



Foothill Transit

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

West Covina, CA
Friday, May 28, 2021



Foothill Transit

Foothill Transit MISSION

To be the premier public transit provider committed to:

SAFETY

COURTESY

QUALITY

RESPONSIVENESS

EFFICIENCY

INNOVATION



Foothill Transit VALUES

SAFETY

We educate, encourage, and endorse a strong culture of safety at all levels of the organization, valuing the responsibility entrusted in us by the communities that we serve.

RESULTS

We value the achievement of organizational goals and initiatives as defined in our business plan and involving all levels of the organization.

INTEGRITY

We are committed to high ethical standards based on accountability, honesty, respect, transparency, and a high level of fiscal responsibility.

GRATITUDE

We are a team united in thankfulness for each other; we express gratitude for our many opportunities by investing our time and energy in our community and industry, and through the open expression of appreciation.

DIVERSITY

We create an environment rich with talented people and differing viewpoints, valuing the unique perspectives that everyone brings.

TEAM MEMBERS

Our team members are the key to Foothill Transit's success and we are committed to supporting them through education, development, and recognition.

COMMUNICATION

We value and are committed to open honest respectful discussion which is responsive, informative, and constructive.

SUSTAINABILITY

We embrace sustainability because it benefits all aspects of our business while helping our communities by protecting the environment through measured and responsible stewardship of resources.



Foothill Transit

Governing Board Meeting AGENDA

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

7:45 AM, MAY 28, 2021

Foothill Transit Administrative Office

2nd Floor Board Room

100 South Vincent Avenue

West Covina, CA 91790

FOOTHILL TRANSIT IS TAKING ALL PRECAUTIONS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, FOOTHILL TRANSIT STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC, PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING WILL BE DONE REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE USING THE FOLLOWING ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://foothilltransit.zoom.us/j/86224229313>. ALTERNATIVELY, TO PARTICIPATE VIA PHONE, DIAL (669) 900-6833 AND ENTER MEETING ID: 862-2422-9313.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
5. REMARKS BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2021
7. INTRODUCTION OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS

Public Comment: Members of the public shall have the right to address the Board on any item of interest which is within the jurisdiction of the Board before or during the Board's consideration of the item. Presentation shall not exceed two minutes in length. Action may be taken on any item identified on the agenda. Persons wishing to comment should submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Secretary. Note: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.

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8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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Action may be taken on any item identified on the agenda.

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8.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

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9. LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report on Foothill Transit's coordination with local and federal law enforcement.

10. SUMMER SALE: HALF OFF, ALL GO UPDATE

Recommended Action: To receive and file the Summer Sale: Half Off, All Go Update.

11. MAY 2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Recommended Action: Receive and file the May 2021 Legislative Update.

12. CLUSTER 1 AND 4 ELECTIONS

Recommended Action: Receive and file an update on Cluster 1 and 4 elections.

13. CONTINUED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is reserved for those members of the public who were unable to speak earlier in the agenda because of the 30-minute time restriction.

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT

15. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

16. ADJOURNMENT

**The Annual Meeting of the Governing Board
is scheduled for
Friday, June 25, 2021 at 7:45 a.m.**



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, April 30, 2021
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sternquist at 7:54 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governing Board Member Paras-Caracci.

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, Alternate Member John King, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, 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 Dario Castellanos, Member Valerie Muñoz

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

5. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of March 26, 2021.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Moss, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 22-0, Member King abstention.

6. INTRODUCTION OF Foothill TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS

Ibrahima Toure, Transdev Vice President Southwest Region, introduced the new General Manager for the Arcadia/Irwindale Operations and Maintenance Facility, Brian Otchis. He also thanked Denise Murphy, Assistant General Manager, for her efforts while they conducted a search to fill the General Manager position.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Cornelius, ATU, expressed his concerns in regards to ongoing negotiations with Transdev and driver safety. Lorrence Bradford, ATU 1756, commended Foothill Transit for its partnership with Albertsons and the City of Covina in putting together the vaccination clinics at the Covina Transit Center. Mr. Bradford also expressed his concerns in regards to negotiations with Transdev and driver safety. Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, stated that negotiations with Transdev have been ongoing for over a year. Mr. Carranza also expressed concerns over driver fatigue and the availability of restrooms for drivers on routes.

7.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

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

8. COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

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

John Curley, Chief of Safety and Security, and Felicia Friesema, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented this item.

