



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
FOOTHILL TRANSIT GOVERNING BOARD
FOOTHILL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM
100 SOUTH VINCENT AVENUE
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Thursday, October 9, 2014
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to order. (14-4564)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Tessitor at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE

2. Pledge of Allegiance. (14-4565)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Herrera.

ROLL CALL

3. Roll call. (14-4566)

Roll call was taken by Ivonne Umana, Staff, Board of Supervisors Executive Office, Commission Services Division.

Present: 17 - Member Corey Calaycay, Member Charles S. Rosales, Member Paula Lantz, Member Emmett Badar, Member Nancy Tragarz, Member Peggy A. Delach, Member Doug Tessitor, Member Corey Warshaw, Member Roger Chandler, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky A. Shevlin, Member Cynthia Sternquist, Member Carol Herrera, Member Juventino J Gomez, Member Jeff Parriott, Member Hector Delgado and Member Michael De La Torre

Excused: 7 - Member Uriel Macias, Member Cruz Baca, Member Mark Breceda, Member Richard G. Barakat, Member Margaret McAustin, Member Pat Wallach and Member David C. Rodriguez

Alternates: 1 - Valerie Munoz

Chair Tessitor recognized Nancy Lyons, Alternate Governing Board Member, City of Diamond Bar and Ben Wong Former Board Member, City of West Covina.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment. (14-4567)

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

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5. BOARD STIPEND POLICY REVISIONS

Recommendation: Revise the Foothill Transit Executive Board and Governing Board Members Stipend Policy as follows: 1. Increase the stipend for the Executive Board and Governing Board annually based on the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles Area and rounded to the nearest dollar, effective July 1, 2015; and 2. Increase the Executive Board maximum number of meetings per month eligible for a stipend from four to six effective July 1, 2015; and 3. Increase the stipend for Executive and Governing Board Alternates when representing Foothill Transit business annually based on CPI for the Los Angeles area and rounded to the nearest dollar effective July 1, 2015. (14-4568)

David Reyno, Director of Government Relations, presented an overview of the staff report that was provided to the Governing Board.

After discussion, Member Chandler made a substitute motion to revise the Foothill Transit Executive Board and Governing Board Members Stipend Policy, effective July 1, 2015, as follows:

- 1) Increase the Executive Board stipend to \$150 per meeting;
- 2) Increase the Executive Board maximum number of meetings per month eligible for a stipend from four to six;
- 3) Increase the Governing Board stipend to \$150 per meeting;
- 4) Increase the stipend for Executive and Governing Board Alternates to \$150 when representing Foothill Transit business; and
- 5) Increase the stipend for the Executive Board and Governing Board annually based on the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles Area and rounded to the nearest dollar.

On motion of Member Chandler, seconded by Member Delach, duly carried by the following vote, the Governing Board approved Member Chandler's substitute motion:

- Ayes:** 11 - Member Charles S. Rosales, Member Paula Lantz, Member Emmett Badar, Member Peggy A. Delach, Member Doug Tessitor, Member Roger Chandler, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Carol Herrera, Member Jeff Parriott, Member Michael De La Torre and Valerie Munoz
- Noes:** 7 - Member Corey Calaycay, Member Nancy Tragarz, Member Corey Warshaw, Member Becky A. Shevlin, Member Cynthia Sternquist, Member Juventino J Gomez and Member Hector Delgado
- Excused:** 7 - Member Uriel Macias, Member Cruz Baca, Member Mark Breceda, Member Richard G. Barakat, Member Margaret McAustin, Member Pat Wallach and Member David C. Rodriguez

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

6. CONTINUATION OF LINE 495

Recommendation: Continue the operation of Line 495 as part of Foothill Transit's ongoing services. (14-4569)

Joe Raquel, Director of Planning, provided an overview of the report and informed the Governing Board that since the launch of the pilot program on February 3, 2014, ridership has steadily increased. The public outreach campaign held in the Industry Park and Ride Facility was well received. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the hearing, and their comments were all positive. Foothill Transit received 41 emails pertaining to Line 495, favoring that Line 495 be permanent. If Line 495 is approved for continued operation, a minor service adjustment will be implemented. This adjustment will address the customers' requests for "more frequent buses" during the peak ridership hours of 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through 5:00p.m.

