



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA MEETING MINUTES*
MAY 17, 2019 – 9:00 AM
WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
275 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE, CA**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Watsonville City Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville, CA.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER at 9:04 AM by Chair Bottorff.

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

Director Ed Bottorff	City of Capitola
Director Trina Coffman-Gomez	City of Watsonville
Director Aurelio Gonzalez	City of Watsonville
Director John Leopold	County of Santa Cruz AR 9:38A
Director Donna Lind	City of Scotts Valley
Director Cynthia Mathews	City of Santa Cruz
Director Donna Meyers	City of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson	County of Santa Cruz
Director Larry Pageler	County of Santa Cruz
Director Dan Rothwell	County of Santa Cruz
Director Mike Rotkin	County of Santa Cruz
Ex-Officio Director Alta Northcutt	Cabrillo College
Ex-Officio Director Stephen Preston	UCSC

Ex-officio Director Preston was 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:

Heather Adamson, AMBAG
Walter Allen, public
Joe Cappanco, SMART 0023
Joshua Chelise, SMART 23
Sarah Christensen, RTC
Brandon Freeman, SMART 0023

Joan Jeffries, SEIU
Bonnie Morr, Local 23
James Sandoval, SMART 23
Rebecca Valdivra, public
Daniel Zaragoza, SCMTD

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3-1. Carlos Landaverry introduced his Spanish language interpretation services, which will be available during "Oral Communications" and for any other agenda item for which these services are needed.
- 3-2. Today's meeting is being broadcast by Community Television of Santa Cruz County.
- 3-3. Today's City of Watsonville technician is Ms. Mindy Esqueda.

4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Gonzalez informed the assembly that refurbishing the mural at the WTC will commence May 25-26.

Director Coffman-Gomez added the WTC clock tower is back in operation.

5 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Public Comment:

Brian Peoples, TrailNow representative, spoke of their past support to METRO and voiced his opposition METRO's support of corridor development. He asked that the corridor be open and non-exclusive to government-operated transit and that METRO work with the entire community.

Lowell Hurst, City of Watsonville Mayor, welcomed the assembly to Watsonville.

Vice Chair Rotkin and CEO Clifford clarified METRO's stance on the corridor development.

6 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAC (if applicable)

Having none, Chair Bottorff moved to the next agenda item.

7 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Having none, Chair Bottorff moved to the next agenda item.

8 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

CEO Clifford brought the assembly's attention to a revision to agenda item 9-14; there are now two vacancies on the MAC.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 9-01 RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS
- 9-02 ACCEPT AND FILE: PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019
- 9-03 ACCEPT AND FILE: MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND THE MAY 10, 2019 FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
- 9-04 ACCEPT AND FILE: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ACTIVE GRANTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF FY19
- 9-05 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019

- 9-06 ACCEPT AND FILE: METRO SYSTEM RIDERSHIP REPORTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF FY19
- 9-07 APPROVE: STATE ROUTE 1 BUS ON SHOULDERS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
- 9-08 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2019
- 9-09 CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING VEHICLES AND/OR EQUIPMENT AS EXCESS FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL OR AUCTION
- 9-10 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A 2ND AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH FIRST ALARM SECURITY AND PATROL, INC. FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES
- 9-11 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FLYERS ENERGY, LLC FOR OFF-SITE FUELING SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$885,000
- 9-12 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A 2ND CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LUMENATURE TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$19,778 FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFIT
- 9-13 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A 7TH AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR WITH ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, INCREASING THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000
- 9-14 APPROVE: METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) MEMBER'S RESIGNATION
- 9-15 APPROVE: AUTHORIZATION OF A LEAD CUSTODIAL SERVICE WORKER POSITION IN THE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Public Comment:

Rick Longonetti spoke to agenda item 9-07 and the accompanying presentation.

Director Mathews requested METRO ensure the entire community is considered when filling the MAC vacancies. .

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR COFFMAN-GOMEZ

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Meyers, Pageler, Rotkin and Rothwell). Director Leopold was absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 10 PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS FOR GEORGE FELDER (35 years), FEDERICO ROCHA (15 years), CATALINO VASQUEZ (15 years)**
Ed Bottorff, Board Chair, introduced COO, Ciro Aguirre, who provided brief bios on each employee.

Anna Marie Gouveia, Operations Manager, Fixed Route Division, added accolades and anecdotes regarding Mr. Felder.

Mr. Felder expressed his appreciation for his coworkers.

Freddy Rocha, spoke of his coworkers and the time he's spent with METRO. He is grateful to be part of the METRO family.

Mr. Vasquez was not present.

11 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION, RETIREE: JUSTINA O'HAGIN

In the absence of Ms. O'Hagin, Ed Bottorff, Board Chair, spoke briefly of her years with METRO.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR COFFMAN-GOMEZ

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Meyers, Pageler, Rotkin and Rothwell). Director Leopold was absent.

Director Coffman-Gomez suggested employee recognition photos or brief comments be included on METRO's website

12 INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIXED ROUTE AND PARACRUZ OPERATORS

Chris Sullivan, ParaCruz Supervisor, proudly introduced the four PC operators present, adding that Ms. Jennifer Kortright was not present.

Sara Hewitt is enjoying her new career and striving for on time performance

Juan Serrano thanked METRO for the opportunity.

Rodrigo Mojica is enjoying working for METRO and is striving to make it a pleasurable experience for all.

Anthony Frey said he is happy to be with METRO and echoed Ms. Hewitt's interest in customer service.

Casey Espinoza, Fixed Route Bus Operator, was not present.

Ex-officio Director Northcutt acknowledged everyone for joining a marvelous team and spoke of her experiences with ParaCruz as wonderful and rider friendly. She applauds their service to community members and students alike.