Mr. Curley provided an update on the collaboration between Foothill Transit, Albertsons, and City of Covina. The collaboration contributed to approximately 4,000 vaccinations at the Covina Transit Center. Updates



were also provided on partnerships with Cal Poly Pomona and Kaiser; Supervisor Hilda Solis, First District; Access Services; and Western University. Ms. Friesema reported on communication efforts in regards to vaccine availability. She reported on community outreach, social media advertising, and e-notice and website updates. Mr. Curley reported that May 15th would be last vaccine clinic held at the Covina Transit Center in collaboration with Albertsons and the City of Covina.

Michael Cornelius, ATU, expressed his concerns about the 2 minute limit for public comment. Lupe Carranza, ATU 1756, restated his concerns about the availability of restrooms for drivers, specifically in Pasadena. Lorrence Bradford, ATU 1756, stated that there are major issues that need to be addressed related to driver safety and availability of restrooms.

Member King stated that the City of Covina was thankful to partner with Foothill Transit and Albertsons. Vice Chair Calaycay stated that the vaccination clinics were held to partner with the community, but to also provide an opportunity for the drivers to get vaccinated. Vice Chair Calaycay also mentioned that the restroom issue needs to be looked into. Member Shevlin thanked Foothill Gym in Monrovia for allowing drivers to use their restrooms. Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, stated that staff will prepare a report on the restroom situation, which he indicated is an industrywide issue. Mr. Barnes also stated that the vaccination clinics were held to help transit riders, the community, and for those on the frontlines. Member Lin indicated the restroom issue is not a policy item and more a management issue. Mr. Barnes stated that porta potties were installed at strategic locations where businesses closed due to the pandemic. Chair Sternquist requested that staff look into the restroom issue and Governing Board Members see if there are opportunities for businesses to partner with Foothill Transit.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

9. **RIDERSHIP UPDATE**

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

Paulina Ruiz, Transportation Business Intelligence Analyst, presented this item.



Ms. Ruiz, provided a recap of service levels and overall ridership levels in relation to COVID-19. She presented an overview of the service adjustments that took place in March 23, 2020, June 8, 2020, and January 11, 2021. Express Service continues to operate at reduced service levels and Lines 690, 851, 853, and 854 currently remain suspended. Total ridership in Fiscal Year 2020 declined by 18 percent compared to Fiscal Year 2019. In Fiscal Year 2021, ridership between July 2020 to March 2021 represents a 46 percent decrease compared to the same period last fiscal year. Commuter Express Service ridership averaged 584 boardings per weekday in March 2021, which is 83 percent lower pre pandemic.

There were no comments by members of the Public or Governing Board on this item.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

10. **ANNUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND CLUSTER 1 AND 4 ELECTIONS NOTIFICATION**

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit's Annual Governing Board Meeting, and notification of Cluster 1 and 4 elections to be held on June 25, 2021.

Christina Lopez, Board Secretary, presented this item.

Ms. Lopez reported that the Executive Board adopted a change to the 2021 Meeting Schedule. The date of the Annual Governing Board Meeting which was originally scheduled for May 28, 2021 was changed to June 25, 2021. The change was necessary to allow staff additional time to prepare the business plan and budget.

She provided notification to Clusters 1 and 4 of the upcoming elections that will take place on June 25, 2021. Each cluster will be electing an Executive Board Member and Executive Board Alternate.

Sinh Ly, ATU 1756, expressed concern over contract negotiations between Transdev and ATU 1756. Michael Cornelius, ATU, stated that those running for the Executive Board seats should review the two-minute public comment rule, and that staff needs to address the restroom issue. There were no comments by members of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.



11. **FISCAL YEAR 2021 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the third quarter budget update for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2021.

Jorge Quintana, Assistant Finance Analyst, presented this item.

Mr. Quintana provided an overview of the third quarter budget results, and expenditures and revenues for the third quarter. He reported that Foothill Transit has incurred approximately \$595,000 of non-budgeted COVID-19 expenses. It is forecasted that Foothill Transit will end the fiscal year within the approved budget. Foothill Transit is currently \$3.9 million under the approved year-to-date budget of \$80.3 million.

