



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING PER GOVERNOR'S ORDER N-29-20

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California
www.avta.com

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Steve Hofbauer, Director Michelle Flanagan, Director Richard Loa, Director Raj Malhi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

If you would like to address the Board on any agendized or non-agendized items, your comments must be submitted via email to clerkoftheboard@avta.com or by telephone at 661/729-2206 at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and will be read by the Clerk of the Board during the Public Business portion of the agenda. **State law generally prohibits the Board of Directors from taking action on or discussing non-agenda items; therefore, your matter will be referred to the Authority’s Executive Director/CEO for follow-up.** Each comment is limited to three (3) minutes.

SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP): During this portion of the meeting, staff will present information not normally covered under regular meeting items. This information may include, but is not limited to budget presentations, staff conference presentations, or information from outside sources that relates to the transit industry. **Staff will seek direction as is necessary from the Board with regard to the following item(s).**

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR OCTOBER – JUDY VACCARO-FRY

SRP 2 OPERATIONS KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT – MARTIN TOMPKINS

SRP 3 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT – CECIL FOUST

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC): Items 1 through 4 are consent items that may be received and filed and/or approved by the Board in a single motion. If any member of the Executive Board wishes to discuss a consent item, please request that the item be pulled for further discussion and potential action.

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – KAREN DARR

Recommended Action: Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2020.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 – JUDY VACCARO-FRY

Recommended Action: Receive and file the Financial Report for September 2020.

CC 3 FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 (FY 2021) FIRST QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) REPORT (JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020) – KELLY MILLER

Recommended Action: Receive and file the FY 2021 First Quarter LASD report for the period covering July 1 through September 30, 2020.

CC 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2021 – KAREN DARR

Recommended Action: Approve the Board of Directors meeting calendar for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-010, APPROVING DEDICATING AND NAMING OF THE AVTA EMPLOYEE WELLNESS CENTER AS THE MARVIN E. CRIST WELLNESS CENTER – MACY NESHATI

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-010, Approving the dedicating and naming of the newly completed AVTA Wellness Center as the Marvin E. Crist Wellness Center.

CLOSED SESSION (CS):

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ITEM(S) TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

CS 1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation (two potential cases)

CS 2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Consideration of whether to initiate litigation (one potential case)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 Report by the Executive Director/CEO

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

During this portion of the meeting, Board Members may address non-agenda items by briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by the public, asking a question for clarification, making a brief announcement, or making a brief report on their own activities. **State law generally prohibits the AVTA Board of Directors from taking action on or discussing items not on the agenda.** Matters will be referred to the Executive Director/CEO for follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

The agenda was posted by 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2020 at the entrance to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534.

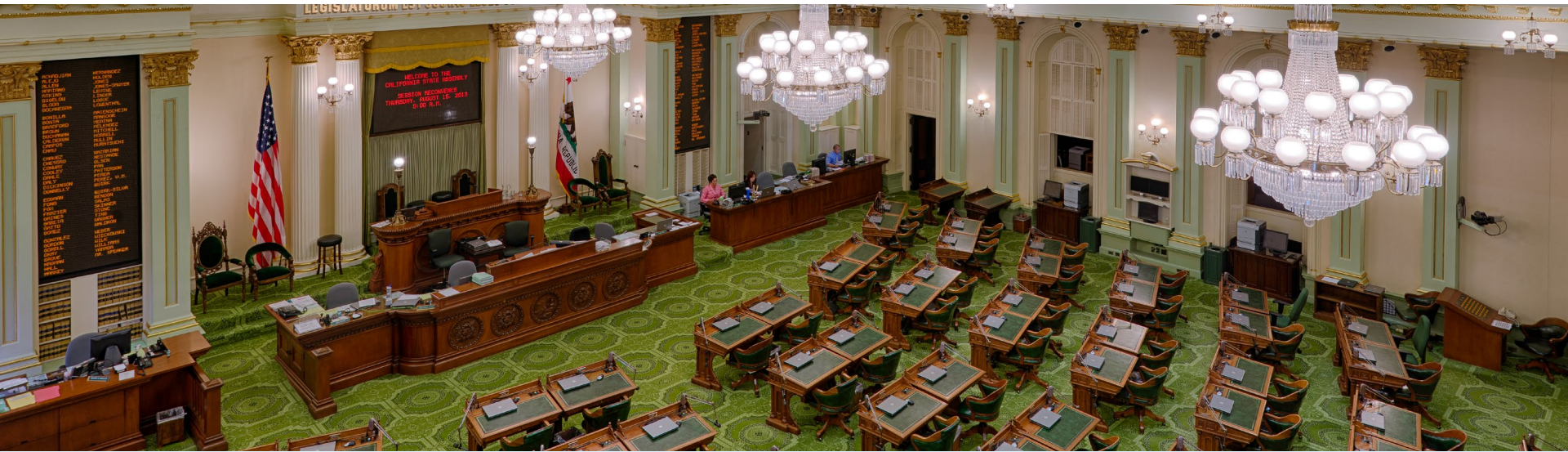
Copies of the staff reports and attachments or other written documentation relating to each proposed item of business on the agenda presented for discussion by the Board of Directors are on file in the Office of the Executive Director/CEO. Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the AVTA to the Board of Directors less than 72 hours prior to that meeting are on file in the Office of the Executive Director/CEO. These documents are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Customer Service window of the AVTA at 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster or by contacting the Clerk of the Board at (661) 729-2206.

