



MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

10:00 AM

Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Fernando Dutra, Chair

Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, 1st Vice Chair

Kathryn Barger, 2nd Vice Chair

Karen Bass

Janice Hahn

Lindsey Horvath

Ara J. Najarian

Imelda Padilla

Tim Sandoval

Hilda Solis

Katy Yaroslavsky

Monica Benavides, non-voting member

Sharon Gookin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24**, 25, 26, and 30.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion except item 7, which was held by a Director for Discussion and/or separate action.

**Item required 2/3 vote of the Full Board.

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

Voting Deviations:

Item 5 – the following Director voted no: LH

Item 16 – the following Director voted no: JH

Item 26 – the following Director abstained: AJN

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES 2025-1022

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 23, 2025.

3. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR 2025-1020

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

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

4. SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 2025-1021

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

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

KB = K. Barger	FD = F. Dutra	IP = I. Padilla	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	HJM = H.J. Mitchell	HS = H. Solis	

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

5. SUBJECT: WESTBOUND STATE ROUTE 91 - ALONDRA TO SHOEMAKER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT **2025-0842**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. EXECUTE Modification No.10 to Contract No. AE60979000 with Michael Baker International (MBI) in the amount of \$4,833,337 to provide additional professional services for the Westbound State Route 91 - Alondra Boulevard to Shoemaker Avenue Improvements Project (WB SR-91) - Plans, Specifications and Estimate phase (PS&E) or Final Design, increasing the contract value from \$12,614,738 to \$17,448,075; and extending the period of performance from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2030;
- B. AMEND the existing Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to add \$2,081,000 in funding to complete final design, prepare all necessary documents, and advertise, award, and approve the project for construction; and
- C. EXECUTE a third-party Cooperative Agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to fulfill the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Section 401 permit compensatory mitigation requirement for this project's permanent wetland impacts, in the amount of \$126,000.

6. SUBJECT: OPEN AND SLOW STREETS GRANT PROGRAM CYCLES SIX AND SEVEN **2025-0854**

APPROVED:

- A. AWARDING \$10 million to the Open and Slow Streets Grant Program Cycles Six and Seven to fund 29 events scheduled either during the 2026 FIFA World Cup or 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and
- B. AUTHORIZING a waiting list of eligible events that may be awarded administratively, should funding become available from Cycles Six and Seven.

HORVATH, DUTRA, SOLIS, HAHN, SANDOVAL, AND YAROSLAVSKY

AMENDMENT: To direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board in March 2026 with recommendations and analysis to:

- A. Make Metro's Open and Slow Streets pilot program permanent, including soliciting input from community stakeholders, previous event organizers,

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and partnering agencies to identify recommendations to transition the Metro Open and Slow Streets Program from a pilot to a permanent program;

- B. Initiate an abbreviated Open and Slow Streets Grant Cycle and identify a minimum of \$1 million to support waitlisted and/or new events that celebrate the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games that will occur between September 2026 and March 2028; and
- C. Offer technical assistance, including but not limited to the identification of alternative sources of funding and partnering on external grant applications, to support agencies and organizations that were waitlisted or ineligible for funding in the Open and Slow Streets Grant Program Cycles Six and Seven.

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

7. SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SHARED RIGHT-OF-WAY 2025-0853

APPROVED:

- A. RECEIVING AND FILING the East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Shared Railroad Right-of-Way (ROW) Study Final Report, the Outreach Summary Report, and the Interim Terminus Parking Analysis (Northern Segment),
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to approve the Scenario 2 Metrolink option as the preferred alternative for the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit (ESFV LRT) Project;
- C. AUTHORIZING staff to continue planning work on improvements related to Scenario 2, consisting of the following:
 - 1. Rail Crossing safety improvements at six (6) at-grade rail crossings along the 2.5-mile corridor as part of improvements to the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line (AVL);
 - 2. Design and conduct environmental clearance of a new Pacoima Metrolink infill station, including evaluation and selection of either a center-platform (Scenario 2a) or side-platform (Scenario 2b) configuration; and
 - 3. Identify funds to program through a separate Board action for successful completion of the planned work.

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

8. SUBJECT: 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2025-0948

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the programming request of up to \$218,369,000 in Regional Transportation Improvement Program funds, including a target share for a LA County request of \$134,483,000 and an additional maximum target share request of \$83,886,000 as an interest-free advance from LA County's estimated future STIP shares.

9. SUBJECT: WARNER CENTER MICROTRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM MOTION 2025-1013

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Horvath, Najarian, Barger, and Padilla that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Assist in evaluating the Warner Center Micro Transit Pilot Program after six months and one year of operation, including but not limited to:
 - 1. ridership;
 - 2. operating costs (annual and per trip); and
 - 3. a qualitative survey to determine commuter perspectives and preferences; and
- B. Upon successful completion of the Warner Center Microtransit Pilot Program, and a determination that the Pilot Program generated positive results in terms of ridership, cost efficiency, and commuter preference, to present the findings to the San Fernando Valley Service Council and the Metro Board, including, any recommendations.