Foothill Transit has collected \$2.2 million in fare revenues since resuming fare collection in October 2020. Fare revenues are estimated at about \$3 million less than the budgeted amount of \$6.75 million. Pre-pandemic fare revenue was estimated at about \$16 million. Foothill Transit has drawn down all \$33 million of CARES Act funding and no shortage of operating revenues is expected. Foothill Transit will be receiving approximately \$30 million in CRRSAA funding and it will be programmed in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

There were no comments by members of the Public or Governing Board on this item.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation

12. **CONTINUED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was not reopened as the Public Comment period was concluded earlier in the agenda (Item 7).

13. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT**

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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Board items for May 2021 include Metro’s proposed fareless initiative and the proposed business plan.
- A preview video on Foothill Transit’s Double Deck Bus was played.

14. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Crosby wanted clarification on the 151 deaths of coach operators that was announced earlier by a member of the ATU. Doran Barnes, CEO, reported that the Foothill Transit extended family has experienced one death related to COVID-19.
- Member Pedroza inquired about the completion of construction on the I-10 Freeway. The HOV lane will run from Claremont to Downtown Los Angeles. Doran Barnes, CEO, stated that staff continues to work with Metro in terms of the operation of the HOV lane and it is anticipated that the HOV lane will have a consistent speed of 40 mph.
- Member Tye stated that Public Comment time limit should be based on the number attendees. The City of Diamond Bar adjusts the time based on the number of attendees.
- Vice Chair Calaycay stated that the City of Claremont had no time limits, and then set limits. He stated that a uniform time regardless of the type of meeting size should be considered, and that he is open to discussion on this issue.
- Member Williams reiterated prior comments that the CEO should deal with operational issues and the Board should focus on strategy and policy. The CEO should advise the Governing Board Members if assistance is needed from city staff.

Doran Barnes, CEO, clarified that there has been a second COVID-19 related death as part of the extended Foothill Transit family. There has not been 151 COVID-19 related deaths of the Foothill Transit family.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the April 30, 2021 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



May 28, 2021

To: Governing Board

Subject: **Law Enforcement Coordination**

Recommendation

Receive and file a report on Foothill Transit's coordination with local and federal law enforcement.

Analysis

Foothill Transit continues to utilize the services of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to provide supplemental law enforcement services. The scope of services has Sheriff's Deputies provide uniformed law enforcement services to Foothill Transit on an "as-needed" basis to address special problems or challenges that are beyond the capacity or authority of Foothill Transit personnel. The current five-year Agreement between Foothill Transit and LASD is set to expire on June 30, 2021, and the Board has authorized execution of a new agreement to allow the continuation of those services through June 30, 2026.

The duties requested of LASD include but are not limited to, conducting investigations of vandalism, routine transit patrol, mitigation of fare evasion, and any other general law enforcement activities related to public transportation within the confines of the County and neighboring counties related to the Foothill Transit service territory.

The dates of service requested and approximate number of personnel provided are mutually agreed upon in writing between the Sheriff's Department and Foothill Transit. Either party is able to terminate the agreement with or without cause by giving not less than 60 calendar days' advance written notice to the other party. The agreement will allow Foothill Transit specific hours of law enforcement services per year to address any security or crime-related concerns that may arise during the next five fiscal years.

Many of the issues transit staff address on a daily basis are related to homelessness. On a typical day, bus operators and staff observe trespassing, abandoned property, alcohol/narcotics usage, and unruly passengers to name a few. We can continue to proactively address these issues through smart and collaborative efforts with not only the supplemental law enforcement services of LASD, but also with a broader law enforcement reach throughout



the entire region. This is particularly important considering Foothill Transit's footprint in the unincorporated areas as well as the 22 incorporated cities it serves.

For the past four years, law enforcement in the region has partnered with the Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and other interested parties to address issues related to Persons Experiencing Homelessness via the Homeless Outreach Services Team (H.O.S.T.) concept. This program primarily addresses the basic social aspects of homelessness mainly through outreach to shelter, food, and mental health resources.

The court has indicated municipal ordinances that punish homelessness due to *status* are not enforceable and may violate individuals' constitutional rights; however, ordinances that enforce *behavior* are acceptable. Since the homelessness crisis impacts public safety, it is important to establish a person(s) ability to help themselves and/or willingness to go to an available shelter. Law enforcement officers routinely ask persons experiencing homelessness questions that allow resource agencies to track those person(s) offered assistance, but who refuse or are unwilling to accept them. The Foothill Transit team can effectively use law enforcement services to play a role in providing outreach, while addressing public nuisance issues reported by the operators, staff, and the ridership community.

