



Foothill Transit

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
FOOTHILL TRANSIT GOVERNING BOARD**

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

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrera at 7:51 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Herrera.

3. FOCUS ON SAFETY

Ali Showkatian, Safety Compliance Coordinator, presented a message on fire safety awareness.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Corey Calaycay, Member Emmett Badar, Member Edward Alvarez, Member Cruz Baca, Member Peggy Delach, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, Member Corey Warshaw, Member Roger Chandler, Member Richard Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Margaret McAustin, Member Cynthia Sternquist, Member Carol Herrera, Member Juventino Gomez, Member Valerie Munoz, Member Hector Delgado, Member Sam Pedroza, Member David Rodriguez

Absent: Member Charlie Rosales, Member Paula Lantz, Member Bob Pacheco, Member Cory Moss, Member Michael De La Torre

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff requested that the Electric Bus Program Update be presented before the Proterra Electric Bus Technology update.



Chair Herrera approved the agenda as revised.

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

Approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting of August 12, 2016.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Shevlin, the minutes for the Special Meeting of August 12, 2016 were approved. Motion carried 20-0.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

8. **FOOTHILL TRANSIT PROGRAM UPDATES**

- **JOHN FASANA MEASURE M OVERVIEW**

Mr. John Fasana, Metro Chair and Duarte Councilmember, presented a verbal report on the following.

Mr. Fasana reported that the population in Los Angeles County is projected to grow by 2.3 million in the next 40 years. Metro is planning now for that growth and have come forward with a sales tax plan that can address the needs that have not been met. Additional local revenues if generated, provide the opportunity to leverage state and federal funds.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Transportation Committee discussed and came forward with a process and priorities within the San Gabriel Valley. The same process was followed in other sub-regions of L.A. County. There was a modeling process developed and a criteria was established. Projects were ranked for both transit and highway and then funding targets were established and were agreed to by the sub-regions ahead of time. Metro hosted many public input meetings and hosted some telephone town halls. Polling was conducted in April/May, and Metro found that after educating the public about the transportation plan, 72 percent of the public favored the no end measure.

Measure M requires a two-thirds voter approval to pass. It's a half cent sales tax starting in July 2017 and will increase to a one cent sales tax in 2039. That tax will continue until voters decide to repeal it.



After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Governing Board accepted Mr. Fasana's report.

- **MEASURE M OUTREACH**

Yoko Igawa, Public Affairs Manager, presented a verbal report on the following.

Ms. Igawa gave a detailed overview of the Measure M impacts with respect to Foothill Transit. Twenty-seven percent of Measure M funds will be dedicated to a Transit Operating & Maintenance fund. Foothill Transit will receive approximately \$11 million within the first full year, with projected increases each year. Foothill Transit's available Measure M Funds will be based on a formula allocation and guidelines that will be developed once the measure passes. Foothill Transit will be able to use Measure M funds for operating service enhancements and capital expenses. Funds can be invested in providing enhancements for Foothill Transit's operating service, electric bus program, or a potential additional operations and maintenance facility.

Foothill Transit's educational outreach about Measure M have included presentations in the community in collaboration with Metro, social media, information in the Footnotes and employee transportation coordinators newsletters, and educational Measure M handouts provided by Metro that are available at the Foothill Transit Stores.

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Governing Board accepted Ms. Igawa's report.

- **PROTERRA ELECTRIC BUS TECHNOLOGY**

Ryan Popple, Proterra President and CEO, presented a verbal report on the following.

Mr. Popple reported that currently Proterra is shipping two electric buses a week. Proterra's plan is to ship 40 electric buses per quarter by the third quarter of 2017. The opening of the City of Industry factory will help with production significantly. Proterra is very healthy from a financial prospective, Proterra will close this year with \$100 million in current assets and will close the year with less than \$10 million in current liabilities.

Foothill Transit was the early adopter of the electric bus technology.



Foothill Transit got the benefit of being the leader and had the first generation of the technology. Currently, Foothill Transit has three generations of the electric bus technology.

