



MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:00 AM

Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Karen Bass, Chair

Fernando Dutra, 2nd Vice Chair

Kathryn Barger

James Butts

Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker

Lindsey Horvath

Holly J. Mitchell

Ara J. Najarian

Hilda Solis

Gloria Roberts, non-voting member

Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:21 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion and no items were held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y

**Voting Deviations:*

Item 6 – the following Directors were conflicted: JH, KB, and LH

Item 8 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB

Item 16 – the following Directors were conflicted: JH, HS, KY, and KRB

2. **SUBJECT: MINUTES** **2024-0351**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 25, 2024.

3. **SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR** **2024-0352**

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P

4. **SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **2024-0353**

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
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KB = K. Barger	FD = F. Dutra	HJM = H.J. Mitchell	KY = K. Yaroslavsky
KRB = K.R. Bass	JH = J. Hahn	AJN = A.J. Najarian	
JB = J. Butts	LH = L. Horvath	TS = T. Sandoval	
JDW = J. Dupont Walker	PK = P. Krekorian	HS = H. Solis	

LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, A/C = ABSENT/CONFLICT, P = PRESENT

**5. SUBJECT: COMMUTER OPTIONS AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE 2024-0165
SUPPORT - REGIONAL RIDESHARE SOFTWARE
AGREEMENT**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute a five-year Regional Rideshare Software Partnership Funding Agreement (Agreement) with the five bordering County Transportation Commissions for an estimated average annual budget of \$224,798 per year, or a total not to exceed five-year amount of \$1,123,986.

6. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD JOINT DEVELOPMENT 2024-0252

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer or designee to extend the existing Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and Planning Document with NOHO Development Associates, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Developer) for the North Hollywood Joint Development Project for an additional six (6) months.

7. SUBJECT: REGIONAL RAIL ON-CALL SERVICES 2024-0021

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to EXECUTE:

- A. Modification No. 2 to the Regional Rail Engineering and Design On-Call Services Contract Nos. AE56750000 through AE56750004 to exercise the first one-year option term in the amount of \$2 million increasing the not-to-exceed (NTE) cumulative contract amount from \$11 million to \$13 million and extending the period of performance from August 14, 2024, to August 13, 2025;
- B. Modification No. 2 to the Regional Rail Project Management On-Call Services Contract Nos. AE5664300001, AE5664300102, AE5664300202, and AE5664300302 to exercise the first one-year option term in the amount of \$2 million increasing the NTE cumulative contract amount from \$10 million to \$12 million and extending the period of performance from August 14, 2024, to August 13, 2025; and
- C. Individual task orders for Engineering and Design On-Call services in the cumulative NTE amount of \$13 million and for Project Management On-Call services in the cumulative NTE amount of \$12 million.

8. SUBJECT: DUARTE/CITY OF HOPE STATION JOINT DEVELOPMENT 2023-0448

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute an 18-month Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and Planning Document (ENA), with the option to extend for an additional two, 12-month periods, with Jamboree Housing Corporation (Developer) for the development of Metro-owned property at the Duarte/City of Hope A Line Station (Site), subject to resolution of all properly submitted protest(s), if any.

9. SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUBREGION **2024-0232**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. inter-program borrowing and programming of \$5,543,000 from Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Highway Demand Based Programs to Measure M MSP - Highway Efficiency Program to support grade separation projects;
- B. programming of an additional \$124,800 for Planning Activities for Measure M MSP; and
- C. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments for approved projects.

10. SUBJECT: HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR FY25 WORK PROGRAM **2024-0084**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. \$4,374,000 in Measure M High Desert Multipurpose Corridor (HDMC) funds identified in the Expenditure Plan for Right-Of-Way acquisition to be repurposed to the High Desert Corridor (HDC) Joint Powers Agency (JPA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 work program;
- B. \$2,200,000 in Measure M High Desert Multipurpose Corridor (HDMC) funds identified in the Expenditure Plan for Right-Of-Way acquisition to be repurposed to complete the HDMC High Speed Rail (HSR) Service Development Plan (SDP); and
- C. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute all necessary funding agreements with the HDC JPA.