On motion of Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Herrera, unanimously carried, the Governing Board approved to continue the operation of Line 495.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

Member Delegado, (Councilmember, City of South el Monte) left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

III. PRESENTATIONS

7. 7.1 25th Anniversary Historical Reflections (14-4570)

Chair Tessitor introduced the following guest speakers, whom were involved in the formation of Foothill Transit Governing Board. Mr. Doran Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit introduced Sharon Neely.

Bob Bartlett, was not present at the meeting due to personal matters, but the Governing Board acknowledged that Mr. Bartlett represented the City of Monrovia on the Foothill Transit Governing Board from 1988 to 2001 and served as Foothill Transit Executive Board Chair.

Roger Chandler served on the Foothill Transit Governing Board during its inaugural meeting in May 1988. Mr. Chandler served as Foothill Transit's Vice-Chair in 2009 and Chair in 2010. Currently, he represents City of Arcadia on the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

Mike Lewis represented the County of Los Angeles on the Foothill Transit Governing Board, and spearheaded Former Supervisor Schabarum's efforts to "privatize" nearly 1/3 of the bus service operated by Rapid Transit District in the San Gabriel Valley. He served five years on the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

Henry Morgan served on the Foothill Transit Governing Board during its inaugural meeting in May 1988, and served on the Foothill Transit Governing Board from 1988 to 1993.

Sharon Neely was the Director of Policy at the former Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) while working on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Zone (now Foothill Transit). Ms. Neely worked closely with Former Supervisor Pete Schabarum and was involved in the legal issues when Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) unions tried to stop Foothill service from moving forward. She also worked with Former Mayor Richard Riordan, whose law firm represented LACTC and the San Gabriel Valley Transit Zone as they fought for their right to provide service separately from the SCRTD.

Tom Sykes represented the City of Walnut on the Foothill Transit Governing Board, and served from 1988 to 1996. Mr. Sykes was reappointed to serve on the Foothill Transit Governing Board from 2001 to 2007 and served as Foothill Transit's Vice-Chair and Chair.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENT

- 8. Comments by Mr. Doran Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit Governing Board. (14-4573)**

Mr. Barnes reported on the following:

- On September 27, 2014, there was a commemorating ceremony for the full electrification of Line 291 at Pomona Transit center, which was a success. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, 32nd District, and newly elect Supervisor Hilda Solis, County of Los Angeles First Supervisorial District, attended.**
- Foothill Transit received the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) ADWHEEL Award for the Marketing Program.**
- On September 6, 2014, Foothill Transit was recognized by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership for the Green Business Award.**
- In November 2014, the Women Transportation Seminar will recognize Foothill Transit as the Los Angeles Employer of the Year in Transportation.**

V. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- 9. Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board. (14-4574)**

Member Paras-Caracci (Councilmember, City of Duarte) thanked Foothill Transit for donating 100 vouchers to the City of Duarte for their "Amazing Race" event.

Member Herrera (Councilmember, City of Diamond Bar) expressed appreciation to the guest speakers who attended for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Members Lantz (Councilmember, City of Pomona) and Shevlin (Councilmember, City of Monrovia) congratulated Foothill Transit for the 25th Anniversary.

Member De La Torre (Representative, County of Los Angeles) expressed appreciation to Bob Bartlett and Ben Wong for their contribution to Foothill Transit.

Chair Tessitor (Councilmember, City of Glendora) expressed appreciation to everyone who were involved with Foothill Transit for the last 25 years and those in the future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.** Adjournment for the October 9, 2014 Foothill Transit Special Governing Board Meeting. (14-4575)

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.