



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE  
FOOTHILL TRANSIT SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD  
AND SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FOOTHILL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
100 SOUTH VINCENT AVENUE  
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Friday, June 8, 2012**

**8:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to order (Governing Board and Executive Board). (12-2603)

**The Foothill Transit Governing and Executive Board meetings were called to order by Chair Pat Wallach at 8:05 a.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Governing Board and Executive Board). (12-2604)

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Paula Lantz.**

ROLL CALL

3. Roll call (Governing Board and Executive Board). (12-2605)

**Roll call for the Foothill Transit Governing and Executive Board meetings was taken by Mr. Garen Khachian, Staff, Board of Supervisors Office, Commission Services Division. Attendance for the Governing and Executive Boards was as follows:**

Present: 4 - Chair Pat Wallach , Vice Chair  
Doug Tessitor, Treasurer Paula Lantz,  
Member Carol Herrera

Excused: 1 - Member Margaret McAustin

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**Present:** 21 - Member Corey Calaycay, Member Paula Lantz, Member Robert F. Rodriguez, Member Emmet Badar, Member Antonio Cartagena, Member Keith Hanks, Member Marlen Garcia, Member Doug Tessitor, Member Manuel Garcia, Member Michael Touhey, Member Robert Harbicht, Member Richard G. Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Cynthia Sternquist, Member Carol Herrera, Member Juventino "J" Gomez, Member Jeff Parriott, Member Hector Delgado, Member Michael De La Torre, Member Pat Wallach and Member David C. Rodriguez

**Excused:** 5 - Member Peggy A. Delach, Member Becky A. Shevlin, Member Margaret McAustin and Member Violeta Lewis

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. Public comment (Governing Board and Executive Board). (12-2606)

**No members of the public addressed the Foothill Transit Governing/ Executive Board.**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

5. Approval of minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Annual Governing Board Meeting of May 9, 2012. (12-2607)

**On motion of Member Corey Calaycay, seconded by Member Marlen Garcia, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

6. FOOTHILL TRANSIT PROGRAM UPDATES (Governing Board)

- 6.1 Recommendation to receive and file the Foothill Transit Program Update on Bus Stop Enhancement Program. (12-2608)

**La Shawn Gillespie, Director of Planning, presented this item and reported the following:**

- **Foothill Transit bus stop enhancement program has been developed with the concept that the bus stop is the “front door” of Foothill Transit’s service. The program provides funds to cities to improve bus stops by providing financial assistance to cities as they upgrade bus**

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stops with shelters, safety improvements, route information, and other customer amenities.

- The established process for funding projects is a call for applications issued to the Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) member cities and the County of Los Angeles for projects in which Foothill Transit provides funding up to \$35,000. Cities implementing additional amenities such as innovative lighting, drinking fountains or supplemental devices for the disabled, passenger related technologies were eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in additional funding.
- In the Fiscal Year 2012 Business Plan, The Governing Board approved \$1,000,000 to fund the Bus Stop Enhancement Program. Funding for the Bus Stop Enhancement Project has been carried over into to Fiscal Year 2013 Business Plan to provide additional grants to the member cities.
- Since 2007, more than \$455,000 in grants has been provided to Foothill Transit Member Cities and the County of Los Angeles through the Foothill Transit Bus Signal Priority Project.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

6.2 Recommendation to Receive and file the Foothill Transit Program Update on Legislation. (12-2609)

David Reyno, Director of Government Relations, presented this item and reported on the following:

1) Public Transit Agency Tax Exemptions

- In 2008, Foothill Transit sponsored, and Assemblyman Ed Hernandez authored, AB 2009 to exempt public transit agencies from "Utility User Tax" on natural gas used to power their buses. This bill passed unanimously in 2008.
- SB 1257, (Hernandez) - Utility user tax: exemption: public transit vehicles, has unanimously passed in the Senate and is currently in the State Assembly where it has been referred to two committees, the Revenue and Taxation Committee and Local Government Committee. On May 2, Vice Chair Doug Tessitor and Treasurer Paula Lantz testified before the Senate Governance & Finance Committee on behalf of Foothill Transit for this bill.

**2) Public Transit Bus Axle Weight.**

- **This State law created in 1976 limits the overall weight of a bus on one axle to 24,500 lbs. The majority of public transit buses on the road today exceed this limitation. Advances in bus technology have contributed to the weight increase.**
- **Assemblyman Mike Eng, authored AB 1706. The bill is sponsored by the California Transit Association and will put a moratorium on the weight limit of public transit buses until January, 2015 to allow time for the transit industry, including the bus manufacturers, to work with all interested parties including the California League of Cities to come up with a reasonable solution. AB 1706 passed in the Assembly and now awaits committee assignment in the State Senate.**

**3) Six-year surface transportation authorization bill.**

- **The current authorization bill, SAFETEA-LU (The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) expired on September 30, 2009. President Obama signed the ninth extension of the law that now expires on June 30, 2012.**
- **The most critical issue of this bill is the preservation of current law under which a specific portion of motor fuels tax revenues are deposited into the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund.**

**After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

**7. PROPOSED SILVER STREAK PROMOTIONAL FARE REDUCTION (Governing Board)**

**Recommendation:** In accordance with the Executive Board's recommendation, authorize the Executive Director to implement the Proposed Silver Streak Promotional Fare Reduction detailed below. (12-2610)

