



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, March 26, 2021
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sternquist at 7:50 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 Robert Torres, Member Emmett Badar, Member Andrew Rodriguez, Member Edward Alvarez, Member Paul Hernandez, Member Jorge Marquez, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, Member Roger Chandler, Member Richard Barakat (being temporarily absent), Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Felicia Williams, Member Fernando Vizcarra, Member Steve Tye, Member Jessica Ancona, Member Cory Moss, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Jimmy Lin, Member Cynthia Sternquist

Absent: Member Dario Castellanos, Member Valerie Munoz, Member Hector Delgado

4. 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.



5. **CAL POLY POMONA PARTNERSHIP**

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Dr. Soraya M. Coley, President, Cal Poly Pomona, and Dr. John Lloyd, Professor of History and Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Coley thanked the Governing Board and staff for their partnership and willingness to collaborate with Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Lloyd acknowledged Doran Barnes, CEO and staff for helping make the partnership a reality, and Dr. Coley's leadership in moving this strategic partnership forward. Dr. Lloyd stated that the implementation of the Class Pass Program and construction of the mobility hub will benefit Cal Poly Pomona students and the region.

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

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of January 29, 2021.

Motion by Member Marquez, second by Vice Chair Calaycay, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 22-0.

7. **INTRODUCTION OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS**

Chair Sternquist introduced Ibrahima Toure, Vice President Southwest Region, Transdev. Mr. Toure provided an update on COVID-19 protocols at the Arcadia-Irwindale facility. He also stated that safety training and the bid process has shifted to online to help protect employees. He thanked Foothill Transit partnership for ensuring Transdev employee safety and for the vaccination clinic at the Covina Transit Center that allowed many Transdev employees to get their vaccinations. He also addressed the parking situation at the facility.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Member Barakat joined the meeting)

Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, thanked Foothill Transit for conducting the vaccine event at the Covina Transit Center.

Lorence Bradford, ATU 1756, thanked Foothill Transit for the vaccine clinic and stated that the ATU did advocate this event with its members. He reminded the Governing Board that ATU 1756 is still in contract negotiations with Transdev. He stated that ATU looks forward to working closer with Foothill Transit to help better the work environment at the facilities.



Carey Ellis, ATU 1756, stated that he applauds Foothill Transit for its community efforts, specifically with Cal Poly Pomona. He hopes Foothill Transit can foster the internal relations with the frontline workers because they are struggling. He also thanked Foothill Transit for its efforts in putting together the vaccine clinic at the Covina Transit Center.

8.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

There was no response to public comment by the Chief Executive Officer.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. LA METRO FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE

Recommendation: Receive and file the update on the LA Metro Fareless System Initiative.

Michelle Lopes Caldwell, Director of Finance and Treasurer, introduced doreen Morrissey, Metro Taskforce Initiative Project Manager, Ms. Morrissey presented this item.

Ms. Morrissey reported that at the direction of Metro CEO Phil Washington, the taskforce was established in September 2020 to work on the Fareless System Initiative. She stated that the presentation she was making was presented the day before to the Metro Board. A draft report on the initiative will be released in April 2021. The report will address funding options and opportunities, relationship with other Metro initiatives, collaboration with municipal operators, the impact of a fareless system on Metro operations, effect of fareless on existing discount programs, the cost to participate, Formula Allocation Procedures (FAP) considerations, comments received through customer surveys, and potential cost savings relating to fare collection/TAP and pass administration .

Ms. Morrissey also provided an overview of the 18-month Fareless Pilot, federal assistance, and the essential partnerships with schools and community colleges.

There was no public comment related to this item. Ms. Morrissey responded to questions and comments from Member Lin, Member Pedroza, Member Preciado, and Chair Sternquist regarding subsidy options to replace revenue, homelessness, and support for the initiative. Doran Barnes, Foothill Transit CEO, stated that the Fareless Pilot will be focused on Metro services, and



there are important policy questions the Foothill Transit board will need to address.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

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

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and Los Angeles County Safer-At-Home order.

LaShawn King Gillespie, Director of Operations and Customer Service, and Hendy Satya, Marketing and Communications Manager, presented this item.

Ms. Gillespie reported that service levels are 94 percent of pre-COVID-19 levels. Local ridership is at 43 percent and express service ridership is 18 percent pre-COVID-19 levels. Ms. Gillespie also reported on the CDC mask order, Foothill Transit practices pertaining to the mask order, and the designation of transit workers as emergency service workers, allowing them to obtain the vaccine.

Mr. Satya provided a communications overview. He reported that the new CDC mask mandate provided an opportunity to refresh signage. Updated signs were developed for the exterior of the buses to highlight the importance of face masks when riding the bus.

There was no public comment related this item. Ms. Gillespie and Foothill Transit CEO Doran Barnes responded to questions and comments from Member Tye, Member Williams, Member Lin, Member Moss, Member Barakat, and Vice Chair Calaycay regarding the mask mandate, agency responsible for enforcing the mask mandate, and the designation of transit workers as emergency service workers.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

11. **COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the COVID-19 Vaccination Update.

John Curley, Chief of Safety and Security, and Hendy Satya, Marketing and Communications Manager, presented this item.

Mr. Curley presented an overview on the progress being made towards



vaccination efforts in the region. He reported that on Saturday, March 13, Foothill Transit partnered with Albertsons Pharmacy and the City of Covina to utilize Foothill Transit's Covina Transit Center facility as a vaccination site for the community. Approximately 1,300 Johnson & Johnson vaccines were administered. Mr. Curley also reported on partnerships with Cal Poly Pomona, Kaiser, and Western University.

Mr. Satya provided a communications overview. He reported that the marketing team has used its digital platforms to provide customers with up-to-date COVID-19 safety information. An interactive map was created that shows vaccination sites throughout LA County and the San Gabriel Valley. The map helps people get to these sites using Foothill Transit. Foothill Transit staff collaborated with staff from the City of Covina and Albertsons to help promote the Covina Transit Center vaccination site.

There was no public comment related to this item. Doran Barnes, Foothill Transit CEO, responded to comments from Member Crosby and Member Moss.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

12. **ZERO EMISSIONS BUS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the Zero Emissions Bus Program Update.

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

Mr. Cordero presented an overview of Foothill Transit's zero emissions bus program. Foothill Transit plans to deploy 20 fuel cell buses and fueling infrastructure on Line 486. The project budget is \$33 million. Staff is pursuing grants to fully fund the project.

With the arrival of two double deck battery electric buses, Foothill Transit's zero emission fleet has now grown to 32 battery electric single floor buses and 2 battery electric double deck buses. It is expected that the double deck buses will be deployed into service in early April 2021.

There was no public comment related to this item. Member Barakat expressed his concerns regarding the current electrical infrastructure being able to support electric vehicles. He stated Foothill Transit should not abandon CNG buses.



The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

13. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was not reopened as the Public Comment period was concluded earlier in the agenda (Item 8).

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT

Comments by Mr. Doran J. Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, Foothill Transit.

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- The Foothill Transit team is busy moving forward with program projects and dealing with COVID-19 on a daily basis.
- The Covina Transit Center will host a vaccination clinic on March 27, 2021. Foothill Transit's double deck bus will be on display.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment for the March 26, 2021 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Prepared by:


Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 04/30/2021