Batteries are changing very quickly and it has made the deployment of these buses very difficult. Batteries are evolving faster than transit buses need to evolve. The buses are going to outlast the batteries. The decision Proterra has made is to maintain compatibility across different types of batteries.

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Governing Board accepted Mr. Pople's report.

- **ELECTRIC BUS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology, presented a verbal report on the following.

Mr. Cordero reported that on September 9, 2016 Foothill Transit crossed the line for one million electric miles traveled. This is a major accomplishment in the transit industry that no other agency has accomplished. This achievement was recognized by Proterra during the APTA Annual Meeting, where they announced the milestone at their reception.

Foothill Transit launched its electric bus program in 2009 with a federal grant. The first three electric buses were deployed in 2010 on Line 291. In 2014, the fleet was expanded with 12 more electric buses. Line 291 was fully electrified and electric buses were expanded to Line 855. This year, Foothill Transit will be adding two more fast-charge electric buses to the existing routes. This will bring the full fleet size to 17 buses.

In 2017, Foothill Transit will receive 13 extended range electric buses, which will be deployed on Line 280. In 2018, Foothill Transit plans to deploy 20 extended range electric buses on Line 486, and based on a just announced grant award, Foothill Transit will be deploying 2 double decker buses in 2019. Installation of a fast-charge charger at the Pomona Operations and Maintenance Facility is underway and infrastructure has already been installed to facilitate two charging stations at the Azusa Intermodal Transit Center for the electrification of Line 280. The Foothill Transit team is working to keep growing the electric bus program and toward the goal of being 100 percent electric



by 2030.

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Governing Board accepted Mr. Cordero's report.

- **LA COUNTY FAIR SERVICE UPDATE**

Joe Raquel, Director of Planning, presented a verbal report on the following.

Mr. Raquel reported that Foothill Transit launched Line 196. The service allowed for customers wanting to attend the LA County Fair on weekends a transportation option to travel between the Azusa Gold Line Light Rail Station and the LA County Fair. Line 196 provided all day limited stop service on the weekends during the fair. Service started an hour before the fair opened, and 40 minutes after the fair closed.

During the service, Foothill Transit had two ambassadors during the morning at Azusa and during the evening there were two ambassadors at the Fairplex. The ambassadors answered questions and surveyed customers.

Foothill Transit provided 1,000 passenger boardings. Fifty-nine percent of customers used public transportation to get to Line 196. The customers surveyed came from 36 different cities. The top three were Azusa, Los Angeles, and Pasadena, which are adjacent to the Gold Line. Overall feedback was positive and the Fairplex has asked Foothill Transit to return again next year.

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Governing Board accepted Mr. Raquel's report.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENT**

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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Mr. Barnes thanked Javier Hernandez, Transportation Deputy for Supervisor Solis for attending the meeting. Mr. Hernandez has been very supportive of Foothill Transit.



- The Double Decker bus demonstration is taking place and staff has received very positive feedback.
- Thanked Governing Board Members who participated in the APTA Annual Meeting. Mr. Barnes stated it was an honor to begin his service as APTA Chair.
- Last week, APTA asked him to participate as APTA Chair in a transportation summit that Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx had put together. While participating in the panel representing APTA, there were a lot of questions about Foothill Transit.
- Mr. Barnes stated that today's meeting was the last Governing Board Meeting for 2016. In 2017 there are a number of activities staff is moving forward on, including the restructuring of fares. Governing Board Meetings are tentatively scheduled for February, March, April, and May.

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

- Chair Herrera stated how proud Foothill Transit is of Doran Barnes now that he is Chair of the American Public Transportation Association.
- Member Paras-Caracci congratulated Mr. Barnes on his election to APTA Chair and for making sure that Foothill Transit is known nationally and globally. She also recognized the Foothill Transit team.

Member Paras-Caracci stated that she hopes Measure M will not only improve traffic and transportation, but it will hopefully invigorate jobs and the economy. She also thanked Metro Chair John Fasana for all his work.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the October 4, 2016 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.