In certain cases, Foothill Transit can authorize law enforcement officers to arrest trespassers; however recent criminal filing changes at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office make it increasingly challenging for criminal prosecution for these types of crimes. Nonetheless, Foothill Transit staff continues to use this approach when needed.

Homelessness is a serious cross-jurisdictional problem throughout the region and it has impacted quality of life in the communities we serve. As our staff works together with law enforcement, we can collaboratively keep a safe and clean transit system while still offering outreach for persons experiencing homelessness.

Recently, Foothill Transit staff and contractor personnel received training on this topic as well as the new procedures related to abandoned property and encampments on Foothill Transit owned property. Additionally, we requested the services of the previously mentioned Homeless Outreach Services Team (H.O.S.T.) program at the Pomona Transit Center and Azusa Intermodal



Transit Center, as well as on specific bus routes where we have received reports of problematic behavior by persons experiencing homelessness.

On Monday May 17, 2021, H.O.S.T. deployed approximately 20 officers and a clinician from the Department of Mental Health. These officers spent eight hours on various Foothill Transit bus routes, bus stops, and transit centers providing outreach services to those persons experiencing homelessness. Chief of Safety and Security, John Curley, greeted the officers at the Pomona Police Department prior to their deployment. At the conclusion of the day, the team contacted 68 persons experiencing homelessness, 35 of whom accepted literature for various housing alternatives and other services within the region. The H.O.S.T. detail has scheduled another similar deployment on Saturday, May 22nd and feedback from that day's activities will be provided at the Board meeting.

Moving forward, staff will continue to work with LASD personnel as well as law enforcement throughout the entire region. The myriad of issues demand close working relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement. Recently, Foothill Transit hosted a meeting with the City of Pomona since the Pomona Transit Center is in its jurisdiction. We mutually agreed both agencies will work collaboratively and in the future, explore a supplemental services agreement between Foothill Transit and the City of Pomona, similar to the one presented today. This approach, in conjunction with the H.O.S.T. team, is designed to increase law enforcement presence on our system while using best practices addressing persons experiencing homelessness.

Foothill Transit does not have its own law enforcement agency and because of its uniqueness of operating in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County in addition to 22 individual jurisdictions, staff looks for ways to mitigate the capabilities of all threat actors. Phishing, advanced persistent threats, complex attacks, domestic violent extremism, ethno-nationalist terrorism, and high-consequence attacks remain at the forefront of security planning for Foothill Transit. Surface transportation assets including, but not limited to facilities, equipment, or systems must be protected against the 21st Century capabilities of these threat actors. As a result, the Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration and Foothill Transit are also planning a Baseline Assessment and Security Enhancement (BASE) Review with our local TSA representatives in Los Angeles. Similarly, Foothill Transit recently became involved in the following organizations:

- FBI Cyber-Hood Watch (San Gabriel Valley/Cities Group)



- FBI INFRAGARD program
- Los Angeles County Area D Disaster Management Group
- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
- Peace Officer Association of Los Angeles County; Board Member
- Chiefs Security Agents
- Homeland Security Information Network

Finally, Foothill staff recently submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Homeland Security/Transit Security Grant Program for improvements in its access control and video surveillance equipment. The security cameras and software have been updated as needed over time, however more robust and up to date technology on wireless secured security systems are now available to ensure effective facility security for all agency-owned and/or operated properties. In this same grant, we requested additional funds for directed patrols of uniformed officers as well as expanding the same concept with both the LASD and other law enforcement jurisdictions. The grant was submitted with overwhelming support from some of our local elected officials and law enforcement leaders including, but limited to Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, FBI Los Angeles, several member city Chiefs of Police, and Los Angeles County Sheriff, Alex Villanueva. The total amount requested in the grant was \$2.4 million and award notifications will be made this summer.

In summary, Foothill Transit remains committed to strengthening security by building strong partnerships and smart strategies.

Sincerely,

John Curley
Chief of Safety and Security

Doran J. Barnes
Chief Executive Officer



May 28, 2021

To: Governing Board

Subject: **Summer Sale: Half Off, All Go Update**

Recommendation

To receive and file the Summer Sale: Half Off, All Go Update.