11. SUBJECT: EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2 - PROJECT APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT **2024-0190**

APPROVED:

- A. the Board selected full nine-mile Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 with the Lambert Station in the City of Whittier as the terminus for the Project;
- B. the refinement to the Board selected Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), a 4.6-mile extension of the existing Metro E-Line to

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Greenwood Station as the Initial Operating Segment; with design options for Atlantic/Pomona (open underground station) and Greenwood Station (at-grade) and a Maintenance and Storage Facility (including both at-grade and aerial yard lead design options) located in the City of Montebello;

- C. CERTIFYING, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
- D. ADOPTING, in accordance with CEQA, the:
 1. Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and
 2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP); and
- E. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
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13. SUBJECT: FY25 AUDIT PLAN 2024-0256

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Proposed Annual Audit Plan.

14. SUBJECT: TAP PLUS 2023-0617

CARRIED OVER TO JUNE 2024:

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to:

A. ~~EXECUTE Modification No. 176 to Contract No. OP02461010001, with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. (“Cubic”), in the amount of \$66,423,946 for upgrading the current fare payment system to include open payment and account based functionality and expand its capabilities to improve the customer experience, including acceptance of credit and debit cards as payment on buses and at rail stations for 27 Los Angeles County transit agencies;~~

B. ~~EXECUTE Modification No. 155.02 to Contract No. OP02461010MAINT000, with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. (“Cubic”), in the amount of \$78,883,737 to support the current fare collection system, as well as the upgrade, and to extend the period of performance for an additional four years from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028; and,~~

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~~C. NEGOTIATE and execute all agreements, contract awards, including contract modifications, not to exceed \$6.5 million for software development and/or integration to implement open payment and account-based functionality.~~

~~D. AMEND the FY25 Budget by \$33,000,000 to accommodate for the cash-flow requirements of FY25 for the first-year implementation of the TAP Plus project.~~

14.1.SUBJECT: EXPANDING THE LIFE PROGRAM THROUGH TECHNOLOGY MOTION

2024-0367

CARRIED OVER TO JUNE 2024:

~~APPROVE Motion by Mitchell, Sandoval, Solis, Najarian, Dupont-Walker, and Bass that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:~~

~~A. Include social benefit cards as fare media as part of Phase II-account based system launch of TAP Plus. If unable to implement as part of Phase II launch, report to the Board on reasons for the delay.~~

~~B. Coordinate with relevant federal, state, and County agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, to make necessary technical and system upgrades to TAP in order to:~~

~~1. Enroll members into LIFE upon qualification without undergoing an additional LIFE application; and~~

~~2. Enable social benefit cards (when upgraded to contactless EMV—Europay, Master card, Visa) to be used in lieu of Metro fare media to access the Metro’s system and LIFE’s free and discounted rides.~~

~~C. Report back in September 2024 with an update on the LIFE program enrollment strategy and TAP system upgrades, including a progress update on the above that includes but is not limited to:~~

~~1. Social benefit programs identified for automatic LIFE enrollment, including availability of a social benefit card;~~

~~2. Technical and system upgrades along with supportive state or federal legislative actions required to enable utilization of social benefit cards as fare media by respective social benefit programs;~~

~~3. Capabilities and upgrade requirements to Metro’s TAP system to use social benefit cards;~~

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~~4. A plan to implement automatic LIFE enrollment and social benefit card utilization as fare media~~

~~D. Include in all future board reports on TAP Plus upgrades a specific section outlining progress on enabling TAP system compatibility with social benefit card utilization as fare media.~~

15. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2025 (FY25) PROPOSED BUDGET

2024-0227

APPROVED:

