



Virtual Online Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, May 27, 2021

11:00 AM

Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Eric Garcetti, Chair
Hilda L. Solis, 1st Vice Chair
Ara Najarian, 2nd Vice Chair
Kathryn Barger
Mike Bonin
James Butts
Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker
Fernando Dutra
Janice Hahn
Paul Krekorian
Sheila Kuehl
Holly Mitchell
Tim Sandoval
Tony Tavares, non-voting member

Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 11:01 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 5, 6, 8.1, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 18.1, 19, 20, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42*, and 43.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion except item 32 which was held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

*Item required 2/3 vote.

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2. **SUBJECT: MINUTES** **2021-0349**

APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 22, 2021.

3. **SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR** **2021-0350**

RECEIVED remarks by the **Chair**.

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4. **SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **2021-0351**

RECEIVED report by the **Chief Executive Officer**.

- Special Presentation by the CEO

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

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

5. SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-25 2021-0178

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD a five-year, firm fixed price Contract No. PS71091000, to Vasquez and Company, LLP (Vasquez) to perform Consolidated Financial and Compliance Audit of the programs, jurisdictions and agencies listed in Attachment C (Package A) for fiscal years (FY) 2021 - 2025 in the amount of \$2,506,618.26, effective July 1, 2021, subject to resolution of protest(s) if any; and
- B. AWARD a five-year, firm fixed price Contract No. PS71091001, to Simpson and Simpson, LLP (Simpson) to perform Consolidated Financial and Compliance Audit of the programs, jurisdictions and agencies listed in Attachment D (Package B) for fiscal years (FY) 2021 -2025 in the amount of \$2,955,150, effective July 1, 2021, subject to resolution of protest(s), if any.

6. SUBJECT: WORKERS' COMPENSATION UTILIZATION AND PEER REVIEW SERVICES 2021-0045

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award an eight-year, firm fixed unit price Contract No. PS73428000, to Genex Services, LLC to provide workers' compensation utilization review, peer review, physician consulting and expedited review services in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 for the four-year base term, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, plus \$418,180, for the two (2), two-year options, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$818,180 subject to resolution of protest(s), if any.

7. SUBJECT: FY22 METRO BUDGET EQUITY ASSESSMENT 2021-0239

RECEIVED AND FILED update on FY22 Metro Budget Equity Assessment.

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8. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2022 (FY22) BUDGET

2021-0208

APPROVED AS AMENDED

A. ADOPTING the proposed FY22 Budget as presented in the budget document (provided in a separate transmittal and posted on metro.net);

1. AUTHORIZING \$8.0 billion annual consolidated expenditures to achieve goals and objectives set forth by the Board adopted mission and goals; and
2. AUTHORIZING a total of 10,347 FTEs with 8,630 Represented FTEs and 1,717 Non-Represented FTEs (see Attachment E); and
3. AUTHORIZING an average 3.5% performance-based merit increase for Non-Represented employees. The wage increase for Represented employees, in accordance with the pre-negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements, is an average 5%; and
4. AUTHORIZING a 2.0% adjustment to current Non-Represented job pay grade levels to reflect best practice. There is minimal impact to the budget and current employees' salaries (see Attachment D); and
5. APPROVING the Life of Project (LOP) budgets for new capital projects; new capital projects with LOP exceeding \$5.0 million are presented in Attachment A; and
6. AMENDING the proposed budget to include any Board approved actions currently under consideration such as the Fareless System Initiative, from now to end of fiscal year (June 30, 2021); and

B. APPROVING the Reimbursement Resolution declaring Metro's intention to issue debt in FY22 for capital projects, as shown in Attachment B, with the provision that actual debt issuance will require separate Board approval.

BONIN AMENDMENT:

2021-0397

1. In the future, when referencing Revenue Service Hours, calculate and include the impact of relative speeds on actual passenger service (i.e. Revenue Service Miles);
2. When considering how to spend future federal funds to prioritize increasing Revenue Service Hours and achieving NextGen's "Future Funding" goals; and
3. Report back with a more thorough and participatory public and legislative process for future budgets and midyear budget adjustments, including a board meeting that considers the budget exclusively

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8.1. SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED FY22 METRO BUDGET 2021-0343

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Directors Butts, Solis, Najarian, Dupont-Walker, and Dutra that the proposed FY 22 Budget be amended to reflect the addition of three (3) FTEs for Grants Management reflecting a total of four (4) FTEs for the Grants Management Team.

