



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, October 29, 2021
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Sternquist.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Corey Calaycay, Member Rick Crosby, Member Victor Preciado, Member Linda Freedman, Member Edward Alvarez, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, Member Dario Castellanos (being temporarily absent), Member Richard Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Felicia Williams, Member Fernando Vizcarra, Member Steve Tye, Member Cory Moss, Member Valerie Munoz, Member Hector Delgado, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Jimmy Lin, Member Cynthia Sternquist

Absent: Member Emmett Badar, Member Daniel Damian, Member John King, Member Roger Chandler, Member Jessica Ancona

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. REMARKS BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU

Chair Sternquist introduced Congresswoman Chu and thanked her for



attending. Congresswoman Chu reported on the infrastructure bills and how they will help mass transit systems. She also reported on climate change, the economic recovery, and investing in working families.

6. PRESENTATION OF NGV AMERICA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Derek Turbide, Vice President of Business Development, Clean Energy. Mr. Turbide announced that the Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) for America organization, which is the trade organization for the natural gas fueling industry, awarded Foothill Transit the Natural Transit Fleet Program for contributing towards the advancement of natural gas.

7. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of October 1, 2021.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Moss, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 18-0 (Member Barakat and Member Castellanos being temporarily absent).

8. INTRODUCTION OF Foothill TRANSIT BUSINESS PARTNERS

Andres De Los Rios, Keolis General Manager, Foothill Transit Operations introduced Marc Perla, Keolis Western Division Vice President of U.S. Bus Operations. Mr. Perla stated he looked forward to continuing to work with the Foothill Transit staff, and he thanked the Governing Board for their partnership.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

9.1. Chief Executive Officer Response to Public Comment

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

REGULAR AGENDA

10. SUMMER SALE UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive and file the Summer Sale Update.



Felicia Friesema, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented this item.

Ms. Friesema reported that the Summer Sale began on July 1, 2021 and continued through September. All passes were marked down 50 percent. Over 15,000 passes were sold during the three-month Summer Sale. September was the strongest month for sales, with 6,565 passes sold. The overall community response has been positive. During the three-month sale, ridership steadily increased.

There was no Public Comment on this item.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

11. **FOOTHILL TRANSIT FARE SIMPLIFICATION**

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to seek public comment and conduct a public hearing regarding proposed changes to Foothill Transit's fare structure.

John Xie, Revenue Manager, presented this item.

Mr. Xie reported that the goals of the fare structure simplification is to simplify the fare structure, re-evaluate fare prices to match other regional partners, introduce new fare products, and provide equitable pricing.

Fare changes include to consolidate the Silver Streak fare structure to Local, streamline fares to regional pricing, provide free internal transfers on TAP, and introduce a new 10-ride pass. If approved, the new fare structure will be implemented in May 2022.

There was no Public Comment on this item. Staff responded to questions from Members Lin and Preciado.

Motion by Member Shevlin, second by Member Moss, to approve. Motion carried 18-0 (Member Tye and Member Castellanos being temporarily absent).

12. **LIFE OF PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT - 13 FUEL CELL BUSES**

Recommendation: Approve a \$15.6 million amendment to the existing life of project budget, project #212, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Replacement and



Fueling infrastructure for the purchase of up to 13 additional hydrogen fuel cell buses.

Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology, presented this item.

Mr. Cordero reported that Foothill Transit currently has an order for 20 fuel cell buses. Adding 13 fuel cell buses would allow for the same build schedule as the 20 fuel cell buses that already are on order. The additional 13 fuel cell buses would allow for reliable zero emission service on Line 291, and provide an adequate spare ratio.

At the October 1, 2021 Executive Board Meeting, the Executive Board recommended a Life of Project budget adjustment to allow for the retirement of the 13 first generation Proterra electric buses. This would add \$15.6 million to the Life of Project budget, increasing the total Life of Project budget to \$48.6 million.

There was no Public Comment on this item.