- A. ADOPTING the proposed FY25 Budget as presented in the budget document (provided in a separate transmittal and posted on [metro.net <https://www.metro.net/about/financebudget/>](https://www.metro.net/about/financebudget/));
1. AUTHORIZING \$9.0 billion annual consolidated expenditures to achieve goals and objectives set forth by the Board adopted mission and goals;
 2. AUTHORIZING a total of 11,283 FTEs, of which 9,275 are Represented FTEs and 2,008 are Non-Represented FTEs;
 3. AUTHORIZING an average 4% performance-based merit increase for Non-Represented employees;
 4. AMENDING the proposed budget to include \$16.4 million for the federal fund awarded to Metro from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant for the first set of projects from the Games Mobility Concept Plan;
 5. AMENDING the proposed budget to include \$3.5 million in FY25 for the Operations Central Instruction (OCI) project and approve a Life-of-Project (LOP) budget of \$24.5 million, which will centralize training and onboarding for Bus Operators and essential front-line staff;
 6. the Life of Project (LOP) budgets for new capital projects; new capital projects with LOP exceeding \$5.0 million are presented in;
 7. AMENDING the proposed budget to include any Board approved actions currently under consideration from now to the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024);
- B. ~~APPROVING the programming of \$10 million in Measure M funds for the SR-71 Project to support design activities for the SR-71 North Segment project; and~~

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- C. the Reimbursement Resolution declaring Metro’s intention to issue debt in FY25 for capital projects, with the provision that actual debt issuance will require separate Board approval.

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CARRIED OVER TO JUNE 2024:

- B. APPROVING the programming of \$10 million in Measure M funds for the SR-71 Project to support design activities for the SR-71 North Segment project.

15.1.SUBJECT: ENHANCING METRO'S MULTI-LAYERED PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENCE AND RESPONSE MOTION 2024-0360

APPROVED Motion by Horvath, Hahn, Dutra, Butts, and Solis, as amended by Barger that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Invite the multi-agency law enforcement partners (LASD, LAPD, LBPD) to participate in a discussion about public safety on the Metro system at the June 2024 Board Meeting, to include, but not be limited to discussion of staffing and deployment levels; system-wide coverage and response times; interagency coordination; an analysis of high-profile incidences; and efforts to provide a safe and comfortable riding experience;
- B. Report back at the June 2024 Board Meeting with a per hour cost analysis for law enforcement personnel (LASD, LAPD, LBPD) transit security officers, private security and transit ambassadors, including an assessment of the number of security personnel, coverage levels, and visible staff presence to achieve optimal coverage and to address ongoing safety concerns; and

BARGER AMENDMENT:

- C. As part of the June discussion, the law enforcement partners shall be prepared to discuss an enhanced role, and how they would be able to exercise those roles and responsibilities in a way that ensures code of conduct violators are not criminalized.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
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16. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT - FINAL DESIGN SERVICES

2024-0063

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD Contract No. AE112357000 to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project (Project) to HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$29,846,544 subject to resolution of properly submitted protest(s), if any; and
- B. EXECUTE individual Contract Modifications within the CEO's Board approved authority.

17. SUBJECT: PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION PROJECT SECTION 1

2023-0397

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR amending the Life-of-Project (LOP) budget for the Purple (D Line) Extension Project Section 1 (Project) by \$225,000,000 from \$3,128,879,593 to \$3,353,879,593 using the fund sources and consistent with the provisions of the Board-adopted Measure R and Measure M Unified Cost Management Policy.

20. SUBJECT: ELEVATOR AND ESCALATOR CONSULTING SERVICES

2024-0082

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP1107770008370 to ATIS Elevator Inspections, LLC (ATIS) to provide regular and as-needed elevator and escalator consulting services systemwide, in the not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$1,015,470 for the three-year base period, \$390,590 for option year one, and \$385,990 for option year two, for a total combined NTE amount of \$1,792,050, effective July 1, 2024, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

21. SUBJECT: P3010 LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE COMPONENT OVERHAUL OF TRUCK SYSTEMS (POWER AND NON-POWER AXLE) ASSEMBLIES

2024-0186

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. AMENDING the Life of Project Budget for the P3010 Fleet Component Overhaul project by \$14,542,000 for a total of \$50,532,000; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price Contract No. MA101250000 to ORX Railway Corporation for transporting, inspecting, overhauling, and testing a total of 257 P3010 fleet truck systems assemblies including 88 individual gear unit spares for a firm fixed price amount of \$39,551,971.00, for a period of 49 months after the issuance of Notice to Proceed, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

