

STANISLAUS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of April 28, 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 (City of Modesto); Terry Withrow, Chance Condit (arrived during Consent) (Stanislaus County); Carla Strong, Tomas Gomez-Arias (Citizen Members)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Chris Ricci (City of Modesto); Richard O'Brien (Representing the smaller cities other than Modesto And Turlock)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Machado, Jennipher Marquez, Debbie Trujillo, Philip McGuire, Jason Helton, Karen Dunger,

Jean Foletta, Nick Jensen, D'Mitri Williams, Christopher Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenny Kenoyer opened the meeting at 1:08 pm

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 reported that the operation of the bus system has much improved over the last month and that the buses seem to be running on time.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Director Tomas Gomez-Arias (presented after Discussion/Action Items)

Adam Barth recognized Director Gomez-Arias' service to the Board with the presentation of a plaque, thanking him for his time on the Board.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting Minutes of April 28,2022
- B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-057 Updating Bank Signers
- C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-058 Accepting the Triennial Performance Audit for the Fiscal Year ended June 30,2021

***By Motion, (Director Withrow/Director Gomez-Arias), and a 4-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved Items 6A, 6B, and 6C of the Consent Calendar**

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-059 Approving the Demand Response No Show Policy

Angela Swanson stated that the Demand Response No Show Policy is an FTA approved policy that provides a progressive series of temporary suspension of service based upon a pattern of missed trips. Ms. Swanson stated that there are twenty-nine riders as of April 2022 that could be affected by this policy. This policy would become effective in July 2022 and riders that are at risk of suspension will be notified in May and again in June 2022. This first level of suspension will be a seven-day suspension and no one will be cut off from service without several

weeks of notice. All riders will have ample time to reschedule medical appointments if needed. Director Gomez-Arias asked if there is any known negative outcome of implementing this sort of policy to which Ms. Swanson stated that subscription riders could be negatively impacted. This situation could be considered a mitigating circumstance and ultimately would not be considered grounds for suspension. Director Strong asked if a rider will have the opportunity to ride again after a suspension ends to which Ms. Swanson replied yes. Director Condit stated that he appreciated the information that was given and that he has constituents that have been affected by service. Nick Jensen, a member of the public, asked if there will be resources sent to suspended riders for alternate modes of transportation during a suspended period to which Ms. Swanson explained that this would defeat the purpose of the suspension and accountability for the rider.

***By Motion (Director Gomez-Arias/Director Condit), and a 5-0 Vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved the Demand Response No Show Policy**

- B . Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-060 Approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Cost of Living Adjustment for Authority Employees

Leticia Ortiz stated that on March 24, 2022 the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget which included a 3% COLA increase for Authority employees. At that time, it was stated that this matter would

be presented to the Board for formal approval. The 3% COLA will account for less than 2% of the \$2.1 million budgeted for the 22/23 Fiscal Year. This increase would take effect July 01,2022

***By Motion, (Director Withrow, Director Gomez-Arias), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved the Cost of Living Adjustment for Authority Employees**

- C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-061 Approving Amendment 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Transit Services with the City of Escalon and Authorize the CEO to Execute the Same

Mr. Barth stated that it is in the best interest of the Authority to stop Services with Escalon due to a number of reasons. Mr. Barth noted several differences between the services including fare structure. This amendment would allow continued operation through December 2022 if needed while ETrans solicits a new contractor for operations. Director Condit asked how confident Mr. Barth feels that Escalon will be able to find a new contractor. Mr. Barth said that he feels that they would easily find a contractor. Director Gomez-Arias asked if the Authority sees if there is a potential downside to parting ways with Escalon. Mr. Barth stated that he does not anticipate any issues because of the lack of synergy between the two systems.

***By motion, (Director Condit, Director Withrow), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board approved Amendment 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Transit Services with the City of Escalon and Authorize the CEO to Execute the Same**

7. CEO REPORT:

Adam Barth stated that the Authority will be sponsoring the last Sunday of the Stanislaus County Fair and will have a new bus at the front gate of the fair. The Authority will have a booth to promote the brand and will be giving out a Day Pass to the first 1,000 patrons. During the entire fair, StanRTA will provide free routes to and from the Fair from Modesto and Patterson. Mr. Barth spoke regarding the Transit Center Construction project and noted that Transdev has been working well with construction staff and the improvements are going well. Mr. Barth stated that the opening for the Citizen Member on the Board of Directors is open and encouraged meeting participants to spread the word to the public. Mr. Barth stated that the CalTrans audit found that the accounting system that is currently being used is not appropriate for the Agency. He stated that a process is underway to choose a new, more appropriate system

8. DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Several of the Directors thanked Director Gomez-Arias for his service as one of the first Citizen Directors on the Board. His input and commitment was appreciated.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM

Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.