



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hofbauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Steve Hofbauer, Director Richard Loa, Director Raj Malhi, Director Michelle Flanagan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Fran Sereseres – Thanked AVTA for providing Dial-A-Ride service to the Senior Expo.

SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP):

SRP 1 PRESENTATION TO AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins presented the award to Cecil Foust, Maintenance Compliance Manager.

SRP 2 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MV Transportation General Manager Michael Sherrill presented awards to the Operator of the Month Dorei Galvan and the Employee of the month Hector Vargas.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the award to Raquel Carr.

SRP 4 MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT

Mr. Minasyan presented the report.

SRP 5 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry reported on Federal Appropriations for FFY 2023, small bus industry crisis and current backlog, the Governor's special session regarding gas prices, MTA's proposed fare changes, AVTA's approved application for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program, and the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization's adoption of a long-term aspirational goal of making carbon emissions from air travel net zero by 2050.

She announced that she accepted the award honoring AVTA as the "Most Accomplished" at the APTA TRANSform Conference and recently passed APTA's course to become a credentialed Environmental and Sustainable Infrastructure professional.

SRP 6 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SCOTT WILK’S OFFICE

Shawntwayne Cannon, Field Representative for Senator Scott Wilk, provided an update on the 2022 legislative session. He added that the Governor has called a Special Session to be convened on December 5th to consider a windfall tax on oil companies that would go directly back to California taxpayers.

Two of Senator Wilk’s Bills that were signed by the Governor in September included: 1) Senate Bill (SB) 1271, which will increase oversight by requiring that the terms & conditions of no-bid contracts of \$75 million or more entered on or after January 1, 2023, to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee prior to a renewal or extension, ensuring that no-bid contracts are not simply auto-renewed; and 2) SB 1089, which will extend the sunset date from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2035, of an existing law that requires the CA State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the CA Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to divest from investments in Turkey 18 months after the federal government imposes sanctions on the Turkish Government for its refusal to take responsibility for the Armenian Genocide.

Senator Wilk opposed Assembly Bill (2147), a major Bill signed by Governor Newsom that prohibits police officers from giving pedestrians tickets for jaywalking unless there is an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle and would make it legal to cross a street when not at a crosswalk or against the crosswalk light when it is not an immediate hazard to do so.

SRP 7 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN TOM LACKEY

Assemblyman Tom Lackey spoke of the value of public transportation. He shared his opposition to AB 2147, which decriminalizes jaywalking in most cases, and SB 930 (4 a.m. Bar Bill), which would allow closing times for on-sale retailers to be extended from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. He added that he co-authored 24 bills that became law, his office secured five budget requests totaling \$29.3 million for emergency management, which includes fire protection, public safety, housing construction for veterans, and research, and noted the importance of having the infrastructure in place as the state moves toward zero-emission vehicles.

SRP 8 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT

Operations Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The Board discussed the average miles between service interruptions.

SRP 9 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT

Mr. Sherrill presented the report. The Board discussed on-time performance, how loading wheelchairs affects on-time performance, disciplinary action for passenger pass-ups, whether new or veteran operators are the offenders of passenger pass-ups, and stopping at every stop. Mr. Sherrill will differentiate whether it is new or veteran operators who are passing up passengers. Chairman Crist directed staff to schedule a strategic planning workshop in December with AVTA and MV staff, and the Board members.

PUBLIC HEARING (PH):

PH 1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE REVISED DUPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Chairman Crist opened the Public Hearing. Records Management Technician II Paulina Hurley presented the staff report. There was no public input regarding this item. Chairman Crist closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-014 approving the revised Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests.

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Malhi

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2022.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022
Receive and file the Financial Report for September 2022.

CC 3 FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 (FY 2023) FIRST - QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) REPORT (JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022)

Receive and file the FY 2023 First Quarter LASD report for the period covering July 1 through September 30, 2022.

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar as comprised.

Moved by Director Loa, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 CONTRACT #2023-20 TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR IN-HOUSE IT BACKUP ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Foust presented the staff report.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute Contract #2023-20 with SHI International Corp for the In-House IT Backup Environment for an amount of \$79,957.31, plus applicable sales tax

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Hofbauer

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NB 2 CONTRACT #2023-16 TO MEDALLION CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE REFINISHED EPOXY FLOORING, PAINTED CEILINGS AND WALLS PROJECT

Mr. Foust presented the staff report.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to execute Contract #2023-16 with Medallion Contracting, Inc. Lancaster, CA, for the refinished epoxy flooring, painted ceilings and walls project for an amount of \$911,760, plus applicable permit fees and sales tax.

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NB 3 CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CONTRACT #2022-24 WITH BYD MOTORS INC. TO ADD AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) EQUIPMENT TO EIGHT 40-FOOT BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES

Procurement and Contracts Officer Lyle Block presented the staff report.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to execute Contract Amendment No. 3 to Contract #2022-24 with BYD Motors LLC to add ADA equipment to eight 40-foot battery-electric buses for an additional amount not to exceed \$26,522, plus applicable sales tax. The total purchase will not exceed \$6,016,648, plus applicable sales tax.

Moved by Vice Chair Knippel, seconded by Director Loa

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Mr. Tompkins thanked staff and the Board members for their support during his leave.

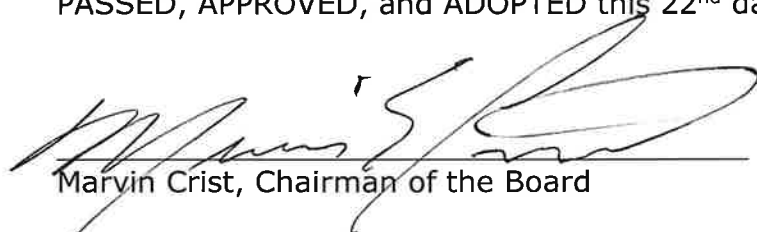
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Chairman Crist noted he had received many complaints about the unhoused being put on the Metrolink by other organizations and disembarking at the Lancaster Metrolink Station, the last stop on the line. He directed staff to research the cost of creating a bus bridge from the Lancaster Metrolink Station to the Palmdale Metrolink Station, and the Palmdale Metrolink Station to the Acton Metrolink Station.

ADJOURNMENT:


Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:20 to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on November 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of NOVEMBER 2022.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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