Legislative Update

Presentation to AVTA Board of Directors
October 27, 2020



STATE



Governor's Executive Order

Directs the state to require that, by 2035, all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be zero-emission vehicles

Transportation currently accounts for more than 50 percent of California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Order also directs the state to take more actions to make a just transition away from fossil fuels



Approved Bill

On September 29, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a key CEQA streamlining bill SB 288 (Wiener).

SB 288 includes provisions to expand statutory CEQA exemptions for key active transportation, bus rapid transit and other capital projects and will become law on January 1st, 2021.



Approved Bill

September Board Meeting...

➤ **SB 1159 COVID-19
Critical Workers**
STATUS: on Governor's desk

This bill creates a rebuttable presumption for COVID-19 related workers' compensation claims, filed by employees working outside of the public safety and health professions, that is triggered by an "outbreak" of the virus at a "specific place of employment."

2020–2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program



Proposed Allocation for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure

Category	Funded Activity	2020-2021 (Allocation)	Next 2½ FYs (Planned)
Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure	\$20 million	\$109.8 million



FEDERAL



Surface Transportation Reauthorization

On September 30, the Senate passed a continuing resolution through December 11, 2020 (84-10), and the President signed the Continuing Resolution (CR).

- Adds 1 year extension of the FAST Act
- Prohibits the application of the Rostenkowski test
- Provides an additional \$13.6 billion from the general fund to ensure the Highway Trust Fund and Mass Transit Account remain solvent
- Authorizes funding for FY21 equal to FY20.



Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Bus and Bus Facilities Program will remain at \$808 million:

- \$464.6 million will be formula (5339a),
- \$289 million competitive (5339b) and,
- \$55 million for Low/No (5339c).

There is a pending \$499 million plus-up in the House Transportation and Housing Appropriations bill for additional bus funding.



FY20 & FY21 FTA Funding Levels

AVTA's FY20 FTA Direct Apportionments

- 5307 \$8,710,893
- 5337 \$1,106,862
- 5339 \$ 657,491

AVTA's FY20 FTA Indirect Apportionments

- 5307 LA UZA \$242,635 SC UZA \$0
- 5337 LA UZA \$535,032 SC UZA \$1,038,370
- 5339 LA UZA \$32,151 SC UZA \$12,182



HEROES Act Stimulus

On October 1st, the House approved a revised version of their COVID-19 stimulus bill by a vote of 214-207.

The bill provides approximately \$2.2 trillion; including \$32 billion of COVID-19 emergency transit funding - more than double the transit funding provided in the earlier version.



HEROES Act

The bill distributes the funds through multiple mechanisms:

- \$18.5 billion is for 5307 and 5337 grants to urbanized areas.
- \$750 million is for 5311 grants to rural areas.
- \$250 million is for 5310 grants for seniors and persons with disabilities.