Analysis

The Foothill Transit team is exploring myriad paths for restoring ridership as regional pandemic response data improves and our customers begin investigating their commuting options. There have been notable and unprecedented impacts to ridership, and consequently fare revenue, as a result of the pandemic. For example, Foothill Transit's average weekday ridership was 39,400 prior to the pandemic. Although ridership has been slowly improving, ridership in the most recent months remains at approximately 54 percent of the pre-pandemic boardings. Prior to the pandemic, annual fare revenues totaled approximately \$16 million. Fare revenues collected in the first three quarters of FY2021 total \$2.19 million. This is approximately 12 percent of pre-pandemic fare revenues.

The Executive Board authorized the implementation of a temporary pass sale. Transit agencies across the nation are considering new fare pricing options along with practices that focus on public health to rebuild customer confidence in public transit. One pricing option is to offer incentivizing discounts on fare media. The plan is to temporarily cut all pass prices in half which includes the 31-day and 1-day passes for a period of 90 days. This will provide temporary financial relief to customers who have been adversely impacted financially by the pandemic while encouraging a return to public transit.

All customers with a TAP card will be eligible to participate in the half-price fare program. Additionally, Foothill Transit will make 1,000 TAP cards available to customers at no charge so they can take advantage of the program. The modified fare table is shown on the next page.



31-Day Passes	Current	Sale
Local		
Adult	\$60.00	\$30.00
Student	\$40.00	\$20.00
Senior/Persons with Disabilities/Medicare	\$30.00	\$15.00
Silver Streak		
Adult	\$110.00	\$55.00
Student	\$85.00	\$42.50
Senior/Persons with Disabilities/Medicare	\$55.00	\$27.50
Commuter Express		
All Rider Class	\$180.00	\$90.00
1-Day Pass - Valld on Local and Silver Streak Lines		
Adult	\$6.00	\$3.00
Senior/Persons with Disabilities/Medicare	\$3.00	\$1.50

Marketing and Communications

This discounted sale of Foothill Transit passes is noteworthy, in part, because it is unprecedented. Foothill Transit has never discounted any fare media aside from mandated discounts for students, seniors, and people with disabilities. With a launch date of July 1, 2021, a heavy campaign push will begin in June and continue through the proposed 90-day period of the sale. The goals for this campaign are to increase ridership, increase fare revenues, be a part of mobility planning as businesses reopen, and to be a supportive community partner responding to and facilitating the reemergence of the region’s new normal. Core activities will be targeted digital advertising with heavy on-board messaging and extensive outreach to employee transportation coordinators at key businesses along commuter routes.

Budget Impact

The impacts of the half-price pass program will be experienced during the first three months of FY2022. Because of low ridership, fare revenue has decreased significantly. Fortunately, funding has been available from the federal relief programs to offset fare losses. It is hoped that increases in ridership will offset much of the revenue that will be forgone during this temporary fare reduction

Sincerely,

Felicia Friesema
Director of Marketing and Communications

Doran J. Barnes
Chief Executive Officer



May 28, 2021

To: Governing Board

Subject: **May 2021 Legislative Update**

Recommendation

Receive and file the May 2021 Legislative Update.

Federal Issues:

Congress and the Administration continue to negotiate the development of significant transportation and infrastructure investments. The American Jobs Plan introduced by President Biden outlines a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan that includes \$85 billion for public transit and \$25 billion for zero-emission transit vehicles. In Congress, surface transportation reauthorization continues to be discussed, and negotiations between Democrats and Republicans are ongoing.

Foothill Transit continues to communicate with members of the federal delegation regarding appropriations and transportation reauthorization requests for funding 24 zero-emissions double deck buses. We have now completed and submitted community project funding requests for both appropriations and reauthorization with members of the House. This month, congressionally directed funding requests for appropriations were submitted with members of the Senate, while further guidance on making requests for reauthorization is still pending from the Senate Committee on Banking.

State Issues:

In Sacramento, May 7 was the Legislature's last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor for non-fiscal bills introduced in their house. The deadline for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house was May 21. The last day for policy committees and fiscal committees to meet this month were May 7 and May 21, respectively. All committees will be able to resume meeting again on June 7.

