MINUTES

Thursday, April 25, 2024

10:00 AM

Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Karen Bass, Chair
Janice Hahn, Vice Chair
Fernando Dutra, 2nd Vice Chair
Kathryn Barger
James Butts
Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker
Lindsey Horvath
Paul Krekorian
Holly J. Mitchell
Ara J. Najarian
Tim Sandoval
Hilda Solis
Katy Yaroslavsky
Gloria Roberts, non-voting member

Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:11 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, ~~10~~, ~~11~~, 14, 17, 26, and 27.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion except for items 10 and 11, which were held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

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

**Voting Deviations*
Item 5 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB
Item 26 – the following Director was conflicted: LH

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES **2024-0261**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 28, 2024, and the Special Board Budget Workshop held March 29, 2024.

3. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR **2024-0262**

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

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

4. SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **2024-0263**

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, P = PRESENT

5. SUBJECT: PROPERTY INSURANCE PROGRAM 2024-0012

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and purchase All Risk Property and Boiler and Machinery insurance policies for all Metro properties at a not-to-exceed premium of $10.2 million for the 12-month period of May 10, 2024, through May 10, 2025.

6. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD TRANSIT PROPERTY- BASED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) 2024-0183

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee, to execute a Petition to Renew Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) participation in the North Hollywood Transit Property-Based Business Improvement District (BID) for a period of six (6) years commencing January 1, 2025, for a total estimated amount not to exceed $1,130,228.16 over the term of the BID renewal.

7. SUBJECT: CAP-AND-TRADE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) 2024-0028

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Resolution that:

A. AUTHORIZES the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to claim a total of $54,230,499 in California Cap-and-Trade proceeds accumulated in State Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 disbursed through LCTOP and to use $50,941,838 for one year of E Line operations, as enhanced by the opening of Regional Connector, and $3,288,661 for the Division 8 Charging Infrastructure and En Route Charging for North San Fernando Valley (NSFV) Transit Corridor;

B. CERTIFIES that Metro will comply with LCTOP certification and assurances and the authorized agent requirements; and

C. AUTHORIZES the CEO or their designee to execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

9. SUBJECT: FIRST/LAST MILE (FLM) PLAN FOR SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE TRANSIT CORRIDOR 2024-0038

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the First/Last Mile (FLM) Plan for the Southeast Gateway Line.

10. SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE (FORMERLY WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH) - PROJECT APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT 2024-0104

APPROVED:

A. the board-identified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) as the Southeast Gateway Line (formerly West Santa Ana Branch) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (Project), which is a 14.5- miles LRT line with nine (9) stations and includes a new C Line infill station at the I-105 Freeway. The Project extends from its northern LPA terminus at the Slauson/A Line Station located in the City of Los Angeles/Florence-Firestone unincorporated area of Los Angeles (LA) County to its southern terminus at the Pioneer Station located in the City of Artesia and includes a new C Line infill station at the I-105 Freeway. Approval of the Project also provides for the inclusion of five (5) parking facilities, ancillary facilities and a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in the City of Bellflower;

B. CERTIFYING in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which includes the design option that would close 186th Street but keep 187th Street open in the City of Artesia;

C. ADOPTING, in accordance with CEQA, the:

   1. Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and

   2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP); and

D. 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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11. SUBJECT: LONG BEACH-EAST LA CORRIDOR MOBILITY INVESTMENT PLAN 2023-0594

ADOPTED the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP) and its recommendations for funding programs and projects.

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

13. SUBJECT: VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) REDUCTION TARGET SETTING **2024-0216**

ADOPTED Scenario 1 with accelerated non-capital components to 2030 as Metro's VMT Reduction Targets and use Scenario 3 results as a County-wide Call to Climate Action for 2045.

YAROSLAVSKY AND SOLIS AMENDMENT:

A. Report back to the Planning and Programming Committee on identifying a detailed framework for a regional working group to pursue funding, policy, and projects that help us to accomplish the necessary collaboration in order to achieve Scenario 3;

B. Provide a plan that identifies how to capture and track these VMT reductions in Metro's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and to provide a 5-year update of the CAAP to include VMT reduction targets and to include the County of Los Angeles; and

C. Require that board reports include a new standard section that analyzes the VMT impacts of that item beginning in December 2024.

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

14. SUBJECT: PILOT VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION PROGRAM **2024-0066**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Pilot VMT Mitigation Program.