HEROES Act

MAY 2020: additional aid to:

- 41 of the 42 urbanized areas with populations over 1 million
- 96 of the 138 urbanized areas with populations 200,000 - 1 million.

SEPTEMBER 2020: combined formula aid awards from the CARES Act and from the new bill cannot exceed the actual 2018 transit operating expenses for that area.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority

2018 Annual Agency Profile

Summary of Operating Expenses (OE)

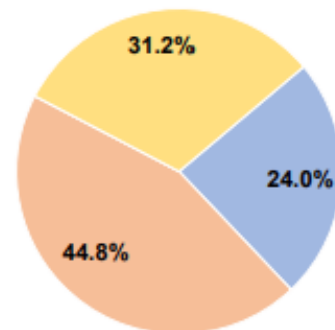
Labor	\$3,532,833	16.5%
Materials and Supplies	\$2,557,297	12.0%
Purchased Transportation	\$13,071,865	61.1%
Other Operating Expenses	\$2,224,992	10.4%
Total Operating Expenses	\$21,386,987	100.0%
Reconciling OE Cash Expenditures	\$664,267	
Purchased Transportation (Reported Separately)	\$0	

Financial Information

Sources of Operating Funds Expended

Fares and Directly Generated	\$5,297,953	24.0%
Local Funds	\$9,868,436	44.8%
State Funds	\$0	0.0%
Federal Assistance	\$6,884,865	31.2%
Total Operating Funds Expended	\$22,051,254	100.0%

Operating Funding Sources



Non Emergency Medical Transportation

On September 21, 2020, the House passed H.R. 3935, the Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act.

The bill adds Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) to the list of mandated Medicaid benefits by codifying current Medicaid NEMT regulations.



Approved Legislation

On October 1, the House passed H.R. 5139, the “*Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act*”. The bill requires public transit agencies, among others, to issue formal policies to help track and prevent sexual assaults and sexual harassment incidents.

The bill also establishes civil penalties for individuals who physically or sexually threaten or assault transportation employees or take “any action that poses an imminent threat to the safety of a vehicle . . . that is transporting passengers.”



Pending Legislation



HR 2164 Green Bus Act of 2019

This bill requires all buses purchased or leased with Federal Transit Administration funds to be zero-emission beginning on October 1, 2029.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2029 specific programs related to low or no emission vehicles and components.

DOT must give preference in awarding grants under the low or no emission program to transit agencies who have completed a full fleet transition plan.

Last Action: Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit April 10th, 2019

S 3373 Low or No Emission Bus Access Act of 2020

Revises and extends through FY2025 the low or no emissions competitive grant program for buses and bus facilities.

Last Action: Sent to Committee on Banking, Housing, And Urban Affairs on March 3rd, 2020





Federal Transit Administration

Grant Opportunity

On October 5, the FTA announced the Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant Program.

The total funding available for awards under this NOFO is \$10 million.

Transmission Reduction for Airborne Communication of Emerging Respiratory Diseases on Public Transit (TRACER**)**





Federal Transit Administration

Grant Opportunity

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Eligible projects will demonstrate innovative solutions to improve the operational efficiencies of transit systems and enhance mobility for their communities.

by rural areas. In addition, the Department will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this Notice in accordance with the President's September 2, 2020 memorandum, entitled *Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients of Federal Funds that Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities*, consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget and the Attorney General and with all



REGIONAL



LACMTA FY21 Proposed Funding Marks

METRO FAP	FY21	FY21 R	DIFFERENCE
Prop A	\$ 5,651,544	\$ 5,621,487	\$ 30,057
Prop A DAR	\$ 337,251	\$ 496,126	\$ (158,875)
Prop C 5% Security	\$ 199,119	\$ 150,416	\$ 48,703
Measure R Clean Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Measure R Ops	\$ 2,880,011	\$ 2,172,434	\$ 707,577
Measure M	\$ 2,849,481	\$ 2,141,903	\$ 707,578
SB1 - STA	\$ 934,806	\$ 706,211	\$ 228,595
SB1 - SGR	\$ 262,356	\$ 281,454	\$ (19,098)
			\$ -
Prop C 40%	\$ 1,841,586	\$ 1,735,318	\$ 106,268
MOSIP	\$ 1,349,504	\$ 1,272,037	\$ 77,467
Foothill Mitigation	\$ 35,225	\$ 26,735	\$ 8,490
Transit Service Expansion	\$ 405,324	\$ 387,379	\$ 17,945
BSIP Overcrowding	\$ 51,444	\$ 49,166	\$ 2,278

Pre-COVID: \$14,956,154
 Revised: \$13,305,349
 Difference: (\$1,650,805)



Alan S. Boyd – Nation's First Transportation Chief



Thank you



Questions?



