



Foothill Transit

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

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

**Friday, April 29, 2022
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 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 Edward Alvarez, Member Gary Boyer, Member H. Manuel Ortiz, Member Rosario Diaz, Member Richard Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Felicia Williams, Member Fernando Vizcarra, Member Nancy Lyons, Member Jessica Ancona, Member Cory Moss, Member Valerie Munoz, Member Hector Delgado, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Cynthia Sternquist

Absent: Member Linda Freedman, Member Daniel Damian, Member John King, Member Paul Cheng

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chair Sternquist announced she had no changes to the agenda. Chief Executive Officer Doran Barnes announced that Danny Wu, Cal Poly Pomona, was unable to attend today's meeting. He will make remarks at a future meeting. He also announced that Closed Session is not required, as there are no updates regarding the legal matter.

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

confirmed the agenda as revised.

5. **REMARKS BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE FONG**

Chair Sternquist introduced Assemblymember Mike Fong and thanked him for attending. Assemblymember Fong discussed the gas tax rebate, student internet access, college affordability, and free transit passes for students. He stated that he looks forward to working with the cities in the western San Gabriel Valley. He thanked the Governing Board for allowing him to make remarks at the meeting.

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

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of March 25, 2022.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Shevlin, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2022 were approved. Motion carried 19-0. Member Lyons abstention.

7. **REMARKS BY CAL POLY POMONA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING DANNY WU**

Mr. Wu was unable to attend the meeting and will make remarks at a future meeting.

8. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

8.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

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

Recommendation: Receive and file an oral update on the continuing impacts of COVID-19 on Foothill Transit's operations and provide direction to staff.

LaShawn King Gillespie, Director of Customer Service and Operations and John Curley, Chief of Safety and Security, presented this item.

Ms. Gillespie reported on the TSA mask mandate that was suspended by the U.S. District Court on April 19, 2022, and the LA County Public Health Department announcement on April 21, 2022, that the mask mandate would continue for all public transportation in Los Angeles County. She also reported on the impacts on the frontline teams, customers, and ridership. Mr. Curley reported that staff continues to take part in the Los Angeles County



Department of Public Health briefings, and he reported that TSA would not get involved in local government decisions.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. Staff responded to comments and questions by members of the Governing Board. Board members requested that Dr. Ferrer or a member of her staff be asked to speak at the next Governing Board meeting. Member Boyer requested that a letter be drafted on behalf of the Governing Board requesting that the county mask mandate for public transportation be reversed.

The recommendation was amended to have staff draft a letter requesting that the mask mandate for public transportation for Los Angeles County be reversed. In addition, the letter will include an invitation to Dr. Ferrer or staff member to speak at the next Governing Board Meeting.

Motion by Member Pedroza, second by Member Moss, to approve.
Motion carried 20-0.

10. **APRIL 2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file the April 2022 Legislative Update.

Yoko Igawa, Director of Government Relations and Jan Powell, Foothill Transit's Washington DC Advocate, presented this item.

Ms. Powell reported that a request was submitted for the FY2023 appropriations bill for \$17.1 million for 24 double deck zero-emissions buses. The request was submitted to Foothill Transit's delegation at the beginning of April.

Ms. Igawa provided a state legislative update. She reported that in March, Governor Newsom announced an \$11 billion relief package, which included \$1.75 billion for zero-emissions vehicles and infrastructure, \$750 million for three months of free transit, and \$500 million in active transportation projects. In May, the governor is expected to release the May Revision to the FY2023 state budget, and June 15 is the deadline to pass the FY2023 state budget.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. Member Pedroza commented on Foothill Transit setting an example for agencies pursuing grants.



The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

11. **PROPOSED CANCELLATIONS OF LINE 690 AND ROUTE VARIANT OF LINE 292**

Recommendation: At the recommendation of the Executive Board, authorize the Chief Executive Officer to adopt the proposed cancellations of Line 690 and route variant of Line 292 to Foothill Transit's service.

Lourdes Álvarez, Transit Planner, presented this item.

Ms. Álvarez reported that staff is proposing that Line 690 be cancelled due to its low ridership. Ridership on Line 690 has been decreasing since 2016. Line 690 experienced a drop in ridership when the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line opened. She reviewed ridership data from July 2019 to December 2020. Due to the impacts of the pandemic, Line 690 was paused in April and May of 2020 and again in January 2021. Line 690 is currently not operational. The projected annual cost savings associated with this cancellation would be \$438,700.

The cancellation of Line 292 variant was also proposed. Line 292 contains a two-trip variant that travels on Baseline Road, offering a trip in the morning and one in the afternoon. Ridership on the variant has been minimal. Each trip is averaging less than one boarding per weekday. The projected annual cost savings associated with this cancellation would be \$12,424.

Ms. Álvarez reported on the public outreach process. Nine comments were received throughout the public outreach process.

There was no Public Comment on this presentation. Member Ortiz asked what happens to the coach operators that drive these routes. Ms. Álvarez responded that coach operators are reassigned to other routes.

Motion by Member Moss, second by Vice Chair Calaycay, to approve. Motion carried 20-0.



12. EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS STIPEND POLICY

Recommendation: In accordance with the Executive Board’s recommendation, adopt revisions to the Foothill Transit Executive Board and Governing Board Stipend Policy as noted in Attachment A.

Christina Lopez, Board Secretary, presented this item.

Ms. Lopez reported that at the Executive Board’s request, she would be presenting on proposed revisions to the stipend policy. The revisions include: decreasing the stipend from \$176 to \$150 and eliminating the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual increases, setting a limit amount for Executive Board Members at \$600 per month or four meetings, and conducting an annual review of the stipend policy at the Executive Board’s annual strategic planning workshop, any recommended changes will be included in the next years’ business plan and budget for the Governing Board’s final approval.

Executive Board Members and staff responded to comments and questions by the Governing Board. There was no Public Comment on this presentation.

Motion by Member Barakat, second by Paras-Caracci, to adopt.
Motion carried 20-0.

13. CONTINUED GENERAL 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 current bus order with New Flyer may be affected by supply chain issues.
- Cluster 5 elections and election of officers will take place at the May meeting.
- Approval of the FY2023 Business Plan and Budget will take place at the June Governing Board Meeting.
- Foothill Transit received a \$3.8 million grant for infrastructure.
- Mission to Mission Active event will take place this weekend.
- The Camellia Festival in Temple City will take place on May 21, 2022.
- The Foothill Transit picnic will take place at the LA County Fair on May 21, 2022.



15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Paras-Caracci thanked Foothill Transit for sponsoring Duarte's Memorial Day event. Wished Governing Board Members having elections in June 2022 the best. Introduced Duarte's newly appointed Councilmember Cesar Garcia.
- Member Preciado wished staff happy Administrative Professionals Day.
- Member Williams asked if Foothill Transit would be pursuing grants through the AQMD for buses. Chief Executive Officer Doran Barnes responded that staff would research the possibility.
- Chair Sternquist announced that Temple City's Camellia Festival would be taking place May 20-22, 2022.

16. **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION** Existing Litigation, Government Code § 54956.9(a)

Name of Case: *Julian Bryant, et al. v. City of Pomona, Foothill Transit, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV46308

This item was pulled from the agenda, there was no update required.

17. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the April 29, 2022, Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Prepared by:


Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 05/27/2022