10. SUBJECT: QUALITY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT 2025-0799

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. an increase in authorized funding and executing Modification No. 9 to Contract No. PS54007 with Enterris Associates, Inc. (formerly PQM, Inc.), for pending and future Task Orders to provide quality management consulting and support services for Metro Transit and Transportation projects in an amount Not-To-Exceed (NTE) \$28,500,000; increasing the total contract authorized funding from an NTE amount of \$25,325,804 to a NTE amount of \$53,825,804 and exercising the three, one-year option years through March 2029; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to execute individual Task Orders (TOs) and Contract Modifications within the Board approved contract funding amount.

11. SUBJECT: THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION - CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2025-0869

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute the FY26 Annual Work Plan Budget for the City of Los Angeles.

12. SUBJECT: ZERO EMISSION BUS CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FOR DIVISION 18 AND DIVISION 7 **2025-0602**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD a firm fixed price Contract No. PS130703000 to Clark Construction Group - CA, LP, for Phase 1 Preconstruction Services of the Progressive Design-Build Operate and Maintain contract for the Zero Emission Bus Charging Infrastructure Project for Division 18 and Division 7 (Project) in the amount of \$15,943,897, subject to the resolution of protest(s), if any;
- B. ESTABLISH a Preconstruction Phase-of-Project Budget (Preconstruction Budget) for the Project in the amount of \$154,403,000; and
- C. NEGOTIATE and EXECUTE all project-related agreements and contracts including contract modifications within the authorized Preconstruction Budget.

13. SUBJECT: MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES **2025-0919**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the first two-year option term to the Medical Clinic Services Bench Contract Nos. PS70268000 through PS70268005 in the amount of \$3,182,103, including \$797,900, to support the onboarding of police officers and public safety dispatchers within Metro's Department of Public Safety (DPS), increasing the cumulative contract value from \$6,833,016 to \$10,015,119 and extend the period of performance from March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028 to continue to provide medical examination and drug and alcohol testing services for Metro safety-sensitive employees and job candidates.

16. SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AERIAL RAPID TRANSIT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT **2025-0953**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. SETTING ASIDE Metro's action on February 22, 2024:
 - 1. Approving the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project with Design Option A;
 - 2. Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report;
 - 3. Adopting the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
 - 4. Adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

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AND CONSIDER:

- B. RECERTIFYING, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as supplemented by the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Errata to the Final SEIR, if the Board concludes that it satisfies the requirements of CEQA and reflects the Board’s independent judgment following CEQA Guidelines section 15090;
- C. CERTIFYING, in accordance with CEQA, the SEIR, including the Errata to the Final SEIR, if the Board concludes that it satisfies the requirements of CEQA and reflects the Board’s independent judgment following CEQA Guidelines section 15090;
- D. ADOPTING, in accordance with CEQA, the:
 - 1. Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations setting forth the reasons and benefits of approving the Project with full knowledge that significant impacts may remain; and
 - 2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;
- E. APPROVING the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) with Design Option A pursuant to Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 130252 and subject to Motion: Empowering Community Through an Inclusive Community Benefits Agreement; and
- F. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.

17. SUBJECT: 2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

2025-0936

APPROVED:

- A. RECEIVING the State and Federal Legislative Report;
- B. ADOPTING the proposed 2026 Federal Legislative Program; and
- C. ADOPTING the proposed 2026 State Legislative Program.

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

18. SUBJECT: WATER TAXI FROM SAN PEDRO TO LONG BEACH MOTION

2025-1026

APPROVED Motion by Hahn, Bass, Dutra, Dupont-Walker, Butts, and Sandoval that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Develop and issue an industry engagement process (i.e. reverse pitch) to identify private and public operator interest, capabilities, and partnership opportunities to deliver a water-taxi service between San Pedro and Long Beach during the 2028 Games;
- B. Assess short-term and special-event funding options, including public-private partnership cost-sharing, sponsorship models, federal maritime or mobility grants, and temporary operations funding, to support Games-time service. Such funding source options shall not be eligible for bus or rail operations; and
- C. Report back to the Board within 180 days with findings such as Public-Private-Partnership structures, a proposed implementation timeline, and any next steps.

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

20. SUBJECT: METRO E LINE UNDERGROUND TUNNEL RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

2025-0471

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm-fixed price contract, Contract No. DR124275(2)000 to Martinez Engineering, LLC for the Metro E Line Underground Tunnel Radio System Replacement in the amount of \$2,494,602, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

21. SUBJECT: SAFETY VESTS

2025-0695

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a two-year, Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract No. MA125897000 to Safety Vibe, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to supply safety vests in the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$1,763,791.48, inclusive of sales tax; subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

22. SUBJECT: CHEMICAL FIRE SUPPRESSION TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

2025-0746

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP127011(2)0008370 to Majestic Fire Inc., DBA Kord Fire Protection, to provide chemical fire suppression testing, replacement and certification services in the Not-To-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$819,035 for the three-year base period, \$273,145 for option year one, and \$273,145 for option year two, for a combined NTE amount of \$1,365,325, effective March 1, 2026, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

23. SUBJECT: ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ATMS) II PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

2025-0852

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

- A. AWARD a five-year firm fixed unit rate Contract No. PS131648000 to Intueor Consulting, Inc. to provide program support for the implementation of the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) II Computer Aided Dispatch / Automated Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) System in the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$10,799,089.84, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any; and
- B. EXECUTE individual contract modifications within the Board-approved contract modification authority.

