

STANISLAUS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of February 03, 2022
(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment in real time during the meeting.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jenny Kenoyer, Chris Ricci (City of Modesto); Terry Withrow (arrived during Item 6A), Channce Condit (Stanislaus County); Richard O'Brien (Representing the smaller cities other than Modesto and Turlock); Tomas Gomez-Arias (Citizen Member)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Carla Strong

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Barth (CEO), Monica Streeter (General Counsel), Nicole Hensley, Leticia Ortiz, Angela Swanson, Darla Moen, Stephanie Fields, Megan Distaso

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Helton, Rosa Park, Edith Robles, Josephine Oshana, Philip McGuire, Bobbi Wayman, Clint Miller, Jean Foletta, Jennipher Marquez, Nick Jensen, Rosa Garcia, Stacie Morales

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenny Kenoyer opened the meeting at 1:02pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes unless the Chair of the Board sets a different time limit. The Board cannot take action on matters not on the agenda, unless the action is authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

A member of the public expressed concern regarding Transdev and described the month as a rough start to the new service. He believes that service is improving and that the new fare structure is good. He appreciates lower fares which make it more cost efficient to ride the bus.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021 and January 20, 2022

B. Motion to Approve an Adopt Resolution 2022-039 Making the Required AB361 Finding for Continuation of Teleconference Meetings for the StanRTA Board of Directors for the period of February 4, 2022- March 6, 2022

***By Motion (Director Condit/Director Gomez-Arias), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved Items 5A and 5B of the Consent Calendar**

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-040 Approving the Submission of a Grant Application for the Measure L Community Connections Program for Bus Stop Improvements in the amount of \$1,000,000 and Authorizing the CEO to Execute all Required Documents

Adam Barth stated that the Grant Application was previously submitted to StanCOG and Board approval is still required. Funds are to be used to improve bus stops by providing amenities such as shelters and benches. Improving the stops helps improve ridership and there is a goal set of forty stops to be improved. Director O'Brien expressed his concern regarding receiving grant money without having a plan in place and suggested to wait until the COA is completed in the summer. He believes that applying for this grant should be postponed until there is a clear plan for its use. Director Ricci suggested having artwork be integrated into bus stops. Mr. Barth stated that artwork could not be added to stops with this grant. Director Gomez-Arias asked if this grant targets specific stops to which Mr. Barth replied that those with high ridership would be improved first. Nick Jensen commented that ridership is directly impacted by the stops that need improvement. Mr. Barth stated that the funds from this grant could be used for various stops in the system as needed. Ms. Streeter expressed that if the motion is not approved today there is no guarantee that these funds will be awarded at a future date.

(Vice Chair Withrow entered during discussion)

***By Motion (Director Ricci/Chair Kenoyer), and a 4-2 vote, Voting yes: Kenoyer, Ricci, Condit, Gomez-Arias; Voting no: Withrow, O'Brien) the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved the Submission of**

a Grant Application for the Measure L Community Connections Program for Bus Stop Improvements in the amount of \$1,000,000

- B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-041 Approving a 5-Year Agreement with Machado and Sons Construction, Inc. for bus stop concrete services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$554,055 and Authorizing the CEO to Execute the Agreement

Adam Barth stated that the Authority approved funding for bus stop improvements and the Agreement with Machado and Sons would have a contractor on call for concrete services as requested for those improvements. Mr. Barth stated that Machado and Sons was the lowest of two bidders. They have worked with the City of Modesto and perform good work. Mr. Barth stated that staff identifies a stop to improve whether it be a larger concrete pad or ADA ramp. Staff works with contractor to provide a scope of work. Costs are provided based on established rates within the agreement. Mr. O'Brien asked what responsibility local agencies have for concrete at bus stops. Mr. Barth responded that it is typical for the Authority to maintain all concrete at bus stops. Director O'Brien stated that he does not want stops improved that could possibly be removed once the COA findings are received. Mr. Barth explained that discretion would be used when improving bus stops. Mr. Withrow requested a detailed plan and report after the COA is completed.

