

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE SANTA CRUZ METRO'S DRAFT FY24 AND FY25 OPERATING BUDGETS, FY24 CAPITAL BUDGET, AND A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2023

MOTION: DIRECTOR DUTRA SECOND: DIRECTOR QUIROZ-CARTER

MOTION PASSED WITH 9 AYES (Directors Downing, Dutra, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, Lind, McPherson, Newsome, Pageler, and Quiroz-Carter). Directors Brown and Rotkin were absent.

13 PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 9:37 AM.

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson opened the public hearing on adoption of the California Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) Ordinance to provide informal bidding procedures for the public projects. Julie Sherman, General Counsel, stated this is a continuation of the process started last month when the Board had its first reading of the ordinance and adopted a resolution to opt into the CUPCCAA program. She gave a brief review of the benefits of implementing the program.

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 9:39 AM.

14 APPROVE: WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS; ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE II OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE—PROCUREMENT POLICY

Director Downing asked if the agency has any procedures in place to hire locally to keep these tax dollars in Santa Cruz County. General Counsel Sherman responded that it depends on the funding. If you are using FTA (Federal Transit Administration) funding, you are not allowed to have a geographic preference, except in certain limited circumstances. If the Board is inclined, it can request staff to look into this outside of a federally funded context. It may or may not have success because in this area it can be hard to get local bids on these projects, but legally it is something you could do in certain circumstances.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: MOTION TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE II OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE—PROCUREMENT POLICY

MOTION: DIRECTOR KOENIG SECOND: DIRECTOR PAGELER

MOTION PASSED WITH 9 AYES (Directors Downing, Dutra, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, Lind, McPherson, Newsome, Pageler, and Quiroz-Carter). Directors Brown and Rotkin were absent.

15 CEO ORAL REPORT

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, discussed the following topics:

- Bus Operators – Five have been released into service, 14 are in the current classroom, and 72 applications have been received for the next class.
- Articulated Buses – The Board approved this purchase today.
- Commendation of Travis Havens – He is a Bus Operator who went above and beyond his duties. He noticed a young female slumped over at a bus stop. He pulled over to see if she was okay. She had a weak pulse so he called the paramedics and they were able to revive her.
- ARCHES (Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems) – A consortium made up of 20 transit agencies in California who are partnering with other vendors and experts on hydrogen to apply for federal funding to build a hydrogen plant and keep the price of hydrogen fuel down.
- South County Facility – still negotiating the lease on that property. A lot of people own that property and are weighing in on the lease price. We continue to work with the broker to close the deal.
- TIRCP Grant – still working on solidifying a celebration in Watsonville regarding the TIRCP grant.
- Save the Date - July 22, 2023 – Agency Roadeo and Picnic at Judy K. Souza Operations Facility.

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson asked if METRO has NARCAN on the buses and if that is something we could explore. CEO Tree said we are discussing it with our insurance company regarding the liability issues.

There were no public comments.

16 RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:53 AM.

General Counsel Sherman announced there are two closed sessions. The first is the public employee performance evaluation for the CEO position and the second is an update with labor negotiators on all three labor unions.

There were no public comments.

Scott Newsome left at 10:10 AM.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1); CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative:	Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Board Chair
Title/Unrepresented Employee:	Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

Following the Closed Session, the Board may consider potential actions to amend the Employment Agreement of the CEO/General Manager and to adopt a revised Salary Schedule.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
Patrick Glenn, Legal Counsel

Employee Organizations: SMART, Local 23 - Fixed Route
SMART, Local 23 - ParaCruz
SEIU, Local 521

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:55 AM

17 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Julie Sherman, General Counsel, said there was no reportable action from either of the closed sessions.

18 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the METRO Admin Office, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz.

19 ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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