24. SUBJECT: BUS ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM REBUILD KIT

2025-0859

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD:

- A. FINDING that the procurement of Metro Bus Engine Cooling System Rebuild Kit under Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 130237, as an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) item, constitutes a single source procurement method for the purpose of duplicating equipment already in use; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to award a single source, one-year, Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Contract No. SD129781000 to Engineered Machined Products, Inc. (EMP) for 140 kits to rebuild EMP engine cooling systems currently installed on Metro buses. The one-year contract is for a total Not- To- Exceed (NTE) contract amount of \$807,154.60 inclusive of sales tax; subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

**25. SUBJECT: METRO EXPRESSLANES NET TOLL REVENUE TRANSIT 2025-0861
ALLOCATIONS**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR a total of \$9,918,750 for the continued Direct Annual Allocation for Transit Service on the I-110 and I-10 ExpressLanes for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

26. SUBJECT: GRAFFITI ABATEMENT SERVICES 2025-0967

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP91160(3)001R1 for Region 1 to BriteWorks, Inc. to provide graffiti abatement services in the Not-To-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$2,740,433 for the three-year base period, and \$1,975,184 for the one, two-year option term, for a combined NTE amount of \$4,715,617, effective February 1, 2026, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any; and
- B. AWARD a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP91160(3)002R2 for Region 2 to Strive Well- Being, Inc. to provide graffiti abatement services in the NTE amount of \$3,424,320 for the three-year base period, and \$2,387,760 for the one, two-year option term, for a combined NTE amount of \$5,812,080, effective February 1, 2026, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

30. SUBJECT: ZERO EMISSION BUS (ZEB) PROGRAM UPDATE 2025-0824

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. RECEIVE AND FILE quarterly status report on the ZEB Program;
- B. UTILIZE the Washington Department of Enterprise Services Contract or Colorado State Contract for a not-to-exceed expenditure amount of \$50,000,000 inclusive of sales tax, for up to 40 battery electric buses (BEBs); and
- C. APPROVE a Life-Of-Project (LOP) budget in the amount of \$52,000,000 for the purchase of up to 40 BEBs, professional and technical support, labor and contingency under Capital Project 201078.

32. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTIONS OF NECESSITY FOR DORAN STREET CROSSING GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT **2025-0845**

ADOPTED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD the proposed Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the commencement of eminent domain actions to acquire a Fee Simple Interest (“Fee”), Permanent Easement (“PE”) and two 44 month Temporary Construction Easements (“TCE”) for the properties described as follows:

1. 5487 San Fernando Road West, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 90039 (APN 5593-005-001, -002, -015, and -036)
2. 5471 San Fernando Road West, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 90039 (APN 5593-005-027)

The interests being acquired in the above listed properties are referred to herein as the “Property Interests.”

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

33. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTIONS OF NECESSITY FOR EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT **2025-0903**

ADOPTED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD the Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the commencement of eminent domain actions to acquire the Fee Simple Interests (“Fee Interests”) and the Improvements Pertaining to Realty (“IPR”) for the properties described as follows:

1. 7921-7929 Van Nuys Blvd, Panorama City, CA 91402, APN: 2210-022-040, 056; ESFV-B-004-1 (B-004); (IPR Interest Only)
2. 8751 Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City, CA 91402, 2653-002-030; ESFV-B-005-1 (B-005). (Fee Interest Only)

The interests being acquired in the above listed properties are referred to herein as the “Property Interests.”

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

34. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION

2025-1024

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: Chief Executive Officer, Board Clerk, General Counsel, Inspector General, Chief Ethics Officer

No report.

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

1. Danny Aban v. LACMTA., Case No. 24SMCV03889

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$275,000.

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

2. Matthew Barraza v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 23STCV23302

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$275,000.

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

3. Myrna Cayabyab v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 24CHCV01784

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$295,000.

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

4. Dawn Diaz v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 23CHCV02047

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

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

5. Cristina Tarabay v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 24STCV23284

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$11,250,000.

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

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

Initiation of Litigation (One case)

CARRIED OVER.

D. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Government Code 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Cristian Leiva, Dawn Jackson-Perkins

Employee organizations: AFSCME, SMART, TCU, ATU, Teamsters

No report.

ADJOURNED AT 3:00 P.M. IN MEMORY OF DIVISION 7 BUS OPERATOR TANYA PERRY.

Prepared by: Mandy Cheung
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



Collette Langston, Board Clerk