17. SUBJECT: BUS STOP LIGHTING **2024-0176**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Department of Public Works-Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) to design and construct bus stop security lighting under the Metro Enhanced Bus Stop Lighting Project (Project) totaling $1,590,000.

~~**21. SUBJECT: GOPASS PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION** **2023-0760**~~

~~APPROVED an extension of the GoPass Pilot Program through FY25.~~

22. SUBJECT: BRIDGE TO FARELESSNESS MOTION **2024-0258**

APPROVED AS AMENDED Motion by Directors Bass, Butts, Dutra, Dupont-Walker, Mitchell, and Solis that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

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A. Make the GoPass Fareless Pilot Program permanent and provide a report back to the Board annually at the September Board Meeting, beginning September 2024, on program implementation, including but not limited to:

    1. An analysis reflecting the prior 12 months of data;

    2. Identifying additional funding sources to help offset the program's cost to the Agency, including philanthropic and commercial partnerships;

    3. Identifying barriers to cost sharing that educational institutions, particularly those in or serving Equity-Focused Communities, face in implementing the program;

    4. The Program's impact on Metro ridership and other outcomes for students; and

    5. Report on the feasibility of enhancements to the program.

B. Report back by June 2024 on opportunities to expand the Low-Income-Fare-is-Easy program enrollment and utilization, including but not limited to:

    1. Creating a cost-benefit analysis to provide unlimited free rides for all who qualify for the program

    2. Identifying revenue impacts;

    3. Identifying permanent sources of replacement revenues;

    4. Feasibility of enabling the TAP app to accept applications;

    5. Allowing program recipients to utilize the TAP app in lieu of the physical card to allow for direct program access to those receiving/signing up for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or cash assistance and other benefits through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services;

    6. Coordination with open loop upgrades on the TAP system so qualified individuals can use other social benefit cards in lieu of Metro fare media; and

    7. Outreach and engagement efforts led by Community-Based Organizations that include active and direct engagement with customers

C. Direct Metro to conduct outreach with local cities and Councils of Government within Los Angeles County to express the importance of subsidized transit and provide examples of how a local fare subsidy program could be instituted to support their respective constituents.

HAHN AMENDMENT: report back to include:

A. how we are including our municipal and local operators;

B. how we will preserve existing transit service; and

C. any impact a broader fareless system could have on ACCESS paratransit services.

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

26. SUBJECT: CONSULTANT TECHNICAL AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE P3030 NEW LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE PROCUREMENT **2020-0056**

AWARDED ON CONSENT CALENDAR a cost-plus fixed fee contract to Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc to provide technical and project management support for Metro's solicitation of a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer for the procurement of P3030 new Light Rail Vehicles (LRV) and replacement of the existing fifty-two (52) Siemens LRVs in the Not-To-Exceed (NTE) contract amount of $1,254,209.82 for a period of twelve (12) months after the issuance of Notice to Proceed, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protests, if any.

27. SUBJECT: BUS TIRE LEASING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES **2024-0027**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a five-year, firm fixed unit rate Contract No. PS49398000 to The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for the lease and maintenance of tires for the Metro-operated bus fleet and servicing of non-revenue vehicle tires in an amount not to exceed $48,996,516, effective July 1, 2024, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

31. SUBJECT: ZERO-EMISSION BUS PROGRAM UPDATE **2023-0766**

RECEIVED AND FILED status report on the Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Program.

JH	FD	KB	JB	JDW	LH	PK	HJM	AJN	TS	HS	KY	KRB
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31.1. SUBJECT: ZERO EMISSION BUSES MOTION **2024-0275**

APPROVED AS AMENDED Motion by Yaroslavsky, Bass, Krekorian, Dupont-Walker, and Solis that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

A. Report back to the September Operations Committee on a more detailed and updated plan to deliver a 100% Zero Emissions bus fleet as soon as is possible and fiscally responsible; with interim milestones and metrics for both rolling stock and electric vehicle infrastructure installation that reflect an ambitious and actionable schedule; The report back should include a timeline for the submission of relevant service requests to Southern California Edison and Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. The ZEB conversion schedule should ensure Metro's ability to continue providing reliable bus service, including availability of operations and maintenance funding to support the full 7 million annualized revenue service hours as planned through the NextGen Bus Plan.

