



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, June 24, 2022
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Calaycay at 7:49 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governing Board Member Emmett Badar.

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 Gary Boyer, Member H. Manuel Ortiz, Member Rosario Diaz, Member Paul Cheng, Member Richard Barakat, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Felicia Williams, Member Fernando Vizcarra, Member Steve Tye, Member Cory Moss, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Cynthia Sternquist

Absent: Member Daniel Damian, Member John King, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Jessica Ancona (excused), 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. **RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD CHAIR CYNTHIA STERNQUIST**

Doran Barnes, CEO, recognized Governing Board Member Cynthia Sternquist, for her two years of service as the Foothill Transit Executive Board Chair.

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

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of May 27, 2022.

Motion by Vice Chair Moss, second by Member H. Manuel Ortiz, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2022, were approved. Motion carried 18-0.

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

Jan Powell, Foothill Transit Advocate, Powell Consulting DC, provided a brief federal legislative update and she reported that the marked-up appropriations bill for transportation included a \$4 million earmark for Foothill Transit's Zero Emission Program.

8. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Greenspan provided general public comment on changes to the transfer system and having a two-hour transfer window.

Armando Herman provided general public comment on transparency, infrastructure, and he submitted documents for the record.

8.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to General Public Comment

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

9. **FOOTHILL TRANSIT SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit's Security efforts.

John Curley, Chief of Safety and Security, presented this item.

Mr. Curley presented an update on Foothill Transit's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and security goals. He introduced Gene Luevano, Transportation Security Inspector Surface Operations, Los Angeles' Office, who provided an update on the Transportation Security Administration's



partnership with Foothill Transit.

Staff responded to comments and questions by the Governing Board. Mike Greenspan and Armando Herman provided public comment on Item 9.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

10. **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET**

Recommendation: In accordance with the Executive Board's recommendation, adopt Foothill Transit's proposed Business Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Jorge Quintana, Budget and Grants Finance Analyst, presented this item.

Mr. Quintana presented the proposed goals and performance standards, and agency initiatives for Fiscal Year 2023. A \$213.7 million total budget is being proposed, of which \$123.9 million are operating expenses and \$89.8 million are capital investments. Staff expects to operate 878,000 vehicle service hours and anticipates 7.9 million passenger boardings in Fiscal Year 2023.

Member Barakat requested that information be provided that shows the breakdown of technical service calls by CNG bus versus electric bus. There was no public comment on this item.

Motion by Vice Chair Moss, second by Member Moss, to adopt. Motion carried 18-0.

11. **GOPASS PROGRAM (FORMERLY FARELESS SERVICE INITIATIVE)**

Recommendation: Receive and file the GoPass Program update.

John Xie, Revenue Manager, presented this item.

Mr. Xie provided background information related to Foothill Transit's participation in the GoPass Program. As of May 2022, Foothill Transit has provided 23,400 rides. Currently there are 20 K-12 schools in the Foothill Transit service area participating and four community college districts participating. He also reported on the cost of the program, and how revenue is allocated to each transit agency based on ridership by the school district.

Staff responded to comments and questions by the Governing Board. Mike Greenspan and Armando Herman provided public comment on Item 11.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

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

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

Tanya Pina, Customer Service and Operations Contract Manager, presented this item.

Ms. Pina provided an update on the L.A. County Public Health Mask Mandate required in all public transportation in Los Angeles County. The mandate was extended on June 14, 2022 for 30 days or when the county's transmission drops to moderate level. She also reported on operational challenges, and ridership and service levels. Average weekday boardings for the month of May were 23,449, representing approximately 60 percent of the ridership levels in the months prior to the Safer-at-Home Executive Order issued in March 2020.

There were no comments or questions by members of the Governing Board. Mike Greenspan and Armando Herman provided public comment on Item 12.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

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:

- Thanked the Governing Board attending the meeting and for their support on the ongoing projects.
- Announced that Foothill Transit received four AdWheel Awards. One of the awards received was for the agency business plan document and a video on the arrival of the double deck bus. The video was played for the Governing Board.



- Announced that the Governing Board will not be meeting in July. The next meeting of Governing Board will be August.

15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Barakat expressed his concerns over the comments made at the meeting that he found offensive, and he has concerns about subjecting employees to such comments.
- Member Preciado requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of El Monte Police Corporal Michael Paredes and Officer Joseph Santana. He also requested that it be acknowledged on Foothill Transit's social media.
- Vice Chair Moss asked for a formal excusal for Member Ancona, City of El Monte in light of the situation with the El Monte police officers.
- Chair Calaycay stated that the board has a very delicate role at public meetings, because the public has the right to say what they want within the parameters set. He stated the he plans to run meetings orderly and respectful of all. He invited staff to leave the room during public comment if they find comments to be offensive.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the June 24, 2022 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.


Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 08/26/2022