



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES*
JUNE 11, 2021 – 10:30AM
MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE**

A regular meeting of the Capital Projects Standing Committee of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, June 11, 2021, via teleconference.

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- 1 CALL TO ORDER** at 10:30 AM by Director McPherson
- 2 ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were **present** via teleconference, representing a quorum:

Director Bruce McPherson
Director Donna Meyers
Director Larry Pageler

County of Santa Cruz
City of Santa Cruz
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Alex Clifford
Julie Sherman

METRO CEO/General Manager
General Counsel

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

Wondimu Mengistu
John Urgo

METRO Grants/Legislative Analyst
METRO Planning & Development Director

- 3 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Having none, Director McPherson moved to the next agenda item.

- 4 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Having none, Director McPherson moved to the next agenda item.

- 5 CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CEO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE SOUTH COUNTY ZERO-EMISSIONS OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

CEO Clifford provided brief commentary to the staff report and corrected the second sentence in the third bullet on page 5.3 to read “Staff intendeded to apply “ Today’s request is asking the committee to recommend the full Board of Directors approve a resolution to apply for a grant as referenced herein. He reminded the assembly that METRO had a south county facility pre-Loma Prieta earthquake; but no longer owns the property.

Wondimu Mengistu, Grants/Legislative Analyst, echoed CEO Clifford's comments, adding the new facility grant will not require a local funding match from METRO. In addition, the required capacity has yet to be determined taking into consideration current needs, future growth, etc.

Director Meyers asked if a facility such as this would be able to service any other agencies; that is, are there any benefits for additional community needs? CEO Clifford said this will be explored in the planning stage.

Director Pageler was pleased with the secondary resiliency factor this provides and opportunities for possible battery energy storage and partnership with local agencies.

John Urgo, Planning & Development Director, said boundaries will be identified as related to deadheading buses from one end of the County to the other and reducing that expense to the extent possible.

Time is of the essence in applying for this grant as well as any construction grants to achieve our goal.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: MOTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CEO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE SOUTH COUNTY ZERO-EMISSIONS OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY AS PRESENTED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION: DIRECTOR PAGELER

SECOND: DIRECTOR MEYERS

Motion passed unanimously.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Director McPherson adjourned the meeting at 10:59AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye
Executive Assistant