



## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

### **Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting**

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

**Hilda L. Solis, Chair**

**Ara Najarian, 1st Vice Chair**

**Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, 2nd Vice Chair**

**Kathryn Barger**

**Mike Bonin**

**James Butts**

**Fernando Dutra**

**Eric Garcetti**

**Janice Hahn**

**Paul Krekorian**

**Sheila Kuehl**

**Holly Mitchell**

**Tim Sandoval**

**Tony Tavares, non-voting member**

**Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 10:01 A.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 20, 22, 25, 26, and 29.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one vote except Item 6 which was held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

2. **SUBJECT: MINUTES** **2022-0140**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 24, 2022.

3. **SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR** **2022-0172**

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

4. **SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **2022-0173**

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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KB = K. Barger	FD = F. Dutra	SK = S. Kuehl	HS = H. Solis
MB = M. Bonin	EG = E. Garcetti	HJM = H.J. Mitchell	
JB = J. Butts	JH = J. Hahn	AN = A. Najarian	
JDW = J. Dupont Walker	PK = P. Krekorian	TS = T. Sandoval	

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

**5. SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SUPPLEMENTAL ANALYSIS OF SYLMAR/SAN FERNANDO TO VAN NUYS BOULEVARD**

**2021-0800**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award and execute a 23-month (Phase 1: five (5) months and optional Phase 2: up to eighteen (18) months), firm fixed price Task Order No. PS80628-5433000 under Countywide Planning and Development Bench Contract No. PS54330021 to Mott MacDonald for professional services to complete the Supplemental Analysis on the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (ESFVTC) from Sylmar/San Fernando to Van Nuys Boulevard in the amount of \$1,806,223 (Phase 1: \$343,218 and Optional Phase 2: \$1,463,005.). Board approval of task order award is subject to resolution of all properly submitted protest(s) if any.

<b>AN</b>	<b>JDW</b>	<b>KB</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>EG</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>HJM</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>HS</b>
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y	Y

**6. SUBJECT: WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT**

**2022-0016**

APPROVED AS AMENDED UNDER RECONSIDERATION:

- A. the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 14 to Contract No. AE5999300 with WSP USA, Inc. to provide environmental technical work and outreach support to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR), as well as conduct additional technical analysis to identify a cost-effective alignment route for the Slauson/A Line (Blue) to Los Angeles Union Station segment of the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor Project in the amount of \$13,601,672, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$29,786,881 to \$43,388,553 and to extend the Contract Period of Performance through June 30, 2023; and
- B. INCREASING Contract Modification Authority (CMA) specific to Contract No. AE5999300 in the amount of \$1,000,000 from \$2,476,120 to \$3,476,120 to support additional environmental assessment work, and any other future technical work identified through future coordination efforts and/or as directed by the Board.

**HAHN AMENDMENT:**

The cities of Cerritos and Artesia have requested confirmation that Metro will be assessing the aerial segment at the intersection of 183rd and Gridley for this possibility of cut-and-cover, to see if that can be done at a lower cost.

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In addition, Cerritos has requested evaluation of a possible future station in the city, to be located between Studebaker Road and Gridley Road. I'd like to request that, as part of this action before us today, that a possible future station in Cerritos, between Studebaker Road and Gridley Road, also be included in this assessment.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y

**7. SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION 16: 710 SOUTH CLEAN TRUCK PROGRAM 2022-0037**

RECEIVED AND FILED report on 710 South Clean Truck Program in response to Board Motion 16.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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**8. SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION ON IMPROVED MOBILITY THROUGH HIGH- SPEED RAIL PROJECTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2022-0046**

RECEIVED AND FILED report on improved mobility through high-speed rail projects in Los Angeles County in response to Board Motion 46.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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**9. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD JOINT DEVELOPMENT 2021-0612**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to extend the existing Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and Planning Document with NOHO Development Associates, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company for the North Hollywood Joint Development Project for an additional 12 months beyond June 2022, with an option to extend another 12 months to June 2024.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
Y	Y	A/C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**12. SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES BENCH 2022-0058**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

A. AWARD an IT Services Bench, through (RFIQ) No. PS7764700, consisting solely of SBE Prime vendors listed on Attachment A-1, who have been deemed qualified to participate in future as-needed IT task order work for technical Service Sections 1 through 4 below:

1. Enterprise Architecture & Technical Integration
2. Business Application Services
3. IT Operations and Service Delivery
4. Center of Excellence

The Bench will be in effect for a five-year period to perform professional services for a cumulative total value not-to-exceed \$45,000,000. Individual task orders will be awarded based on competition via the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

B. EXECUTE individual task orders under the Contract for IT Services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000,000.