22. SUBJECT: LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR REGIONS 1, 2 AND 3

2024-0203

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP91244-20008370, for Regions 1 and 2, to Woods Maintenance Services, Inc. to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services in the not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$16,988,820 for the three-year base term, and \$12,761,800 for the one, two-year option term, for a total combined NTE amount of \$29,750,620, effective July 1, 2024, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any; and
- B. AWARD a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP91244-20018370 for Region 3 to Parkwood Landscape Maintenance, Inc. to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services in the NTE amount of \$6,451,745 for the three-year base term, and \$4,486,560 for the one, two-year option term, for a combined NTE amount of \$10,938,305, effective July 1, 2024, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any; and
- C. EXECUTE individual contract modifications within the Board approved contract modification authority.

23. SUBJECT: BUS DIVISIONS AND FACILITIES FIRE ALARM MODERNIZATION

2024-0207

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR an increase to the Life-of-Project (LOP) budget for the Bus Divisions and Facilities Fire Alarm Modernization Project by \$6,356,000, increasing the LOP budget from \$3,474,000 to \$9,830,000.

28. SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO'S GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE COUNCIL

2024-0233

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR nominees for membership on Metro's Gateway Cities Service Council.

30. SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROJECT AND LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE C LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE

2024-0272

APPROVED AS AMENDED:

- A. the 170th/182nd Grade-Separated Light Rail Transit Alternative, also referred to as the Hybrid Alternative, as the Proposed Project for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Metro C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance Project (Project); and
- B. AUTHORIZING the preparation of the Final EIR through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) based on the LPA.

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BUTTS AMENDMENT:

- A. Approve the staff recommendation on the LPA and continue the EIR process in compliance with CEQA;
- B. Complete studies to respond fully to public comments received on the ROW and Hawthorne Blvd Alignments in the Final EIR; and
- C. Continue to develop refined cost estimates for the LPA on the ROW alignment and develop a refined funding plan that includes the identification of all federal, state, and local funding sources to implement the project.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
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31. SUBJECT: METRO PUBLIC SAFETY SURGE MOTION

2024-0365

APPROVED Motion by Bass, Barger, Hahn, Solis, Najarian, and Yaroslavsky that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Increase the daily planned deployment of public safety personnel, adjusting deployment to focus on the rail cars, buses, and stations with the highest incidents of crime and public safety issues so that riders and frontline employees feel safe.
- B. Direct public safety personnel, including Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Long Beach Police Department, and Metro Transit Security officers to be physically present on buses and trains.
- C. Direct public safety personnel to proactively walk through rail cars and ride buses. Public safety personnel must also schedule overlapping or staggered shift times to ensure continuity and avoid gaps in coverage.
- D. Establish a unified command led by Metro’s Systems Security & Law Enforcement Department, with representation from all public safety resources.
- E. Ensure that cellular service is enabled and working at all underground metro rail stations, on the platforms, and during transit throughout the rail system, and bolster education and awareness of Metro’s Transit Watch Mobile App so riders can directly access an emergency response.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y

32. SUBJECT: STATE AND FEDERAL REPORT

2024-0259

CARRIED OVER TO JUNE 2024:

RECEIVE AND FILE ~~May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Report.~~

33. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION

2024-0361

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)

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1. Robert James v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 22STCV26199

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$300,000.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y

2. Pastor Ortiz, et al. v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 21STCV13418

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$280,000.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y

3. Elias Pineda v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 21STCV02225

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$300,000.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y

B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)(2)

Significant Exposure to Litigation (One case)

NO REPORT.

B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)(4)

Initiation of Litigation (One case)

NO REPORT.

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C. Conference with Labor Negotiator - G.C. 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Leiva and Ilyssa DeCasperis
(or designees).

Employee Organizations: ATU, AFSCME, TCU, and Teamsters

NO REPORT.

ADJOURNED AT 4:53 P.M.

Prepared by: Mandy Cheung
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



Collette Langston, Board Clerk