9. SUBJECT: FY 2021-22 METROLINK REHABILITATION AND CAPITAL PROGRAM 2021-0219

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. programming the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's ("Metro") share of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA operated as "Metrolink") FY 2021-22 Rehabilitation and Capital Budget in the amount of \$33,349,794 as detailed in Attachment A;
- B. EXTENDING the lapsing dates for funds previously allocated to Metrolink for the Rehabilitation and Renovation Program and Capital projects as follows:
 - FY 2013-14 extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022 - \$13,991
 - FY 2014-15 extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023 - \$3,423
 - FY 2016-17 extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023 - \$586,002
 - FY 2017-18 extended from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024 - \$2,975,013
 - MRROTEMSET extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2026 - \$7,041,544
 - 94-DORANSCRRA extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022 - \$161,492
 - 94SCRRAMRLUS extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022 - \$73,848
 - MRTVMLACTY extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023 - \$2,417,002
 - MRBRIGHTRX extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022 - \$271,974;
- C. APPROVING Funding Agreement Time Extension to December 31, 2022 for City of Palmdale Rancho Vista Grade Separation Project;

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- D. APPROVING the FY22 Transfers to Other Operators payment rate of \$1.10 per boarding to Metro and an EZ Pass reimbursement cap to Metro of \$5,592,000; and)
- E. APPROVING Funding Agreement for Track and Signal mobilization cost of \$1,548,164; and
- F. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between Metro and the SCRRA for the approved funding.

10. SUBJECT: MEASURE R BONDS

2021-0123

ADOPTED:

A. a Resolution, Attachment A, that:

1. Authorizes the negotiated sale and issuance of up to \$850 million in aggregate principal amount of Measure R Senior Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in one or more series, to finance capital projects; and refinance outstanding commercial paper notes.
2. Approves the forms of the Supplemental Trust Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Certificate, Preliminary Official Statement, Bond Purchase Contract and such other documents as required for the issuance of the bonds, and approves related documents on file with the Board Secretary as set forth in the resolution subject to modification as set forth in the Resolution;
3. Authorizes taking all action necessary to achieve the foregoing, including, without limitation, the further development and execution of bond documentation associated with the issuance of the Measure R Senior Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021-A (the “Bonds”).

(REQUIRED SEPARATE, SIMPLE MAJORITY BOARD VOTE.)

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**11. SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - 2021-0149
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUBREGION**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. REPROGRAMMING of projects in the following Programs:
 - 1. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Bus System Improvement Program, as shown in Attachment A;
 - 2. Measure M MSP - Active Transportation Program, as shown in Attachment B;
 - 3. Measure M MSP - First/Last Mile and Complete Streets, as shown in Attachment C;

- B. DELEGATING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee the authority to:
 - 1. Amend Measure M MSP funding agreements to modify the scope of work of projects and project development phases consistent with eligibility requirements;
 - 2. Administratively extend funding agreement lapse dates for Measure M MSP funding agreements 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.

14. SUBJECT: CESAR E. CHAVEZ & SOTO JOINT DEVELOPMENT 2021-0186

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute and enter into a ground lease (“Ground Lease”) and other related documents with La Veranda, L.P. (the “Developer”), an affiliate of Abode Communities, for the construction and operation of a mixed-use, affordable housing project (the “Project”) on Metro-owned property located near the corner of Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and Soto Street in Boyle Heights (the “Site”) in accordance with the Key Terms and Conditions approved by the Board at its November 30, 2017 meeting as amended by the terms and conditions set forth in the Discussion section of this Board report.

15. SUBJECT: NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT **2021-0103**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. the Proposed Project with recommended refinements for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project; and
- B. the Project’s Title VI Service Equity Analysis in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

17. SUBJECT: FIRST/LAST MILE GUIDELINES **2020-0365**

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the First/Last Mile Guidelines (Attachment B).

