



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2017 – 9:30 AM
METRO ADMIN OFFICES
110 VERNON STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, August 4, 2017 at the METRO Admin offices, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

1 CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 AM by Chair Dutra.

2 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present, representing a quorum:

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| Director Ed Bottorff | City of Capitola |
| Director Cynthia Chase | City of Santa Cruz |
| Director Jimmy Dutra, Board Chair | City of Watsonville |
| Director Norm Hagen | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director John Leopold | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Donna Lind | City of Scotts Valley |
| Director Cynthia Mathews | City of Santa Cruz |
| Director Bruce McPherson, Board Vice Chair | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Dan Rothwell | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Mike Rotkin | County of Santa Cruz |
| Vacant Ex-Officio Director | UC Santa Cruz |
| Ex Officio Director Liber McKee | Cabrillo College |

Directors Chase, Leopold and McPherson were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Clifford
Julie Sherman

METRO CEO/General Manager
METRO General Counsel

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Angela Aitken, METRO
Marilyn Garrett, bus rider

Larry Pageler, UCSC
Becky Steinbruner, private citizen

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having none, Chair Dutra moved to the next item.

4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Having none, Chair Dutra moved to the next item.

5 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, expressed several concerns, including those listed below, about the relocation of the bus stop in Aptos Village (inbound route 71):

- 5% slope at stop with no resting platforms will cause problems with people who have mobility issues
- Final specifications from County were not given to METRO before it went out to bid
- Bus bay is narrow and could cause traffic issues
- Lost line of sight for cars
- Will lose bike lane because of bus stop bay
- Concerns over contaminated dirt hauled away from site

Marilyn Garrett, member of the public, echoed Ms. Steinbruner's concerns, distributed documents pertinent to her concerns and added comments regarding:

- Second-hand radiation use of cell phone usage on buses

Hearing no further comments, Chair Dutra moved to the next agenda item.

6 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Having none, Chair Dutra moved to the next item.

7 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None

8 CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CEO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S BUS AND BUS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND TO COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT

Tom Hiltner, Grants/Legislative Analyst, noted that METRO had secured funds for a 50% overmatch to the federal share of \$2.73 million to replace 9 buses at \$606k per bus. Staff requests approval to overmatch the grant amount to provide a competitive advantage to the grant application. The minimum required match is 15%, and the 50% overmatch is based upon successful grant applications in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 cycles. Staff recommends that the Board commit \$2.73 million for a total project of \$5.46 million to replace 9 of the oldest diesel buses (circa 1998) with 9 CNG buses.

Discussion among the board members and METRO staff continued with the Board suggesting METRO reach out to various legislators, local agencies and local cities to solicit their support for the grant funding effort.

Public comment:

