

**STANISLAUS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes of June 22, 2023
(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steven Morrow (Citizen Member); George Carr (City of Hughson) (remotely present); Chris Ricci (City of Modesto) Director Carla Strong; Director Williams (City of Modesto) Channce Condit (Stanislaus County);

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Director Wright (City of Modesto)

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Barth (CEO), Valerie Fabela, Leticia Ortiz, Angela Swanson, Nicole Hensley, Dero In, Simon Herrera, Darla Moen, Lucien Musso

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Streeter (General Counsel), Tanner, Christian, Jean, Ron, Doug, Dennis, Margie, Jenny

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Channce Condit opened the meeting at 1:05 pm

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. Motion to Approve Member Requests to Participate Remotely Due to Emergency Circumstances pursuant to Government Code 54953(f)(2)(A)(ii)

***By Motion, (Director Morrow, Director Ricci), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Item 2A Allowing Director Carr to participate remotely.**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

A Quorum of the Directors was present.

5. 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.

Ron gave public comments regarding his comments at last month's board meeting where he expressed concern about the Greyhound drivers and their speed at the Greyhound station. Ron provided follow-up that Director Wright contacted the Modesto Police Department regarding this matter and Lieutenant Stanfield is monitoring the situation and will issue citations if necessary. Ron also advised he has been in contact with StanRTA Operations Director Simon Herrera who has made Transdev aware of the issue and will have the island supervisors also keep an eye out for the speed of the Greyhound drivers.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of Drivers/Employees of the Month

Transdev employee Darlene Alameda was recognized as the June employee of the month.

B. Book the S App Demonstration for ADA Paratransit Services

Angela Swanson gave a demonstration of the Book the S app which will be available in August 2023. The demonstration gave step-by-step instructions on how to download the app, sign up for an account, how to book your trip and put funds into the account.

Mohamed gave public comment asking how much in advance can the trip be booked. Angela provided the response that in mid-July she will be working with Ecolane who will provide additional training to make the software available to improve integrations to be two weeks in advance.

Melinda with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) gave a public comment asking how VMRC can integrate their current practices on how they purchase passes to integrate into the new system. Angela provided the response that she is currently working with Jacinta to help VMRC integrate into the new system.

Cesar gave a public comment asking if ADA Paratransit youth can sign up for the app. Angela provided the response that yes youth that are registered as ADA Paratransit rider can sign up for the app.

7. CONSENT

A. Motion to Approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2023.

- B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-107 Approving the Authority Asset Management Policy and Updates to the Authority Accounting Policy.
- C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-108 Approving Submission of a Revised Transportation Development Act Claim for Fiscal Year 2023/24.
- D. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-109 Approving Updates to Employee Handbook.
- E. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-110 Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Cetera Investments for Investment Services.

***By Motion, (Director Morrow, Director Strong), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E of the Consent Calendar**

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-111 Approving the Submission of an Amended Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant Application
- B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-112 Approving an MOU with the City of Turlock as Subrecipient of FY 2022/23 Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds

Nicole Hensley and Dero In gave a presentation regarding both items 8A & 8B. Dero explained what LCTOP is and what StanRTA uses LCTOP for. LCTOP is one of many programs administered by Caltrans in coordination with their Air Resource Board (ARB) and the State Controller Office (SCO). It was created to provide operating and capital asset funds to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. StanRTA uses LCTOP funds to provide free fare periods in conjunction with Turlock Transit to serve the riders of Stanislaus County. The Board of Directors approved the first LCTOP application March of this year however, Turlock Transit missed the deadline an amended application was created to include Turlock's portion. StanRTA will be the lead agency to receive all LCTOP funds for FY 23/24. Turlock Transit's LCTOP funds will be suballocated through a MoU between StanRTA and Turlock Transit. Turlock Transit will be reimbursed after each free fare period up to \$121,624. This collaboration will help maximize the impact of LCTOP funds.

***By Motion, (Director Williams, Director Ricci), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 8A and 8B of the Discussion/Action Items.**

- C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-113 Approving Amended Conduct Policy

Angela Swanson gave a presentation regarding this item. The changes being requested will better reflect the conditions we are working in after two years as Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority. The changes came from working with Transdev's Safety Committee, the front-line staff and Stanislaus Equity Accessibility Advisory Committee (SEAAC). The amended Conduct Policy captures changes in the appeals process, the types of offenses and suspension duration.

***By Motion, (Director Morrow, Director Carr), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 8C of the Discussion/Action Items.**

D. Update on The S Service Changes

Simon Herrera and Lucien Musso gave a presentation on Fixed Route changes set to take affect July 31, 2023. These changes have been made due to consumer and operator feedback. Each route that will be affected was reviewed in detail. (Routes 10, 24, 29, 45, 48, 60, 61 and BART)

E. Transdev Operations Performance Update

Doug Gies and Christian Pereira gave a presentation regarding this item. Doug advised that fifteen Transdev staff were brought in over a one-to-two-week period to help with projects and improve processes. Doug provided a graph of the expected operators class graduation. Doug went over the customer complaints which have significantly decreased from a high of 97 to 24. Doug went over on time performance (OTP) and missed trip tracking. Doug has been in contact with SEAAC board member Mohamad who will assist with sensitivity training for the Transdev operators.

Director Morrow suggests looking at the tightly scheduled routes to see if changes should be made to improve on-time performance. CEO Adam Barth advised this change will be a part of the October route changes.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Report on RFP/RFB, Grant Applications and Awards
- B. Key Performance Indicators

10. CEO REPORT

With the Stanislaus County Fair, the following routes (10, 15, 45) will be extended to help accommodate getting riders to and from the fair.

StanRTA received an award from California Transportation Association (CTA).

Transit Center reopening last week had a successful reopening.

11. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Morrow thanked Transdev and their progress over time.

Director Williams shared that the fair is free on Sundays. Williams also shared that Modesto local; Dallas Cowboys player Daron Bland will be the grand marshal at the 4th of July parade.

Director Ricci would like to revisit the art installations at bus stop concept project.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:16PM

**Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**