18. SUBJECT: METRO EXPRESSLANES PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT CONTRACT MODIFICATION **2021-0224**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. the Chief Executive Officer to execute Modification No. 8 to Contract No. AE275020011497 for ExpressLanes Program Management Support services with WSP USA, Inc. to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the I-405 to Central Avenue segment of the I-105 ExpressLanes project in the amount of \$18,788,594, inclusive of one optional task to provide post-PS&E support in the amount of \$1,413,641, increasing the Total Contract Value from \$14,147,001 to \$32,935,595.
- B. INCREASE Contract Modification Authority (CMA) specific to Contract No. AE275020011497 in the amount of \$2,000,000 increasing the total CMA amount from \$770,000 to \$2,770,000 to support potential additional services needed to complete the PS&E for the I-405 to Central Avenue segment of the I-105 ExpressLanes project.

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18.1.SUBJECT: I-105 EXPRESSLANES PROJECT

2021-0341

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Directors Hahn, Garcetti, Mitchell, Butts, and Dutra that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back in September 2021 with recommendations to fully fund the I-105 ExpressLanes with funding sources that minimize the use of the corridor's future net toll revenues, in order to maximize available resources from the project for future capital improvements to the Metro Green Line.

19. SUBJECT: FENCE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

2021-0167

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP1788370008370, to Deco Fence Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to provide fence repair and maintenance services. The contract not-to-exceed amount is \$2,290,068 for the three-year base, and \$1,654,560 for the one, two-year option, for a combined not-to-exceed amount of \$3,944,628, effective July 1, 2021, subject to resolution of protests(s), if any.

20. SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION INTEGRAL COOLER

2021-0169

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a two-year, firm fixed price Contract No. MA73599-2000 to Muncie Transit Supply, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for transmission coolers. The Contract one-year base amount is \$969,414 inclusive of sales tax, and the one-year option amount is \$998,497, inclusive of sales tax, for a total contract amount of \$1,967,911, subject to resolution of protest(s), if any.

24. SUBJECT: BETTER BUS PROGRAM FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

2021-0245

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. the Better Bus Program as a major component of Metro's portfolio of improvements.
2. APPROVING the Better Bus investments Plan and pursue the five-year funding and implementation strategy (Included as Attachment B), including additional staffing, and report progress to the Operations, Safety, and Customer Experience Committee every six months.

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3. APPROVING the inclusion of Better Bus program investments and expenditures in each annual budget and in future updates to the Short Range Transportation Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan.
4. APPROVING, by mid-year, the addition of 14 new project FTEs, in Operations (5), Communications and Government Relations (7), and Grants Management, Planning and Programming (2), to the FY22 staffing budget, dedicated exclusively to the funding and implementation of the Better Bus Program.

**30. SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT - 2021-0101
GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Modification No. 18 to Contract No. AE58083E0129 with Gannet Fleming, Inc. for the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project, for geotechnical exploration along Van Nuys Blvd. (Oxnard St. to San Fernando Rd.), in the amount of \$987,531 increasing the total Contract value from \$71,062,041 to \$72,049,572.

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31. SUBJECT: WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 1 PROJECT 2021-0222

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

AMENDING the Life-of-Project (LOP) budget by \$150,000,000 for the Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1 Project (Project) from \$2,978,879,593 to \$3,128,879,593 using the fund sources as summarized in Attachment A, consistent with the provisions of the Board-adopted Measure R and Measure M Unified Cost Management Policy (Attachment B).

32. SUBJECT: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES 2021-0250

APPROVED RECOMMENDATION A AND C AS AMENDED:

- A. An increase in authorized funding for Contract No. AE35279 with Kal Krishnan Consulting Services/Triunity Engineering and Management Joint Venture (KTJV), for pending and future Contract Work Orders to provide Program Management Support Services (PMSS) in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,296,886, increasing the current authorized funding limit for the base contract from \$63,347,705 to \$73,644,591 through FY22;

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- C. The CEO or designee to execute individual Contract Work Orders (CWOs) and Contract Modifications within the Board authorized contract funding amount.

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THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN TABLED:

- B. The exercise of the two-year option in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,461,365, increasing the authorized funding limit from \$73,644,591 to \$101,105,956 for FY23 and FY24; and

NAJARIAN AMENDMENT:

2021-0442

That the Board look back at the performance success of the contractors and give a report before extending a 2 year option, one year ahead of its extension date. The contract should be audited, as quickly as possible so it does not delay our ability to exercise the option to extend. It's good board policy if there is a large contract, that has an option, before that option is extended, we should get a report back to hear how well the original contract was performed.