**La Shawn Gillespie, Director of Planning, presented this item and gave the following report:**

**The outreach campaign included:**

- **Newspaper Advertisements**
- **E-Notices**
- **Information in Foothill Transit's Footnotes Edition**
- **Social Media notices**
- **Public Hearings held on May 23, 2012 (El Monte) and May 24, 2012 (Pomona)**

**Customer Responses included:**

- **37 Comments via e-mail were received**
- **31 responses in support of the proposed fare reduction**
- **2 did not support the proposal**
- **4 responses received were neither in support or opposition of the proposal**
- **Public Hearings were held - - May 23, 2012 in El Monte, with two attendees/speakers supporting the proposal, and on May 24, 2012 in Pomona; no one attended this meeting.**

**Title VI Analysis included:**

- **Assessment the effects of change on minority or low-income populations.**
- **Modes of payments**
- **Analyzing Alternatives**
- **Anticipation to have minimal, if any, negative impacts on low-income and minority populations**
- **Includes cash fares**
- **Alternative could include decreased frequencies or service that does not meet the demands of the community**

**In response to Member Robert Harbicht, Mr. Doran Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit stated the goal is avoiding erosion of customer ridership, cutting confusion regarding prices, and giving customers a better service with simple plans.**

**Member Antonio Cartagena, reported he used to use the Silver Line; the proposed reduction will definitely help the average family; he supports the proposal.**

**After discussion, on motion of Member Tzeitel Paras-Caraci , seconded by Member Michael De La Torre, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)**

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENT**

8. Comment by Mr. Doran Barnes Executive Director, Foothill Transit Governing Board and Executive Board. (12-2612)

**Mr. Doran Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit thanked all members for attending today's meeting, albeit some members had an overlapping Vector meeting earlier in the day and reported the following:**

- **The next Governing Board meeting will be held in Fall; updates on Silver Streak line and Bus Enhancement Program will be given at that time.**
- **Felicia Friesema, has been promoted to the Director of Marketing and Communication, and has been recognized as one of the top 40 Professionals under the age of 40 by the Bus Transit Magazine.**

**After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

**V. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

9. Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board and Executive Board. (12-2613)

- **Member Richard Barakat (Councilmember, City of Bradbury), requested that the projection for the last five years of ridership actual and projections be provided to him. Mr. Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit, stated that information is available and will be provided to him.**
- **Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci (Councilmember, city of Duarte), reported the city is having a summer day camp that emphasizes public transportation (Foothill Transit and the Gold Line) to high school students.**
- **Member Marlin Garcia (Councilmember, City of Baldwin Park), suggested information regarding the Foothill Streak Line Fare should be linked to all participating cities. La Shawn Gillespie, Director of Planning, Foothill Transit, reported that articles regarding Foothill Transit are provided to the local cities and local newspapers.**

**After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this items was received and filed.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

10. Adjournment of the June 8, 2012 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting. (12-2614)

**There being no further business, on motion of Member Manuel Garcia, seconded by Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting was reconvened and called to order by Chair Pat Wallach, at 9:10 a.m.**

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (REGULAR AGENDA)**

11. CHANGE NOTICE AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR FARE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT (Executive Board)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Change Notice and execute an amendment to Agreement No. 03-009 with Cubic Transportation in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purchase of additional Access Pass (TAP) enabled equipment. (12-2615)

**Richard Hasenohrl, Director of Finance, presented this item and reported the following:**

**The review of the probing and vaulting process at the Arcadia facility has prompted the need for a security enhancement. Industry best practice dictates that bus probing and vaulting should be completed immediately after entering the facility, which is not the current practice that is in place. Currently buses are probed, vaulted and fueled in the evening; this practice has allowed buses to be parked for extended periods of time with fareboxes containing money. Therefore, the purchase of additional equipment will provide a new service lane allowing buses to be probed and vaulted immediately after entering the facility.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Doug Tessitor, seconded by Member Carol Herrera, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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**VIII. NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION**

**RECESS**

The Foothill Transit Executive Board recessed to Closed Session at 9:12 a.m. following Agenda Item No. 11. The Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting was reconvened and called to order by Chair Pat Wallach, at 9:50 a.m.

The following members were present: Chair Wallach, Vice Chair Tessitor, Treasurer Lantz, Members Herrera. (12-2754)

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

Property Address/Location: Diamond Bar Park-N-Ride Lot 100-101 N. Diamond Bar Blvd., Diamond Bar. Agency Negotiator(s): Doran J. Barnes, Roland Cordero, Edward J. Gill, Darold D. Pieper, Kevin McDonald  
Negotiating Parties: Gary George, Right of Way Airspace - Caltrans  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms (12-2616)

**Darold Pieper, General Counsel, reported that the Executive Board, during closed session took the following action; authorize the Executive Director to send a letter to the City of Diamond Bar expressing Foothill Transit's commitment to the construction of a proposed PARK-N-RIDE parking structure at 100-101 N. Diamond Bar Blvd., in supporting a collateral relinquishment of that real property by Cal Trans to the City of Diamond Bar.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**13. Adjournment of the June 8, 2012 Foothill Transit Executive Board Meeting. (12-2617)**

**There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.**