



Foothill Transit

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

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

**Friday, October 1, 2021
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sternquist at 7:46 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sternquist.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Corey Calaycay, Member Rick Crosby, Member Victor Preciado, Member Emmett Badar, Member Linda Freedman, Member Edward Alvarez, Member Daniel Damian, Member Jorge Marquez, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, Member Dario Castellanos, Member Roger Chandler, Member Richard Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Felicia Williams, Member Fernando Vizcarra, Member Steve Tye, Member Jessica Ancona, Member Cory Moss, Member Hector Delgado, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Jimmy Lin, Member Cynthia Sternquist

Absent: Member Valerie Munoz

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chair Sternquist stated she had no changes to the agenda. Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, announced that Congresswoman Judy Chu would be unable to attend the meeting. He stated that she would be invited to a future meeting.

After discussion, by Common Consent, the Chair and Chief Executive Officer



confirmed the agenda as revised.

5. **REMARKS BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU (INVITED)**

Congresswoman Chu was unable to attend the meeting.

6. **ACCESS SERVICES OVERVIEW**

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Andre Colaiace, Executive Director, Access Services. Mr. Colaiace provided an overview of the paratransit services Access Services provides to Los Angeles County. He also presented a history of the agency, governance, and its response to COVID-19.

7. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of August 27, 2021.

Motion by Member Chandler, second by Member Shevlin, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 23-0. Member Damian abstention.

8. **INTRODUCTION OF Foothill TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS**

Laura Hendricks, Chief Executive Officer, Transdev U.S. introduced Thierry Mallet, Global Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Transdev. Mr. Mallet reported on his recent visit to the Arcadia/Irwindale facility and thanked Foothill Transit for their collaboration in response to COVID-19, and in ensuring the safety of Transdev employees and customers of Foothill Transit.

9. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public addressed the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

9.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

There was no response to Public Comment by the Chief Executive Officer.



10. **SEPTEMBER 2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the September 2021 Legislative Update.

Yoko Igawa, Manager of Government Relations and Jan Powell, Foothill Transit Advocate, presented this item.

Ms. Powell reported on the end of the federal fiscal year on October 1, and the potential for a continuing resolution or government shutdown. She also reported on annual appropriations, the local impact of a government shutdown, and transportation reauthorization.

Ms. Igawa reported that the first year of the FY 2021-22 state legislative session ended on September 10, 2021. The state budget included \$2.7 billion in funding for zero emission vehicles and infrastructure. Also included were many statutory relief measures for transit agencies.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

11. **COVID-19 TRANSIT OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LaShawn King Gillespie, Director of Customer Service and Operations, presented this item.

Ms. Gillespie provided an update on recent activities related to COVID-19 and the impacts on staffing at the contractors. She reported on the operational challenges and the lack of available staff to deliver service that was established in January 2021. It is estimated that Foothill Transit is missing two to three percent of weekly trips. Labor shortages are being reported by numerous transit agencies throughout the country. Foothill Transit staff is working closely with the contractors to monitor, analyze and work to mitigate the loss in service. Each contractor has implemented incentive programs, and a robust recruitment and retention programs.

She also provided an overview of customer communications, COVID-19 vaccine education at the contractors, and ridership and service levels.

Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, reported that the membership is being overworked and being forced to take on additional assignments. The



Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

12. **MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the report on Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) Transit Center Project Update.

Sharlane Bailey, Director of Facilities, presented this item.

Ms. Bailey provided an overview of the project. The transit center will consist of ten bus bays with five canopy shelters. She highlighted the next major milestones and reported that the substantial completion of the transit center is anticipated in December 2022. Launch of the transit center and pedestrian bridge that is being built by Mt. SAC is anticipated in February 2023.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

13. **FUEL CELL BUS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT**

Recommendation: Receive and file the Fuel Cell Bus and Infrastructure Procurement update.

Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology, presented this item.

Mr. Cordero reported that fuel cell buses have ranges similar to CNG buses. Foothill Transit has received \$7.5 million in grants to specifically fund the transition of Line 486 to a zero emission route with 20 fuel cell buses. He reviewed the procurement schedule for the fuel cell buses, fueling infrastructure, and maintenance facility upgrades. The scheduled completion of the project is scheduled for October 2022. The project budget is \$33 million.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

14. **FISCAL YEAR 2021 YEAR-END BUDGET UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the year-end budget update for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Jorge Quintana, Finance Budget and Grants Analyst, presented this item.



Mr. Quintana reviewed the year-end budget results and how they compared to the overall budget. Foothill Transit ended the fiscal year within the approved budget, despite approximately \$1.4 million in COVID-19 related expenses. Foothill Transit ended the fiscal year \$4.9 million under the approved budget. The Purchased Transportation account experienced the greatest savings with fuel as the next highest.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact Foothill Transit, the region has experienced lower ridership resulting in lower fare revenues as well as lower sales tax revenues. Foothill Transit collected \$4.0 million in fare revenues since resuming fare collection in October. Foothill Transit has drawn down all \$33 million of CARES Act funding.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

15. **CONTINUED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was not reopened as the Public Comment period was concluded earlier in the agenda (Item 9).

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT**

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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Work on the Foothill Transit Forward project is moving forward. Updates will be provided to the Governing Board in the near future.
- The Summer Sale has ended and a report will be presented at the next meeting. The results were positive and staff is looking at concepts for future sales.
- The double deck bus was in service for ten hours.
- At future meetings, the Governing Board will receive presentations on fare simplification and potentially expanding the fuel cell program.



17. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Lin asked for any developments on Metro's fareless initiative. Mr. Barnes stated that Metro has advanced Phase 1, which includes K-12 schools and community colleges. At the Foothill Transit Executive Board Meeting the board will consider participating in the K-12 program.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer announced losses to the greater Foothill Transit family. Azusa Councilmember and Foothill Transit Governing Board Member Uriel Macias, Cameron Blaine Fish the son of former Governing Board Member Nan Fish, and Transdev Coach Operator Mulyadi Judoprawiro.

Adjournment for the October 1, 2021 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned in the memory of Uriel E. Macias, Cameron Blaine Fish, and Mulyadi Judoprawiro at 9:19 a.m.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 10/29/2020