(Director Ricci was no longer online during the vote)

***By motion, (Vice Chair Withrow/Director O'Brien), with direction to staff to prepare a bus stop improvement plan after the COA is complete, and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved a 5-Year Agreement with Machado and Sons Construction, Inc. for bus stop concrete services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$554,055**

- C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-042 Approving a 5-Year Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services for Landscape Maintenance Services

at the Downtown Transit Center and Amtrak Station for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$241,242 and Authorizing the CEO to Execute the Agreement

Mr. Barth stated that funds were budgeted for landscaping services and Transit funds are traditionally used to maintain these stations. Although Modesto owns both locations, Transit funds are used for maintenance. Mr. Barth stated that only one bid for landscape maintenance was received. Vice-Chair Withrow questioned as to whether other County facilities had a contract that could possibly cover the Authority's landscape needs. Mr. Barth stated that this should be an independent contract due to the nature and location of the work.

***By motion, (Vice Chair Withrow/Chair Kenoyer), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved a 5-Year Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services for Landscape Maintenance Services at the Downtown Transit Center and Amtrak Station for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$241,242**

- D. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-043 Approving an Agreement with AngelTrax for Equipment and Installation of a Video Surveillance System on 33 Authority Vehicles for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$154,480 and Authorizing the CEO to Execute the Agreement

Adam Barth stated that this purchase is to outfit the StART buses with a new video surveillance system. The existing system is outdated and ready for replacement. Mr. Barth stated that this surveillance system is well reviewed by the staff. Mr. O'Brien asked if the system is compatible with the system at the Transit Center to which Mr. Barth replied that it is not the same. He explained that local law enforcement is able to view video upon request. Mr. O'Brien suggested a single access point for both systems inside the bus as well as at the Transit Center. A member of the public asked if the information captured available to the general public. Mr. Barth expressed that the system is for internal use and for law enforcement.

***By motion (Vice Chair Withrow/Director Condit), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved the Agreement with AngelTrax for Equipment Installation of a Video Surveillance System on 33 Authority Vehicles for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$154,480**

- E. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-044 Approving the Public Participation Plan Required under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Authorizing the CEO to Implement the Plan

Angela Swanson stated that the Public Participation Plan is a requirement for agencies and outlines the types of outreach that will be implemented in the community when there are fare or service changes. Ms. Swanson stated that the Authority will use all means reasonably possible to reach out to the public to give them access to the decision making process. Mr. O'Brien expressed that a public participation plan is important for the Authority. A member of the public stated that there was not much public comment solicited in the last year. Ms. Swanson stated that COVID was a factor and that new processes within the new agency will allow for more public outreach on a regular basis.

***By motion (Chair Kenoyer/Director Condit), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved the Public Participation Plan**

- F. Motion to Accept the FY 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

Leticia Ortiz stated details regarding the 2020/21 found in the Auditor's Report. Vice Chair Withrow asked why buses are not shown as assets on the report provided. Ms. Ortiz stated that the Authority did not own them at the time this report was generated for the 20/21 FY. Chair O'Brien mentioned that he would like to see the Authority use a local company rather than one out of area. Ms. Ortiz stated that there was no RFP but that the Board voted for Brown Armstrong.

***By motion (Chair Vice Chair Withrow/Director O'Brien), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved the FY 2020/21 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS – None

8. CEO REPORT –

Adam Barth stated that the startup of Transdev has not been without Challenges. Authority staff is in contact with Transdev staff daily and are committed to figuring out how to improve internal processes. Vice Chair Withrow questioned the management changes that have occurred with Transdev and suggested that the Board meet with Transdev to add emphasis on the importance of resolving issues. Mr. Barth stated that he and staff are at the Transit Center daily to observe and educate Transdev employees to help resolve issues. Mr. Barth stated that the Authority has received the Existing Conditions Report from the ongoing COA process. O'Brien believes that staff is doing a good job and agrees with a meeting with Transdev.

9. DIRECTORS REPORTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

