

## STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FOOTHILL TRANSIT EXECUTIVE BOARD

# FOOTHILL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR BOARD ROOM 100 S. VINCENT AVENUE WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790

Friday, April 18, 2025 8:00 a.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moss at 8:01 a.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Moss.

#### 3. **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Edward Alvarez, Member Corey Calaycay, Member

Cynthia Sternquist, Vice Chair Becky Shevlin, Chair Cory Moss

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA BY CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Doran Barnes, CEO, requested that Item 12, SoCalGas Angeles Link Phase 2, under the Regular Agenda be presented first.

After discussion, by Common Consent, the Chair and Chief Executive Officer confirmed the agenda as revised.

#### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 5.1. Introduction of Foothill Transit Business Partners

W.C. Pihl, Senior Vice-President of Business Development for Transdev, addressed the Executive Board.

Frances Julien, Vice President of Operations for Keolis, addressed the Executive Board.



#### 5.2. Contractors' Employee Recognition

Doug Brockwell, Keolis General Manager, introduced and recognized the following Pomona location Keolis operator and employee of the month:

Mirna Yassine - Employee of the Month Robert Rubico - Operator of the Month

Hector Calvinisti, Transdev Director of Safety and Security, introduced and recognized the following Arcadia location Transdev operator and employee of the month:

Sevak Kouyoumjian- Employee of the Month Erasmo Rubio - Operator of the Month

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, the Board recognized the operators and employees of the month.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Executive Board took action on a single motion on items 7-8 and 10. Item 9, April Legislative update was pulled for discussion.

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2025

Motion by Vice Chair Shevlin, second by Member Calaycay, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 8. APRIL 2025 PROCUREMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: Receive and file the Procurement Monthly Report for April 2025.

The Executive Board received and filed the Procurement Monthly Report for April 2025.



#### 9. APRIL 2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Recommendation: 1. Receive and file the April 2025 Legislative Update; and 2. Adopt SUPPORT positions on SB 71, SB 752, and AB 35.

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, requested that this item be pulled for discussion. Yoko Igawa, Director of Government Relations, provided further details on AB 1070. The bill would require that governing board members of a "transit district" to demonstrate that they use public transit in order to be compensated for serving on a transit board and would add 2 non-voting members to transit boards.

The Executive Board received and filed the April 2025 Legislative Update; and on Motion by Vice Chair Shevlin, second by Member Calaycay, to adopt support positions on SB 71, SB 752, and AB 35. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10. HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Recommendation: Approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Holiday Service Schedule.

Motion by Vice Chair Shevlin, second by Member Calaycay, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 11. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

Recommendation: Recommend approval of Foothill Transit's proposed Business Plan, Budget, and Performance Targets for Fiscal Year 2026 to the Foothill Transit Governing.

Jorge Quintana, Budget and Grants Manager, presented this item.

Mr. Quintana reported that a \$175.5 million budget is proposed for Fiscal Year 2026 for operating expenses and \$17.6 million budget is proposed for new capital investments. The agency expects to operate approximately 879,994 vehicle service hours and anticipates 11.1 million passenger boardings. He also presented the goals and performance targets, and proposed initiatives for Fiscal Year 2026. Doran Barnes, CEO, noted that there may be a need for a budget adjustment in the future to add staffing due to the ARCHES program, due to a robust response to the Bus Stop



Enhancement Program (BSEP) it was recommended to increase the budget for the BSEP, additional funding will also be needed for the bus stop improvements to the two bus stops located just outside the Foothill Transit Administrative Office. Staff responded to comments and questions from the Executive Board related to fare revenues, subsidies, and free fares for fire victims.

Motion by Member Calaycay, second by Vice Chair Shevlin, to approve with the amendments for additional funding for the Bus Stop Enhancement Program and bus stop improvements to the two bus stops located just outside the Foothill Transit Administrative Office. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 12. SOCALGAS ANGELES LINK PHASE 2

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff regarding becoming a party to a California Public Utilities Commission proceeding for SoCalGas' application for Angeles Link Phase 2.

Yoko Igawa, Director of Government Relations, made an introduction.

Ms. Igawa introduced SoCalGas Regulatory Strategy and Policy Business Manager Edith Moreno, and SoCalGas Public Affairs Manager Lanae O'Shields who presented on the second phase of the proposed renewable hydrogen pipeline system called Angeles Link, which is currently being reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for approval. The presentation included information on the delivery of renewable hydrogen to Central and Southern California, potential directional routes, the Phase 2 application process, and potentially becoming a party to a CPUC proceeding for SoCalGas' application for Angeles Link. Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions from the Executive Board related to potential number of producers, cost recovery, and potential number of customers.

Motion by Member Calaycay, second by Vice Chair Shevlin, to approve becoming a party to the CPUC proceeding for the SoCalGas application for Angeles Link. Motion carried 5-0.



#### 13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT

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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Work continues on the future of the Puente Hills Mall Transit Center.
   Staff continues to work with City of Industry staff and thanked Chair Moss for her leadership.
- There have been renewed discussions on the West Covina Transit Center along West Covina Parkway.
- Capital Projects Manager Vincent Sauceda has accepted a position with LA Metro.
- Foothill Transit has hired Roosevelt Campbell as the new Creative Content Creator.
- Staff has been working on creating hydrogen fuel cell toy buses, but delivery may be delayed due to tariffs.
- The Annual Meeting of the Governing Board is scheduled for May 30, 2025.
- Member Sternquist has been elected to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee. She will represent Foothill Transit on the committee.
- Foothill transit secured a \$2.8 Million grant from Metro for the bus electrification program.
- Announced that Foothill Transit received two American Public Transportation Association Gold Awards for Safety and Emergency Management Preparedness.

#### 14. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

- Member Sternquist reported that Cluster 5 met prior to the Executive Board Meeting for board elections. She announced that she was reelected Executive Board Member and Member Lloyd was reelected Executive Board Alternate.
- Dr. John Lloyd, Executive Board Alternate, reported that he gave a presentation to the residents of the Mt. San Antonio Gardens retirement community on Foothill Transit services. The presentation was well received. Dr. Lloyd also announced that he will retire from teaching at Cal Poly Pomona at the end of 2025 and will enter the faculty early retirement program, which will reduce his teaching load.



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#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment for the April 18, 2025, Foothill Transit Special Executive Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Prepared by:

Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 05/30/2025