33. SUBJECT: QUALITY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

2021-0119

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. An increase to the total authorized funding for Contract No. PS54007 with PQM, Inc, for pending and future Task Orders to provide Quality Management Consulting services in the amount of \$19,947,286 increasing the authorized funding limit from \$5,378,518 to \$25,325,804 through FY22 and FY23; and
- B. The Chief Executive Officer or their designee to execute individual Task Orders and Contract Modifications changes within the Board approved funding limit.

34. SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES 2021-0251

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Execute a four-year cost plus fixed fee Contract No. AE71435MC080 with the most qualified firm, Ramos Consulting Services, Inc., after successful negotiations, to provide Construction Management Support Services for Metro Active Transportation Projects, in an amount Not-To-Exceed base year of \$15,896,000, plus two (2) one-year

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options (\$1,987,000 each year) that may be exercised in the future, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest; and

- B. Negotiate and execute individual Contract Work Orders and Contract Modifications up to the authorized Not-to-Exceed amount.

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35. SUBJECT: CALTRANS UPDATE 2021-0304

RECEIVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR report by the Caltrans District Director on Delivery of Projects on I-5.

36. SUBJECT: LOCUS LICENSE PURCHASE 2021-0124

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a one-year, sole-source, firm-fixed price Contract No. PS74047000 to Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for the purchase of Locus software license and maintenance in the amount of \$650,000 on behalf of the Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS).

37. SUBJECT: STATE AND FEDERAL REPORT 2021-0246

RECEIVED AND FILED May 2021 State and Federal Legislative Report.

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**38. SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY - 2021-0203
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR transmitting Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) comment letter (Attachment A) to the California State Transportation Agency.

41. SUBJECT: MICROTRANSIT OPERATIONS FARE STRUCTURE AND SERVICE ZONES **2021-0228**

APPROVED AS AMENDED:

- A. the proposed MicroTransit Fare Structure with the introductory rate of \$1 for the remainder of calendar year 2021 and adopt the \$2.50 full fare effective January 1, 2022 for zones 1-8. Additional zones will be set to full fare once the first six months of Revenue Service Operations has concluded.
- B. the service maps for MicroTransit Zones (6-8)

KUEHL AMENDMENT: **2021-0401**
 Report back in June 2021 Operations Committee and monthly reports on Microtransit driver hiring.

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42. SUBJECT: EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) TO UPGRADE UTILITIES AT DIVISION 9 & EL MONTE TRANSIT CENTER, EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH BYD FOR DIVISION 9 (D9) DEPOT CHARGERS, AND GRANT DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORITY FOR CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE **2020-0062**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE a cost reimbursable Contract with SoCal Edison (SCE) to upgrade Division 9 (D9) and EL Monte Bus Depot utilities to support the full electrification of Battery Electric Buses procured from BYD, for an amount Not-To-Exceed \$19,565,853.

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- B. EXECUTE Modification No. 7 to BYD Coach & Bus, LLC (BYD), to add forty-four (44) Heliox Depot Chargers, software licenses, installation and commissioning support, and twelve (12) year warranty service and support for D9 charging infrastructure at the Firm Fixed price of \$22,938,872 increasing the Contract Value from \$48,528,900 to \$71,467,772.
- C. INCREASE the Contract Modification Authority amount from \$4,777,472 to \$30,778,325 to incorporate upgrades to the charging infrastructure and for vehicle configuration changes for Contract OP28367-002, with BYD Coach & Bus, LLC.

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AUTHORIZED:

- D. awarding a design-build delivery method authority, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 130242(b), will achieve for Metro certain private sector efficiencies through the integration of design, project work and components.

Approval required a two-thirds affirmative vote.

- E. Approve the hiring of an initial five (5) new, non-contract full-time employees as a part of the FY22 midyear budget process to ensure the successful delivery of the ZEB program.

43. SUBJECT: AMEND THE METRO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REFER 2021-0345 TO THE BOARD SECRETARY AS BOARD CLERK

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Directors Garcetti, Solis, and Najarian that the Board of Directors amend the Metro Administrative Code Section 2-10-010 to refer to the Board Secretary as the Board Clerk.

From:

2-10-010 Appointment of Board Secretary

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Board Secretary who shall be a full time officer of the MTA.