<b>AN</b>	<b>JDW</b>	<b>KB</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>EG</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>HJM</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>HS</b>
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**16. SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FACILITATOR SERVICES 2022-0087**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 1 to Contract No. PS72932000 with Estolano Advisors, for an amount not to exceed \$160,563, increasing the contract price from \$210,459 to \$371,022.

**17. SUBJECT: FENCE REPAIR AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR METRO RAIL RIGHTS-OF-WAY, FACILITIES AND PARCEL PROPERTIES 2022-0038**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 11 to Contract No. OP4056400OP for Fence Repair and Installation Services for Metro Rail Rights-of-Way, Facilities and Parcel Properties with AZ Construction Inc, DBA Ace Fence Co., in the amount of \$865,000, increasing the total contract value from \$3,196,800 to \$4,061,800, and extending the period of performance from May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022. Modification No. 11 also includes an as-needed option to extend the contract period of performance up to six (6) months through April 30, 2023 and increase the total contract value up to an additional \$390,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$4,451,800, pending lawsuit resolution.

**20. SUBJECT: EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH BYD FOR VEHICLE TELEMATICS AND CHARGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND K9MD-ER EXTENDED RANGE BUSES** **2021-0723**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. INCREASE the Life of Project (LOP) budget by \$34,551,702, raising the LOP budget to \$163,534,000;
- B. EXECUTE Modification No. 11 to BYD Coach & Bus, LLC (BYD), to provide Vehicle Telematics and Charge Management System software to assist Metro in lowering operational costs and developing custom software to manage the Silver Line electric buses at Division 9 and Division 18 more efficiently, at the firm fixed price of \$2,944,274; and upgrade ninety-five (95) buses from a K9M model to a K9MD-ER extended range model increasing the battery size from 348kWh to a 496 kWh, at a firm fixed price of \$15,025,340; for a combined modification total of \$17,969,614, increasing the contract value from \$102,620,864 to \$120,590,478 (excluding CMA); and
- C. INCREASE Contract Modification Authority by \$12,970,951 to incorporate the Charge Management System and Extended Range Bus upgrade, and includes an additional 10% or \$1,796,961 for future vehicle configuration changes.

<b>AN</b>	<b>JDW</b>	<b>KB</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>EG</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>HJM</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>HS</b>
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y

**21. SUBJECT: ACCESS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES MOTION** **2022-0162**

APPROVED Motion by Directors Hahn, Solis, Dutra, Dupont-Walker, Krekorian, and Mitchell that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. In partnership with Metro’s Office of Equity and Race, Transit Operations, Program Management, and WIN-LA, create a working group with community colleges and regional occupational centers from communities located along Metro’s major transit projects and consisting of members and stakeholders based in these communities to begin discussions for the establishment of future skills-based courses at such institution(s), including but not limited to:
  - 1. transit project construction
  - 2. transit operations, and
  - 3. pre-apprenticeships/apprenticeships;

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- B. Ensure course curricula align with Metro’s workforce requirements, including the need for multilingual employees;
- C. Provide skills-based Certificates upon completion;
- D. Focus opportunities for residents in communities located along and near future transit projects in order to increase access to the jobs created by Metro’s infrastructure construction program; and
- E. Identify additional career pathways and upskilling opportunities within Metro;
- F. Continually seek state and federal funding, including but not limited to State of California High Road Training Partnership funding, to support the development of career pathways; and
- G. Report back to the Board on progress toward this effort in June of 2022.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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**22. SUBJECT: GENDER ACTION PLAN MOTION**

**2022-0163**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Directors Hahn, Solis, Kuehl, Barger, Mitchell, and Dupont-Walker that directs the Chief Executive Officer to return to the board in May 2022 with a report on the following items:

- A. Status Update on Metro’s Gender Action Plan.
- B. Identification of funding for specific Gender Action Plan Initiatives that will be included in the FY23 Budget.

Further direct the CEO to return to the Board in March 2023 with a report on lessons learned through the Gender Action Plan Initiatives funded in the FY23 Budget.