Motion by Vice Chair Calaycay, second by Member Shevlin, to approve. Motion carried 17-1 (Member Tye being temporarily absent).

Member Castellanos joined the meeting.

13. **OCTOBER 2021 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

Recommendation: Receive and file the October 2021 Legislative Update.

Yoko Igawa, Manager of Government Relations and Jan Powell, Foothill Transit Advocate, presented this item.

Ms. Powell provided a federal legislative update on infrastructure funding, annual appropriations bills, and the debt limit. She reported that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF) bill includes \$1.2 trillion total for transportation and water. This includes \$40 billion in new funding for transit and \$5.25 billion for zero emission buses. She also reported the the Highway Trust Fund will be solvent until June 2022 and the Mass Transit Account which is contained within the Highway Trust Fund will be solvent until September 2022.

Ms. Igawa provided a state legislative update and reported that Governor Newsom had until October 10, 2021 to sign and veto bills. He signed bill



AB917, the Foothill Transit Executive Board adopted a support position on the bill in April 2021. The bill allows transit agencies to use readily available camera technology on transit vehicles for the purposes of discouraging illegal parking and enforcing public parking violations that occur in transit-only lanes at bus stops. All statutes signed into law will take effect on January 1, 2022.

The State Legislature will reconvene its FY 2021-22 Legislative Session on January 3, 2022. Negotiations are expected to resume with respect to supplemental transportation infrastructure investments that were not included in the FY 2022 State Budget.

There was no Public Comment on this item

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

14. **LA METRO LOW INCOME FARE IS EASY (LIFE) PROGRAM**

Recommendation: Receive and file the report on LA Metro LIFE program update.

John Xie, Revenue Manager, presented this item.

Mr. Xie introduced Armineh Saint, Metro Director, Budget and LIFE Project Manager, who presented an overview of the Low-Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) program. LIFE is a regional program providing transit subsidies across 13 transit operators. She reviewed the benefits and eligibility requirements in order to participate in the program. She also reported on the Metro board's motion that would allow for self-certification and for three free months to LIFE enrollees. Agencies who participate in the program, which includes Foothill Transit will be reimbursed based on TAPs by rider class per the Memorandum of Understanding agreement.

There was no Public Comment on this item.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

15. **SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE**

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

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



Mr. Curley provided an overview of Foothill Transit's safety and security efforts. He presented updates on the L.A. County Sheriff's supplemental law contract, security contracts and security hardening project, ongoing assessments and law enforcement partnerships, and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

There was no Public Comment on this item.

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

Recommendation: Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LaShawn King Gillespie, Director of Customer Service & Operations, and Joseph Raquel, Director of Planning, presented this item.

Ms. Gillespie presented on Foothill Transit's operations activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. She reported on the contractors' challenges with staff availability that has resulted in missed service. She reported that coverage plans have been implemented, but the staffing shortage has been a challenge for Foothill Transit's contractors'. Staff estimates that of the nearly 13,000 weekly trips scheduled, that two to three percent of the trips are being missed.

Mr. Raquel reported on service modifications. Foothill Transit staff has been working with both operations contractors to develop a reliable schedule that can be operated using the current staffing levels. The modified schedules will go into effect on November 14, 2021.

There was no Public Comment on this item.

The Governing Board received and filed this presentation.

17. **CONTINUED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was not reopened as the Public Comment period was concluded earlier in the agenda (Item 9).

18. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT**



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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Wished the Governing Board a Happy Halloween.

19. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Delgado wished everyone a safe Halloween.
- Chair Sternquist announced that the meeting was being adjourned in the memory of a colleague and friend, Duarte Mayor Bryan Urias. Member Paras-Caracci stated that the City of Duarte lost a wonderful leader, public servant and that he really cared for the community.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment for the October 29, 2021 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting adjourned in the memory of Duarte Mayor Bryan Urias at 9:21 a.m.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 12/17/2021