To:

2-10-010 Appointment of Board Secretary

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Board Secretary who shall be a full time officer of the MTA and be referred to as Board Clerk.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Directors direct the Board Clerk to prepare a strategic plan, including but not limited to:

1. Delivering continuous improvement to encourage meaningful public engagement and improve accessibility of Board meetings, materials, and public comments; and
2. Continuation of effective public engagement options developed as Metro and L.A. County jurisdictions responded to the pandemic and its recovery process.

44. SUBJECT: TAP UPDATE

2021-0371

RECEIVED oral report on TAP Update.

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45. SUBJECT: FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE

2021-0372

APPROVED Motion by Directors Garcetti, Mitchell, and Krekorian that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to implement the Fareless System Initiative, subject to a final financial plan and while pursuing cost-sharing agreements.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

Administrative Coordination

- A. Develop strategies to streamline and simplify the eligibility process for participants, striving to remove as many barriers to entry as possible;
 - 1. Include an evaluation of a self-attestation process for low-income riders;
- B. Partner with school districts on administrative coordination to enable availability at pilot launch to all LA County school and community college districts (based on each district’s interest), including but not limited to any required Memoranda of Understanding or TAP coordination;

Funding

- C. In partnership with implementation partners and key stakeholders, pursue and support federal and state opportunities and legislation to fund the Fareless System Initiative, both the pilot phase and any permanent program (should the Board decide to continue past the proposed pilot period), including but not limited to the federal Freedom to Move Act;
- D. Pursue reasonable cost-sharing agreements with school districts;
 - 1. Seek to take advantage and leverage any existing student transportation fee programs (e.g., student-approved LACCD fees);

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2. Seek to preserve existing funding agreements between school districts and transit operators;
 - a. Wherever municipal operators have existing fareless agreements with community college districts, consider accepting muni student transit passes on Metro for the duration of the pilot;
 3. Seek new funding agreements for districts without any existing discounted or fareless student pass programs (e.g., U-Pass);
- E. Consider pursuing private funding opportunities, including but not limited to philanthropic partnerships;

Follow-Up

- F. Report to the Board monthly on the development, launch, and performance of the Fareless System Initiative. The first update should include:
1. A mission statement and goals for the FSI pilot;
 2. Lists of interested municipal operators, school districts, and community college districts;
 3. An update on the refined FSI financial plan; and
 4. Identification of a cross-departmental implementation team.

Hahn Amendment: Direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a financial plan for the implementation of a Fareless System Initiative that meets the conditions provided below to the Board's satisfaction:

1. Municipal and local operators that choose to participate will be fully included and provided the same type of fare subsidy as Metro transit operations, in order to ensure a seamless rider experience regardless of geographic location or transit provider;
2. The initiative is funded without reducing existing transit operations or state of good repair expenditures or by using regional funding typically committed to bus and rail transit operations or intended for the capital program;

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3. Opportunities to expand or adjust existing fare subsidy programs to maximize community benefit have been studied and presented to the Board; and,

4. An initiative can be scaled and/or targeted in a manner that best aligns with Metro’s Equity Platform, adopted by the Board in March 2018.

MITCHELL AMENDMENT: Direct Metro CEO to Continue the current fare collection policy in perpetuity until the Metro Board is satisfied with a financial plan for Fareless.

BONIN AMENDMENT:

1. Report back in the financial plan with information on the costs, including administration, technology, and enforcement, of the proposed pilot program compared to a universal fare-free system.
2. Include in the overall final program evaluation:
 - a. Reach of the program, including student and low-income participation rates.
 - b. Effectiveness of the program in improving mobility, increasing student attendance and performance, shifting travel behavior, reducing automobile use, and increasing transit ridership.
 - c. The net cost of the program and cost per rider.

SOLIS AMENDMENT: Report back on the feasibility of using the Federal American Rescue plan funding for the pilot.

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46. SUBJECT: FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE

2021-0364

WITHDRAWN:

APPROVE Motion by Directors Hahn, Solis, Najarian, Butts, Sandoval, and Dutra that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

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Postpone the implementation of any Fareless System Initiative until the conditions provided below have been met to the Board's satisfaction:

1. Municipal operators that choose to participate will be fully included and provided the same type of fare subsidy as Metro transit operations, in order to ensure a seamless rider experience regardless of geographic location or transit provider;
2. The initiative is funded without reducing existing transit operations or state of good repair expenditures or by using regional funding typically committed to bus and rail transit operations or intended for the capital program;
3. Opportunities to expand or adjust existing fare subsidy programs to maximize community benefit have been studied and presented to the Board; and,
4. An 18-month initiative can be scaled and/or targeted in a manner that best aligns with Metro's Equity Platform, adopted by the Board in March 2018.