13 CEO ORAL REPORT

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, spoke on a variety of issues.

He welcomed new Marketing, Communications & Customer Service Director, Jayme Ackemann and provided a brief bio. Ms. Ackemann thanked METRO for the opportunity and expressed her enthusiasm to be working in the local community.

New Hires:

04/29/2019 Rick Jimenez – Purchasing Assistant / Buyer

05/13/2019 Jayme Ackerman - Marketing, Communications & Customer Service Director

Promotions:

- 05/16/2019 Michael Rios promoted from Transit Supervisor to Assistant Safety Training Coordinator
- 05/2/2019 Anson Mayweather promoted from Provisional employee to Revenue Account Coordinator

CEO Clifford spoke briefly of federal infrastructure program possibilities.

The UCSC vote is happening this week from May 15-22 and includes a measure for students to consider allocating additional transit fee dollars. Vice Chair Rotkin added that instructors are encouraging student turnout in the election.

Director Leopold arrived 9:38A

There was no public comment.

14 ACCEPT AND FILE: PRESENTATIONS

a. UNDERSTANDING OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) & OUR NET OPEB LIABILITY (NOL)

Angela Aitken, CFO, provided commentary to the presentation, stressing the differences between the two presentations. These two presentations are information only; no action requested/required.

CEO Clifford spoke to METRO status as compared to those experiences of other agencies, stressing the importance of addressing this issue. He proposed that METRO will begin a series of strategic discussions with the Finance, Budget and Audit Standing Committee.

b. UNDERSTANDING CALPERS & OUR UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAL)

Angela Aitken, CFO, spoke to the presentations.

Public comment:

Rich Gabriel, retiree, expressed support for continued benefits for METRO retirees.

Vice Chair Rotkin voiced his support for the general approach presented.

Director Leopold echoed his support and encouraged the opportunity to engage employees and unions to address the situation.

Ex-officio Northcutt spoke of her experiences with a similar situation.

Director Coffman-Gomez stressed the importance of keeping an open mind as this matter is addressed.

Various Directors thanked Ms. Aitken and her staff for their presentation and efforts.

15 CONSIDERATION OF SANTA CRUZ METRO'S FY20 AND FY21 OPERATING BUDGETS, FY20 CAPITAL BUDGET AND A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 28, 2019

Angela Aitken, CFO, spoke to the presentation, bringing the assembly's attention to page 15E.1 which delineates the \$2M transfer discussed in agenda item 14.

Vice Chair Rotkin requested staff provide information at a future date regarding the cost of providing ParaCruz service over time.

Director Mathews will provide the Finance Committee with information so that METRO can consider joining the Business Council.

Ex-officio Northcutt applauded METRO and Cabrillo in their collaborative efforts to increase ridership amidst declining enrollment in junior colleges nationwide.

Director Mathews and Meyers addressed METRO's capital requirements and the work to be undertaken by the Capital Projects Standing Committee. CEO Clifford clarified the timeframe and use of the \$2M capital funding outlined in the presentation.

Director McPherson departed at 10:55AM

There was no public comment.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON SANTA CRUZ METRO'S FY20 AND FY21 OPERATING BUDGET, FY20 CAPITAL BUDGET

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR COFFMAN-GOMEZ

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Leopold, Lind, Mathews, Meyers, Pageler, Rotkin and Rothwell). Director McPherson was absent.

16 REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Julie Sherman, General Counsel, announced the items to be discussed in today's closed session, noting the Board will not be taking any reportable action today.

17 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019 AT 9:00 AM, AT WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 275 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE, CA

Ed Bottorff, Board Chair

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at 11:19A

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 12:58A

Chair Bottorff adjourned the meeting at 12:59A

Bus-in-Auxiliary Lane?
Or Bus-Only Lane?



Please ask consultant to consider bus-on-shoulder options that don't assume construction of auxiliary lanes.



Potential Bus on Right or Left Shoulder

From Bus on Shoulder Feasibility Study (2018)



- Potential site for bus on right shoulder
- Potential site for bus on right shoulder (shoulder-widening needed)
- Potential site for bus on left shoulder
- Potential site for bus on left shoulder (shoulder-widening needed)

North bound approaching Soquel Dr. exit

Attachment



Bus needs a 10 ft. lane

Cost comparison

Bus in Auxiliary Lane Between Morrissey & State Park

Approx \$100 million for 4 miles of
aux lanes (Soquel to State Park Dr.)

Additional cost \$8 million

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Bus on Rt. Shoulder Lane Between Morrissey & Freedom excluding 41st to Capitola Ave.; State Park to south railroad bridge

\$12 million for southbound lane

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Bus on Median Between Morrissey & Freedom

\$ ___?

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Cost of new buses for express service???

Please ask consultant to consider options that don't assume construction of auxiliary lanes

- Because auxiliary lanes won't reduce congestion

“In the southbound corridor in the PM peak hour...the Auxiliary Lane Alternative would slightly worsen traffic operations.”

- Highway 1 EIR (2019)

Please ask consultant to consider options that don't assume construction of auxiliary lanes

- Because auxiliary lanes won't improve safety

“The total accident rates overall and by segment in 2035 under the TSM Alternative would be the same as the accident rates for the No Build Alternative.”

- Hwy 1 EIR

Disadvantages of Bus-on-Auxiliary Lane

- Bus gets stuck in auxiliary lane traffic
- Misses opportunity for median bus-only lane
- Would be built piecemeal, meaning years of construction
- Ends at State Park Dr.
- Wastes precious local transportation dollars on ineffectual auxiliary lanes

Please ask consultant to consider options that don't assume construction of auxiliary lanes



Thank you!

Attachment

