



## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

**Ara J. Najarian, Chair**

**Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, 1st Vice Chair**

**Kathryn Barger**

**Karen Bass**

**James Butts**

**Fernando Dutra**

**Lindsey Horvath**

**Paul Krekorian**

**Tim Sandoval**

**Hilda Solis**

**Katy Yaroslavsky**

**Gloria Roberts (Interim), non-voting member**

**Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer**

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

**ROLL CALL**

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion except for Item 20 which was held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

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

2. **SUBJECT: MINUTES** **2023-0339**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 27, 2023.

3. **SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR** **2023-0337**

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

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

4. **SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **2023-0338**

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

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

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

**5. SUBJECT: FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR STATE ACCESS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM** **2023-0185**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. the recommended Access for All funding awards totaling \$7,865,833 available to Metro through the State of California's Access for All Program; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute funding agreements with the entities receiving awards.

**6. SUBJECT: HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR FY24 WORK PROGRAM** **2023-0099**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. \$1,947,500 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 FY24 work program; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute all necessary funding agreements with the HDC JPA.

**7. SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUBREGION** **2023-0201**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. inter-program borrowing and programming of \$24,765,000 from Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Bus System Improvement and Highway Demand Based Programs to Measure M MSP - Highway Efficiency Program;
- B. REPROGRAMMING of projects previously approved to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and
- C. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments for approved projects.

**8. SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE - NORTH COUNTY SUBREGION** **2023-0027**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVING:

1. programming of \$9,720,367 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation Program;
  2. programming of \$14,474,000 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Transit Program;
  3. programming of \$3,846,152 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Subregional Equity Program;
- B. REPROGRAMMING of projects previously approved to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and
- C. the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments for approved projects.

**9. SUBJECT: WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT** **2023-0198**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Modification No. 15 to Contract No. AE5999300 with WSP USA Inc. to provide First-Last Mile (FLM) plan preparation and environmental design & technical work to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in the amount of \$2,431,148, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$43,388,553 to \$45,819,701, and to extend the Contract Period of Performance through December 31, 2024;
- B. AUTHORIZING the CEO to execute Modification No. 6 to Contract No. PS2492300 with Arellano Associates, LLC to rebrand the project and to bring Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to support FLM and environmental work in the amount of \$449,991, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$2,246,706 to \$2,696,697, and to extend to the Contract Period of Performance through December 31, 2024; and

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C. AUTHORIZING AND DELEGATING authority to the CEO to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements in the amount of \$256,182.50 between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) for Third-Party Administration participation in the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) environmental clearance study (existing Funding Agreement FA# 920000000FACGGC03), increasing the total funding amount from \$1,101,530 to \$1,357,713.

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

**10. SUBJECT: FY24 AUDIT PLAN**

**2023-0260**

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Proposed Annual Audit Plan.

**SUBJECT: ITEM 12 VOTE FOR BIFURCATION**

**FAILED**

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

**12. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2024 (FY24) BUDGET**

**2023-0223**

ADOPTED:

- A. the proposed FY24 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 10,842 FTEs, with 8,943 Represented FTEs and 1,899 Non-Represented FTEs;

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- 3. AUTHORIZING an average 3.5% performance-based merit increase and a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 2.5% on July 1st, 2023, and 2.5% on January 1st, 2024, for Non-Represented employees. The COLA will adjust the Non-Represented salary pay grade bands accordingly. The wage increases for Represented employees, in accordance with the pre-negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements, is 3.5% plus step progression increases;
  - 4. APPROVING the Life of Project (LOP) budgets for new capital projects; new capital projects with LOP exceeding \$5.0 million are presented in Attachment B;
  - 5. AMENDING the proposed budget to include any Board approved actions currently under consideration from now to the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2023);
- B. AMENDING FY24 Proposed Budget document by including 40 additional Transit Security Officers (TSOs) to support rail expansion and increase safety on our transit system;
  - C. AMENDING FY24 Proposed Budget document by including 2 Non-Represented positions to support alternative delivery procurements on mega-projects; and
  - D. APPROVING the Reimbursement Resolution declaring Metro’s intention to issue debt in FY24 for capital projects, as shown in Attachment C, with the provision that actual debt issuance will require separate Board approval.

<b>JDW</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>KB</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>HJM</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>LH</b>	<b>KY</b>	<b>KRB</b>	<b>AJN</b>
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	ABS	Y	Y	Y

**13. SUBJECT: ON-CALL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES BENCH**

**2023-0219**

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Modification No. 1 to Task Order No. 1 with Lee Andrews Group under the Communications Support Services Bench Contract No. PS85397007 to continue to provide street teams, community-based intervention specialists, and program administration in the amount of \$5,175,320, increasing the task order value from \$6,753,723 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,929,043, and extend the period of performance through November 30, 2023.