On May 14, Governor Newsom released his updated FY 2022 budget, or the "May Revise." The Legislature will have until June 15 before the Budget Bill must be passed. The \$267.8 billion May Revise budget reflects the Administration's priorities, including pandemic response and relief, healthcare, public education, economic recovery, homelessness and housing affordability, rent relief, wildfire response and climate change, and transportation. The



budget also includes Governor Newsom’s proposed “California Comeback Plan,” a \$100 billion investment in new economic stimulus using the state’s projected \$75.7 billion surplus and \$25 billion in federal relief. The California Comeback Plan includes \$11 billion in new investments in transportation and zero-emission vehicle efforts, including:

- Zero-Emission Buses and Trucks - \$1.4 billion to demonstrate and purchase or lease green buses and trucks.
- Priority Transit and Rail Projects - \$1 billion for transit and rail projects statewide that improve rail and transit connectivity between state and regional/local services.
- Zero-Emission Rail and Transit Equipment Purchases and Infrastructure - \$407 million to demonstrate and purchase or lease state-of-the-art, clean bus and rail equipment and infrastructure that eliminate fossil fuel emissions and increase intercity rail and intercity bus frequencies.
- Los Angeles Olympics - \$1 billion to deliver critical projects to support connectivity in time for the 2028 Olympic Games.
- High Priority Grade Separations and Grade Crossing Improvements - \$500 million to support critical safety improvements throughout the state.
- High-Speed Rail - \$4.2 billion to complete high-speed rail construction in the Central Valley, advance work to launch service between Merced and Bakersfield, advance planning and project design for the entire project, and leverage potential federal funds.
- State Highway Rehabilitation and Local Roads and Bridges - \$2 billion to support the advancement of priority State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) projects, and local road and bridge investments.
- Active Transportation- \$500 million to advance projects that increase the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, advance efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, and benefit many types of users, especially in disadvantaged communities.



In addition to the funding for transportation proposed in the California Comeback Plan, the May Revise invests \$1.8 billion in FY 2022 and \$3.2 billion over three years, in non-General Fund revenue to support zero-emission vehicle deployment. This includes \$826 million in additional investments relative to the January budget to accelerate the state toward meeting climate and transportation goals established in Executive Order N-79-20.

Compared to the January Budget, the State Transit Assistance program revenue is projected to receive an increase of about \$119 billion for a total of \$786 million in FY 2022. The Intercity and Commuter Rail program is projected to receive \$259 million in FY 2022, an increase of approximately \$45 million. No changes were made to Cap and Trade funding. The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program is expected to provide \$106 million, distributed using the STA formula. Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program is also expected to receive approximately \$487 million in FY 2022.

Also included in the May Revise is the new Clean California Initiative, in which Caltrans will partner with local governments in a statewide beautification effort. One-time funding of \$1.5 billion will be used for a three-year effort to clean up garbage statewide, beautify the state’s transportation network, educate the public about the harms of litter, and create long-lasting litter deterrents. Integral to this effort are close partnerships with local entities, with a focus on increasing resources dedicated to eliminating trash and implementing measures to reduce future litter, creating a cleaner, healthier California. The initiative will also provide resources to beautify the state highways and local roads with regional art and other projects that will serve as community gateways.

Finally, the May Revise proposes \$500 million one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act funds for the California Department of Housing and Community Development to provide additional planning and implementation grants to regional entities for infill developments, targeted towards the state’s climate goals and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer



May 28, 2021

To: Governing Board

Subject: **Cluster 1 and 4 Elections**

Recommendation

Receive and file an update on Cluster 1 and 4 elections.

Analysis

On Monday, May 24, 2021, a Notification of Interest Form will be emailed to each Governing Board Member of Cluster 1 and 4. The form allows a Governing Board Member interested in filling a seat on the Executive Board, to notify other members within their cluster of their interest in serving on the Executive Board. The form is strictly optional and is not required in order to be elected to the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

Governing Board Members interested in utilizing the form must submit their completed form by June 4, 2021. On June 7, 2021, completed forms will be emailed to Cluster 1 and 4 Governing Board Members for their consideration.

On June 25, 2021 Cluster 1 and 4 will hold elections. Each cluster will be electing an Executive Board Member and Executive Board Alternate. Governing Board Members elected to the Executive Board will serve a three-year term, which runs through May 2024.

Cluster 1

Cluster 1, consists of the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas and Walnut. The current Executive Board Member is Corey Calaycay from the City of Claremont and the Executive Board Alternate is Emmett Badar from the City of San Dimas.

Cluster 4

Cluster 4 consists of the cities of Diamond Bar, El Monte, Industry, La Puente, and South El Monte. The current Executive Board Member is Cory Moss from the City of Industry and the Executive Board Alternate is Valerie Muñoz from the City of La Puente.



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Results of the elections will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Governing Board, which immediately follows the elections on June 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

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