B. Provide quarterly reports beginning in January 2025 to the Operations Committee on progress towards accomplishing that plan, including status of grant applications;

C. Present a list of alternative funding scenarios from what has been presented to date for zero emission bus fueling infrastructure deployment. The alternative scenarios should take into consideration all flexible capital dollars, including from Measures R and M, Propositions A and C, grants and any other revenues. The alternative scenarios should separate funding and timeline considerations between zero emission fueling infrastructure and rolling stock, focusing strictly on infrastructure deployment, and should provide the board options for moving near term funding from other capital projects to ZEB infrastructure projects where near term changes will not affect project delivery timelines for existing projects. It should also include a report back on any relevant Public Private Partnership opportunities, such as "charging as a service", or unsolicited proposals Metro has received thus far that could support lowering costs to Metro for the transition;

~~D. Issue a Request for Information to minimize Metro's capital outlay related to zero emission bus procurements and infrastructure deployment;~~

E. Develop a legislative and administrative advocacy strategy that supports increasing Metro's competitiveness in state and federal grant opportunities related to zero emission bus procurement and infrastructure deployment; and

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F. Present additional detail on the hydrogen bus procurement process including safety plans, sourcing strategies that protect public health, and justification for specific and narrow use cases where hydrogen buses are proposed to be deployed.

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

34. SUBJECT: BUS OPERATOR RETROFIT BARRIERS **2024-0274**

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD:

A. the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, approval authority for procurements to support the emergency condition due to the sudden, unexpected increased severity of assaults on operators, in accordance with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Acquisition Policy and Procedure Manual, Acquisition Procedures ACQ2, Chapter 11, Section 11.8 "Emergency Procurements", Public Utilities Code 130234 and Public Contracting Code 20233, that cannot be met through normal procurement methods through December 31, 2024;

B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for the bus operator retrofit barriers.

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

34.1. SUBJECT: IMPROVING SAFETY FOR METRO RIDERS & EMPLOYEES **2024-0300**

MOTION

APPROVED AS AMENDED Motion by Directors Barger, Krekorian, Hahn, Najarian, Butts, and Solis directing the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the board in 60 days on:

A. A preliminary investigation into fare gate hardening at our heavy and light rail stations, including identification of resources required, opportunities, and challenges associated with such an effort;

B. An update on implementation of latching faregates upon exit, including the proposed pilots of this technology at both North Hollywood and Union Stations;

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C. An update on the proposed pilot interventions at Lake Ave, Hollywood/Highland, Downtown Santa Monica, and Norwalk stations, as highlighted in January's file#: 2023-0539;

D. Data collected on violent crimes committed over the past twelve months on the LA Metro system and any correlation found with an inability of the perpetrator to demonstrate a paid fare;

E. Data on outcomes of arrests for crimes against persons on the LA Metro system over the past twelve months, and instances of reoffending on the system;

F. Any current or recent legislative efforts to strengthen penalties for violent crimes against transit employees.

HAHN AMENDMENT: report back to include recommendations for ways we can keep weapons off our system, including lessons learned from peer transit agencies.

SOLIS AMENDMENT: report back to include how activating our stations, including adding kiosks and prioritize care first station design improvements, could improve safety and provide jobs to at-risk individuals.

KREKORIAN AMENDMENT:

A. Report back to include recommendations to create holistic and reciprocal communication among Metro, local law enforcement agencies (beyond our contracted partners), the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and local court systems to create effective protocol concerning Be on the Lookout "BOLO" notices and Stay Away Orders; and

B. Recommendations for upgrades to the CCTV system on bus and rail facilities to support artificial intelligence and biometric technology to identify those individuals who are known repeat violent offenders, repeat disruptors to operations or individuals banned from the system by court order.

BUTTS AMENDMENT: report back to include staff's research on current applications of millimeter wave scanners combined with video cameras and artificial intelligence and facial recognition technology that can be installed on train platforms and trains/buses with a feed into command/dispatch centers.

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

35. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION **2024-0273**

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

1. Laura Filliger v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 22STCV00161

APPROVED settlement in the amount of $2,225,000.

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

2. Graciela Gonzalez v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. BC705747

APPROVED settlement in the amount of $275,000.

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

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

Significant Exposure to Litigation (Two cases)

NO REPORT.

C. Conference with Real Estate Negotiator - Government Code 54956.8

Property: APN 2840-004-010 and Portions of APN's 2840-004-816, 908, and 909
Agency Negotiator: Craig Justesen
Negotiating Party: William T. McGregor
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

NO REPORT.

D. 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 4:06 P.M. IN MEMORY OF MIRNA SOZA ARAUZ.

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Collette Langston, Board Clerk