

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

Minutes of August 24, 2023
(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Steven Morrow (Citizen Member); George Carr (City of Hughson); Carla Strong (Citizen Member); Jeremiah Williams (Alternate for City of Modesto) David Wright (City of Modesto)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Channce Condit (Stanislaus County); Chris Ricci (City of Modesto)

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Barth (CEO), Valerie Fabela, Angela Swanson, Nicole Hensley, Dero In, Simon Herrera, Lucien Musso, Roland Fecteau

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Streeter (General Counsel), Tanner, Paul, Ron Eileen, Ty, JR, Christian, Hector

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Withrow opened the meeting at 1:00 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)

No directors reported 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.

No public comments

6. PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of Drivers/Employees of the Month

Transdev employee Eileen Ardizzone was recognized as the July employee of the month and Rodolfo (JR) Artienza was recognized as the August employee of the month.

7. CONSENT

A. Motion to Approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2023

A public comment came from citizen member Ron who asked for an amendment be made to the June 22, 2023 meeting minutes due to item 8D service changes where route 29 was being referred to as a new route. CEO Adam Barth explained that route 29 added a new trip to the route. Ron also pointed out a typo where an extra route was included in the additional services due to the Stanislaus County Fair.

B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-114 Rescinding Resolution 2023-111; Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-114 Approving the Submission of a Grant Application for the Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP)

C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-115 Authorizing the CEO to Execute a Contract Amendment with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation to add the National Transit Database Audit

D. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-116 Approving an Agreement with the Stanislaus Council of Governments for the Provision of Legal Services

E. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-117 Authorizing the CEO to Execute a Contract Amendment with Turbo Images Inc. for Bus Rebranding Services

A public comment came from citizen member Ron who asked if the rebranding services contract will also include repairs to buses damaged in accidents. CEO Adam Barth explained item 7E is for the decals of the bus only, the painting of the buses and accident damages are handled in separate contracts.

- F. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-118 Approving the Authority Updated Cost Allocation Plan
- G. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-119 Approving an agreement with MOVE Stanislaus and the City of Turlock for the provision of ADA eligibility services.

Public comment came from citizen member Ron who wanted clarification on why Turlock Transit is being mentioned if this is an agreement with StanRTA & MOVE. Angela explained that this is a 3-way agreement between MOVE which provides the eligibility services for all of ADA Paratransit services in the County which includes both StanRTA and City of Turlock.

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Williams), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F and 7G of the Consent Calendar with a correction to the minutes (7A) to reflect updated references to Route 29.**

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Authority Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Financial Report

Financial Analyst Nicole Hensley gave a presentation going over the Operations and Capital Budgets. The Operations Budget was \$36,045,504 and the Capital Budget was \$27,285,322, for a total budget amount of \$63,330,826.

- B. Adopt Resolution 2023-120 Accepting the Caltrans State of Good Repair Funds and Accepting the Assignment of the Guarantee Janitorial Services Contract

Transit Planner Lucien Musso gave a presentation which included a background of bus stop sanitation. The services provided in the sanitation include pressure washing, graffiti removal, trash/illegal dumping removal, regular garbage service and trash can installation and relocation.

The current contract is funded through the State of Good Repair Grant. Previously StanCOG managed the funds and beginning September 1, 2023, all parties agreed to have the StanRTA directly oversee its bus stop cleaning services.

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

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Next Steps in the Process of Purchasing Land and Constructing a New Operations, Maintenance and Administration Facility

CEO Adam Barth gave a background on this item. In April of 2023, the board of directors approved the mandated CARB Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) roll out plan. The plan recommended the construction of a new operations, administration, and maintenance facility. Our current Bus Maintenance Facility (BMF) is undersized for the operation and would not be able to accommodate the needed infrastructure for a transition to ZEBs. Adam went over the Lease vs Purchase options.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans have several grant programs to provide funding for implementing ZEB infrastructure and new facilities. StanRTA has \$16 million budgeted in TDA funds to start this project.

StanRTA would like direction from the Board of Directors to select a consultant to perform the next steps in the process of purchasing land and constructing a new operations, maintenance, and administration facility.

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

D. Transdev Operations Performance Update

Christian Pereira gave an Operations Performance presentation. The presentation included the recruitment and training process. Christian also went over the customer complaints, fixed route accidents and new actions in place to help with these issues. Christian also went over safety and driver route bidding.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Key Performance Indicators

10. CEO REPORT

CEO Adam Barth presented Ridership data from 2016 to current. Adam provided Bart Commuter brochure to all the directors. Fifteen (15) of the new buses have come in over the last month and are in service.

11. DIRECTOR REPORTS

No director reports

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:07PM

**Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**