team.

Lorrence Bradford, ATU 1756, stated he is concerned with the data used in the report regarding driver assaults, and he would like the opportunity to further discuss the data with Mr. Curley. He also stated that in reference to Transdev's \$6 million profit, that by way of analysis the ATU can confirm the amount. Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, thanked Mr. Curley for accepting the challenge and stated that with the new contract that he hopes the sheriff's will actually patrol. Michael Cornelius, ATU, commended the board for any action they can take that will help protect transit workers. Mr. Cornelius clarified that the 151 deaths of members he reported earlier due to COVID-19 was for throughout the United States and Canada. He also stated that Francisco Nieto, a mechanic from the Arcadia/Irwindale facility had passed of COVID-19. Mr. Curley and Mr. Barnes responded to questions and comments from Member Shevlin, Member Boyer and Vice Chair Calaycay.

Motion by Vice Chair Corey Calaycay, second by Member Shevlin, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

15. **CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was not reopened as the Public Comment period was concluded earlier in the agenda (Item 6).

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT**

Comments by Mr. Doran J. Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit.

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Foothill Transit team members have been working hard as part of the congressional funding cycle and with the local delegation, to submit a number of requests for funding. More information will be provided at the May board meeting.
- Foothill Transit continues to urge the ATU and Transdev to come to a mutually agreeable conclusion that is beneficial to everyone.
- Foothill Transit continues to lean in on opportunities to get people vaccinated. Vice Chair Calaycay asked if there are opportunities to potentially have vaccinations available at the bus facilities. Mr. Barnes stated that staff will continue working with both general managers. Mr. Barnes stated that he has approved compensating the contractors for incentive programs to encourage frontline employees get vaccinated.

The incentive is worth approximately \$200 per employee.

17. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

There were no comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

18. **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

Sinh Ly, commented that drivers don't feel safe and issues with the driver barriers have not been addressed. Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, inquired if the restrooms will continue to be available to drivers at the transit center. Raymond Lopez, wanted to clarify if the contractors are issuing a \$200 incentive if an employee gets vaccinated. Mr. Barnes, CEO, clarified that each contractor is receiving an incentive payment that is to go 100 percent to its employees, and it is only being provided for employees that have provided proof of vaccination. Michael Cornelius, ATU, stated that they encourage members to get vaccinated. Lorrence Bradford, ATU 1756, stated that the ATU supports having its members get vaccinated.

The Executive Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:57 a.m.

19. **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Government Code § 54956.8)

Property Address/Location: 1118 N. Citrus Avenue, Covina, CA 91722
Agency Negotiator(s): Doran J. Barnes, Sharlane Bailey, Jane Starke, Darold D. Pieper, Kevin Parks McDonald, Barry Foster
Negotiating Parties: Victor Linares
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

20. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Executive Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Vice Chair Calaycay reported that there were no reportable actions.



21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the April 30, 2020 Foothill Transit Executive Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Prepared by:


Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 05/28/2021