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

**16. SUBJECT: TUNNEL ADVISORY PANEL**

**2023-0200**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute:

- A. Contract Modification No. 12 to Contract No. PS-2020-1055 with Dr. Geoffrey R. Martin for the continuation of Tunnel Advisory Panel Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$712,000, increasing the total contract value from \$3,000,481 to \$3,712,481 and extend the contract from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2026;
- B. Contract Modification No. 7 to Contract No. PS-8510-2493 with Dr. Edward J. Cording, for the continuation of Tunnel Advisory Panel Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$672,000, increasing the total contract value from \$2,999,235 to \$3,671,235 and extend the contract from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2026; and
- C. Contract Modification No. 1 to Contract No. PS-1620-80000, with Dr. Thomas O'Rourke, for the continuation of Tunnel Advisory Panel Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$639,000, increasing the total contract value from \$947,457 to \$1,586,457 and extend the contract from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

**17. SUBJECT: CREATION OF A PERMANENT BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND MOTION**

**2023-0351**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Directors Horvath, Dupont-Walker, Solis, Barger, Krekorian, and Dutra that the Metro Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to establish a permanent Business Interruption Fund and provide a program update in November 2023 that considers, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Resources necessary to maintain a permanent Business Interruption Fund; and
- B. Culturally competent outreach and inclusive technical assistance to adequately support affected businesses.

**19. SUBJECT: GLENDALE BEELINE ROUTE 3 / LADOT DASH 601, DASH 2022-0877  
602 AND COMMUTER EXPRESS 422, AND PVPTA LINE  
225/226 TRANSIT SERVICE OPERATION AGREEMENTS**

**AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between METRO and the City of Glendale for the Glendale Beeline Route 3, for a period of one year through June 30, 2024, for an amount up to \$776,430.78, which is inclusive of FY23 expenditures and estimated CPI Index rates;
- B. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between METRO and the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for Dash Pico Union/Echo Park 601, Dash El Sereno/City Terrace 602, and Commuter Express 422, for a period of one year through June 30, 2024, for an amount up to \$4,450,260.00;
- C. EXTENDING the Transit Service Operation Agreement between METRO and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transportation Authority (PVPTA) for operation of the Line 225/226, for a period of one year through June 30, 2024, for an amount up to \$262,354.39;
- D. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between METRO and the City of Glendale for funding approval; and
- E. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between METRO and the LADOT; and
- F. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between METRO and the PVPTA for funding approval.



**20. SUBJECT: TECHNICAL AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES 2023-0161**

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 24 to Contract No. PS20113000, a cost plus fixed-fee contract with CH2M Hill, Inc. for technical and program management support services in support of the P2000 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Overhaul/Midlife Modernization Program, to increase the Not-To-Exceed (NTE) contract price by \$1,861,372.68 from \$7,060,813.71 to \$8,922,186.39 to permit continued consultant support through June 30, 2024.

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

**21. SUBJECT: METRO BIKE SHARE CONTRACT EXTENSION 2023-0203**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Contract Modification No. 12 to Contract No. PS272680011357 with Bicycle Transit Systems (BTS) for the Metro Bike Share program (MBS) to extend the contract period of performance from July 30, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$5,698,010, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$110,594,074 to \$116,292,084.

**22. SUBJECT: BUS TIRE LEASING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES 2023-0211**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 8 to Contract No. OP83932000-39383 with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in the amount of \$11,671,134 (\$2,164,434 for FY23 and \$9,506,700 for FY24) to continue to provide bus tire leasing and maintenance services, increasing the contract value from \$41,908,927 to \$53,580,061, as well as extending the period of performance through June 30, 2024.

**~~25. WITHDRAWN SUBJECT: ZERO-EMISSION BUS PROGRAM UPDATE 2023-0295~~**

~~RECEIVE AND FILE the Progress Report on the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Program, including the shift in the program goal of fully transitioning to a zero-emission bus fleet from 2030 to no later than 2035, with a commitment to no longer procure Clean Natural Gas (CNG) buses to accommodate the new program goal.~~

**26. SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION SERVICES**

**2023-0343**

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 13 to Contract No. PS560810024798 with RMI International, Inc. to continue to provide infrastructure protection services from July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$6,189,454, increasing the contract value from \$154,991,832 to \$161,181,286.

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

**27. SUBJECT: UPDATING METRO SIGNAGE AND MAPS TO IDENTIFY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER MOTION**

**2023-0379**

APPROVED Motion by Directors Solis, Bass, Najarian, and Dupont-Walker that the Board direct the CEO to:

- A. Update current transit signage, maps, geographic information data, and relevant markers used for customer wayfinding and navigation to identify the updated Los Angeles General Medical Center in a manner that is timely and cost-efficient to the agency; and
- B. Report back on the sphere of influence and target completion date of the above.

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

**28. SUBJECT: ADVANCEMENT OF THE INGLEWOOD TRANSIT CONNECTOR PROJECT MOTION**

**2023-0380**

APPROVED Motion by Directors Butts, Horvath, and Najarian that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Program up to \$108M in Sub-Regional Equity Program Funds allocated to the South Bay Council of Governments to serve as a backstop for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project, in accordance with the Board-approved Subregional Equity Program Guidelines; and
- B. Amend the Measure R Agreement 22-024 by and between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") and City of Inglewood ("City") for the Inglewood Transit Connector (the "Project"), (Project ID# MRINGITC and FTIP# LA99ITC101) to clarify that backstop funding is a potentially eligible use of the funding source.

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

**29. SUBJECT: MONTHLY UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

**2023-0383**

RECEIVED oral report on Public Safety.

<b>JDW</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>KB</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>HJM</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>LH</b>	<b>KY</b>	<b>KRB</b>	<b>AJN</b>
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**ADJOURNED AT 1:58 P.M. IN MEMORY OF GLORIA MOLINA.**

Prepared by: Jessica Vasquez Gamez  
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



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Collette Langston, Board Clerk