



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 23, 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 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alternate Director Dorris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist
Vice Chair Dianne Knippel
Director Steve Hofbauer
Director Richard Loa
Alternate Director Darrell Dorris (Representative for Director Raj Malhi)
Director Michelle Flanagan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Loa, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Flanagan,
Alternate Director Dorris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Fran Sereseres – Thanked the Board for all they do. She stated that although she will no longer serve on Lancaster’s Homeless Commission, she will continue to be an advocate for the homeless. She added that she serves on Los Angeles County’s task force for the new department of aging and disability.

Thomas Aquinaga – Spoke about an operator and other riders making inappropriate comments to him. Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins and Senior Director of Operations and Maintenance Esteban Rodriguez will resolve this issue.

Charlotte Baxter – Complimented AVTA Customer Satisfaction Manager Carlos Lopez, AV Transportation Services Supervisor Amalia Rodriguez, District Manager Sergio Guyumjian, and various operators for providing courteous and prompt service.

SRP 1 PRESENTATION TO JUDY VACCARO-FRY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, FOR 15 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE

Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins presented the award to Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry.

SRP 2 PRESENTATION TO KARLA IRAHETA, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE II, FOR 10 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE

Mr. Tompkins presented the award to Customer Service Representative II Karla Iraheta.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO LYLE BLOCK, PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS OFFICER, FOR 10 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE

Mr. Tompkins presented the award to Procurement and Contracts Officer Lyle Block.

SRP 4 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MV Transportation General Manager Michael Sherrill presented the award to Charlyne Hester.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the award to Gary Norman.

SRP 6 MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT

Mr. Minasyan presented the report. The Board discussed the average passenger wait time for July compared to previous months and the six leased DAR/Microtransit approved at the July 26, 2022 Board meeting. Mr. Minasyan was instructed to show passenger wait time for previous months on the bottom of the slide in future presentations, and Mr. Tompkins was directed to obtain additional vehicles if necessary.

SRP 7 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022

Ms. Vaccaro-Fry presented an update regarding pending state legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act, Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD), and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, and award recipients for the Bus & Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission grants.

The Board discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 1919, a Bill that would create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program, an elective program offering free youth transit passes to students. Under the program, a transit agency with an existing fare-free program that benefits individuals aged 18 and under would be eligible to receive new state funding for transit operations and the consumer tax credit for a new or used electric vehicle.

Chairman Crist introduced Shawntwayne Cannon, District Representative for Senator Scott Wilk, who provided additional information on AB 1919. Mr. Cannon will provide a report for Senator Wilk's office at the monthly Board meetings.

SRP 8 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT

Operations Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The Board discussed the decrease in the average miles between service interruptions, maintenance cost per mile by fleet, and average fuel consumption per mile.

SRP 9 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT

Mr. Sherrill presented the report. The Board discussed on-time performance, charging issues, operator and dispatcher training, and delays on Route 8. Mr. Sherrill detailed the steps management staff is taking to address the issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2022
Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2022
Receive and file the Financial Report for July 2022.

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Flanagan, Alternate Director Dorris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 CONTRACT #2023-15 TO BYD MOTORS INC. THROUGH THE STATE OF GEORGIA CONTRACT #99999-001-SPD0000138-0008, FOR PURCHASE OF 30-FOOT, 35-FOOT, AND 40-FOOT BATTERY-ELECTRIC TRANSIT BUSES

Procurement and Contracts Officer Lyle Block presented the staff report.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to execute Contract #2023-15 to BYD Motors Inc. through the State of Georgia Contract #99999-001-SPD0000138-0008, as follows: 1) two (2) K7M-ER 30-foot battery-electric heavy-duty low floor transit buses, for an amount not to exceed \$1,588,275, plus applicable sales tax; 2) three (3) K8M 35-foot battery-electric heavy-duty low floor transit buses, for an amount not to exceed \$2,529,097, plus applicable sales tax; and 3) two (2) K9M 40-foot battery-electric heavy-duty low floor transit buses, for an amount not to exceed

\$1,758,987, plus applicable sales tax. Total purchase will not exceed \$5,876,359, plus applicable sales tax.

Moved by Vice Chair Knippel, seconded by Director Hofbauer

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Loa, Flanagan, Alternate Director Dorris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Mr. Tompkins had no reports or announcements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Director Hofbauer requested an update regarding Los Angeles County's jurisdictional contributions.

ADJOURNMENT:


Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 27, 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 27th day of SEPTEMBER 2022.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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