**25. SUBJECT: CRENSHAW AND REGIONAL CONNECTOR RAIL PROJECTS TITLE VI SERVICE AND FARE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

**2021-0736**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Crenshaw and Regional Connector Operating Plans Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis.

**26. SUBJECT: ENCOURAGING THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT**

**2022-0126**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Chief Executive Officer to make Metro bus, rail, and bike share services free on Transit Equity Day (February 4th), Earth Day (April 22nd), National Bike to Work Day (celebrated with LA County every 3rd Thursday of May) and California Clean Air Day (October 6th) on an annual basis, permanently.

**29. SUBJECT: FINDINGS REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO MEET VIA TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB 361 WHILE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND WHILE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**2022-0174**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the following findings:

Pursuant to AB 361, the Metro Board, on behalf of itself and other bodies created by the Board and subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, including Metro's standing Board committees, advisory bodies, and councils, finds:

The Metro Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and that:

- A. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and
- B. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Therefore, all such bodies will continue to meet via teleconference subject to the requirements of AB 361.

**30. SUBJECT: HIRING INDIVIDUALS WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MOTION**

**2022-0178**

APPROVED Motion by Directors Garcetti, Solis, Mitchell, Dutra, and Hahn that the Board direct the CEO to:

- A. Pursue partnerships with external ESL-serving stakeholders and organizations in Spanish-speaking communities to amplify Metro's efforts to recruit individuals with Spanish as their first language;

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- B. Coordinate with Los Angeles County’s Internal Services Department through its Multiethnic & Local/Community Media Directory to promote hiring opportunities in non-English speaking media and explore opportunities for partnerships with County agencies such as the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and the Office of Immigrant Affairs;
- C. Report back to Board providing updates on partnerships and cost analysis by June 2022; and
- D. Conduct a feasibility study within the first 12 months of program launch on expanding Bienvenidos a Metro to additional languages to reach the widest Operator applicant pool.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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**31. SUBJECT: LINK UNION STATION - LOS ANGELES RIVER PATH CONNECTOR MOTION** **2022-0180**

APPROVED Motion by Directors Garcetti, Solis, and Najarian that the Board direct the CEO to:

- A. Continue taking all steps necessary to ensure the Link US - LA River Path Connector can be developed and constructed efficiently as part of the Link US CM/GC contract, including but not limited to syncing design, permitting, and construction of the connector with design, permitting, and construction of Link US;
- B. Develop a funding strategy for the connector, including consideration of Measure M LA River Path and Measure M 2% (active transportation) funding as local match for state and federal active transportation grant opportunities;
- C. Should it prove infeasible to deliver the connector as part of the Link US CM/GC contract, include in the scope for the LA River Path Project an off-street connector between the River Path and Union Station to maximize sustainable transportation network connectivity;
- D. Engage with community and active transportation stakeholders about an off-street connection between Union Station and the LA River Path project; and

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E. Report back on the above as part of the next Link US and LA River Path Board reports.

AN	JDW	KB	MB	JB	FD	EG	JH	PK	SK	HJM	TS	HS
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**32. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION**

**2022-0177**

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators - G.C. 54956.8

Property: Union Station - Kiosk (K-4) and Storage Area (US-02), 800 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, California 90012.  
Agency Negotiator: Holly Rockwell and John Potts.  
Negotiating Parties: Skeb Corporation.  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms.

NO REPORT.

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

Agency Representative: Robert Bonner and Cristian Leiva or designee  
Employee Organization: SMART

NO REPORT.

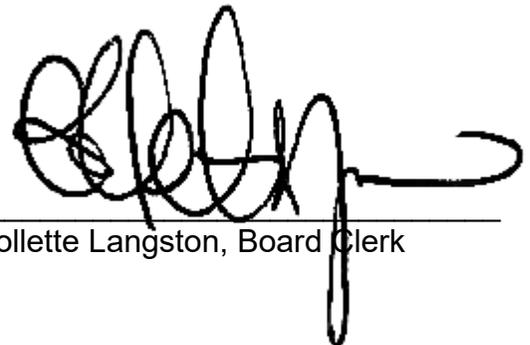
C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: Chief Executive Officer

NO REPORT.

**ADJOURNED AT 2:10 P.M. IN MEMORY OF DOMINGO LEON AND JIM MCBETH.**

Prepared by: Jessica Vasquez Gamez  
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



Collette Langston, Board Clerk