47. SUBJECT: 710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

2021-0368

APPROVED Motion by Directors Solis, Sandoval, Butts, Garcetti, and Mitchell that direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Immediately ~~cease~~ suspend further work to advance the current 710 South Corridor Project EIR/EIS;
2. Evaluate all improvements included in the EIR/EIS that can be advanced separately from mainline 710 South infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, projects related to active transportation, operational improvements, clean truck infrastructure, and community health;
3. Identify additional locally-supported projects that can be advanced to enhance mobility along the 710 South Corridor and complement the non-freeway projects mentioned above, including but not limited to the West Santa Ana Branch, the LA River/Rio Hondo Confluence Station, LA River Master Plan, Rail to River and the Atlantic Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit;

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4. Collaborate with corridor cities, local stakeholders, community based organizations, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Gateway Council of Governments to conduct outreach and develop a funding plan in order to advance a revised Early Action Program that includes projects identified in Directives 2 and 3. The revised Early Action Program should emphasize shovel ready projects and prioritize partnerships with labor to advance Metro’s Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy;
5. Report back on all directives in September 2021.

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

48. SUBJECT: I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

2021-0365

APPROVED Motion by Directors Hahn, Solis, Butts, and Dutra that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board in July 2021 on:

1. Why the EPA concluded the project does not meet conformity requirements and why Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin stated that Caltrans cannot support the Project “in its current format”;
2. Identify what elements of the Project can either be moved forward or modified in order to get State and Federal support, including but not limited to: price-managed freeway lanes, zero emissions-only truck lanes, short- and long-haul rail, Atlantic Avenue bus rapid transit, Metrolink capital and service improvements, and State and Federal funding for near-zero and zero-emissions goods movement investments earmarked for the I-710 South Corridor;
3. If inclusion of some or all of the elements in Directive 2 above will be enough to get State and Federal support for the Project or if it needs to be reimagined entirely; and,
4. A plan for re-engaging cities and stakeholders along the corridor.

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

49. SUBJECT: WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 3 PROJECT

2021-0221

AUTHORIZED:

- A. Holding a public hearing on the proposed Resolution of Necessity; and
- B. Adopting the Resolution of Necessity authorizing the commencement of an eminent domain action to acquire the exclusive subsurface easements from the properties identified as Parcels W-4001-1, W-4001-2, W-4001-3 (APN: 4319-003-066) and W-4002-1 (APN: 4319-003-063), acquire a 6-month temporary construction easement from the property identified as Parcel W-4001-7, and acquire a 12-month access area for installation and monitoring of liquid level gauge devices (APN: 4319-003-066). The properties listed above are herein referred to as “the Property.”

REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

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

50. SUBJECT: WESTSIDE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 3 PROJECT

2021-0240

AUTHORIZED:

- A. HOLDING a public hearing on the proposed Resolution of Necessity.
- B. ADOPTING the Resolution of Necessity authorizing the commencement of an eminent domain action to acquire a portion of the leasehold interests, related leasehold improvements, and related improvements pertaining to APN: 4363-023-032 (hereinafter called the “Property Interests”) as shown in Attachment C.

REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE

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

51. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION

2021-0359

A. Conference with Real Estate Negotiator - G.C. 54956.8

- 1. Property Description: 800 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 Agency Negotiator: Holly Rockwell or designee
 Negotiating Party: Spirited Group, LLC, dba Imperial Western Beer Company
 Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Authorized real estate negotiator to negotiate lease terms for locations within Union Station. The terms of each lease will be made publicly available after execution by the parties of the lease agreements.

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

- 2. Property Description: 800 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 Agency Negotiator: Holly Rockwell or designee
 Negotiating Party: Starbucks Corporation
 Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Authorized real estate negotiator to negotiate lease terms for locations within Union Station. The terms of each lease will be made publicly available after execution by the parties of the lease agreements.

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

ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

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