



Foothill Transit

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
FOOTHILL TRANSIT EXECUTIVE BOARD
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**

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

**Friday, May 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sternquist at 9:06 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 Gary Boyer, Member Cory Moss, Member Becky Shevlin,
Vice Chair Corey Calaycay, Chair Cynthia Sternquist

Governing Board Member Victor Preciado was present.

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. STUDY SESSION: FARELESS CONCEPTS

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff.

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, presented an overview of Metro's proposed fareless initiative. The purpose of the study session was to get general guidance from the Board, so that the Board's thoughts can be reported to Metro. The fareless program will first be offered to K-12 students and would possibly include community college students under some definitions that are not clear. Then the program would be offered to low-income individuals. By Metro's analysis 70 percent of transit riders in the county would qualify for the fareless program. There is no certainty of



funding for a fareless program. Metro has floated an idea of providing 35 percent of fare losses if an agency agrees to participate. Mr. Barnes also reported that an item will go before the Metro Board at the end of May to authorize a fareless pilot program. The question will be if other regional transit operators will participate in the program.

Members of the Executive Board expressed concern on how a fareless program will be funded long-term as public transit is already highly subsidized. Governing Board Member Preciado expressed his support for the program, but stated its fair to ask questions. They also discussed impacts on other programs, such as Foothill Transit's Class Pass Program. Also discussed were the unattended consequences with such a program, like the quality service, and potential for vandalism and violence against drivers. The Executive Board proposed that a letter be drafted from the Executive Board stating the Board's concerns with the program. Doran Barnes, CEO, stated that a carefully worded letter stating the board concerns will be drafted.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT

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

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Mr. Barnes thanked members of the Executive Board for taking the time to participate in today's meeting

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

There were no comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Executive Board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment for the May 14, 2021 Foothill Transit Special Executive Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Special Executive Board meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Prepared by:


Christina Lopez, Board Secretary

Approved on: 05/28/2021