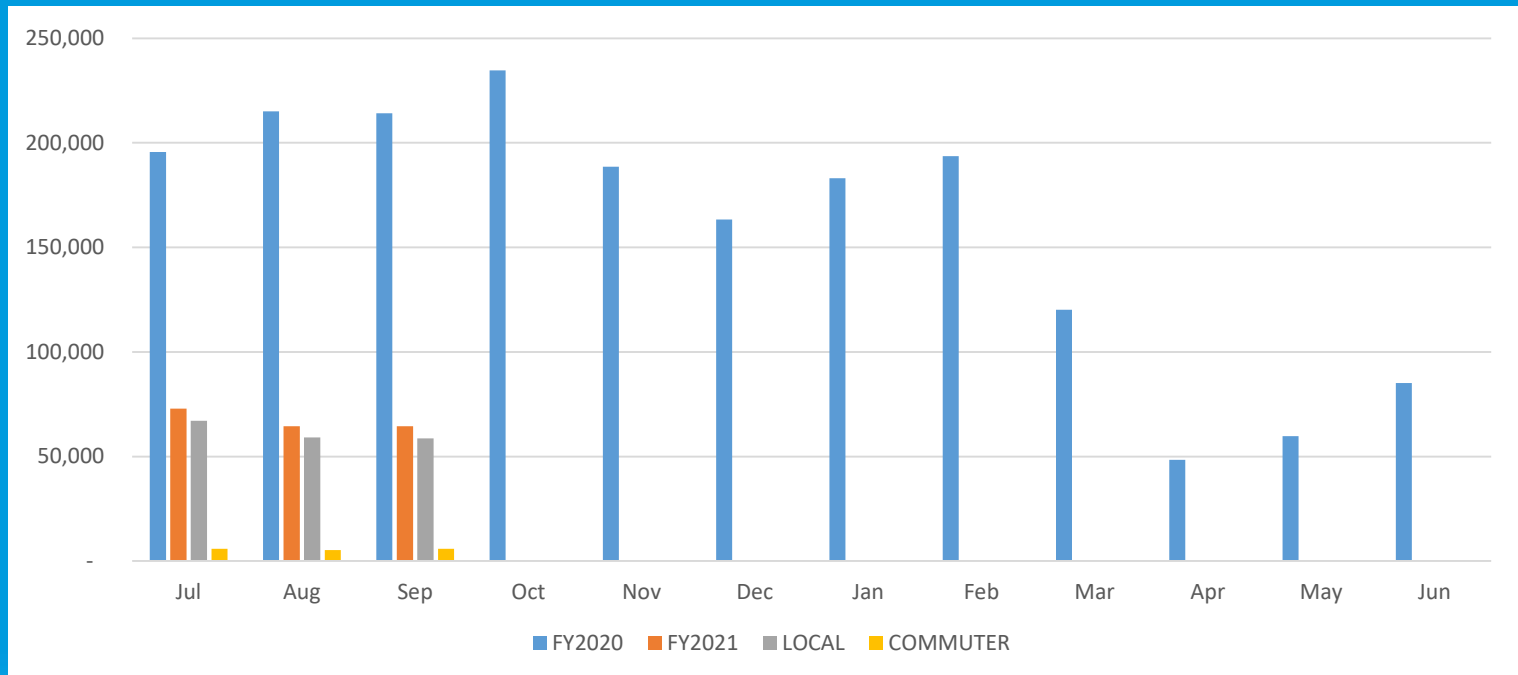
FY 2021 Monthly Operations Key Performance Indicators

Presentation to the Board of Directors
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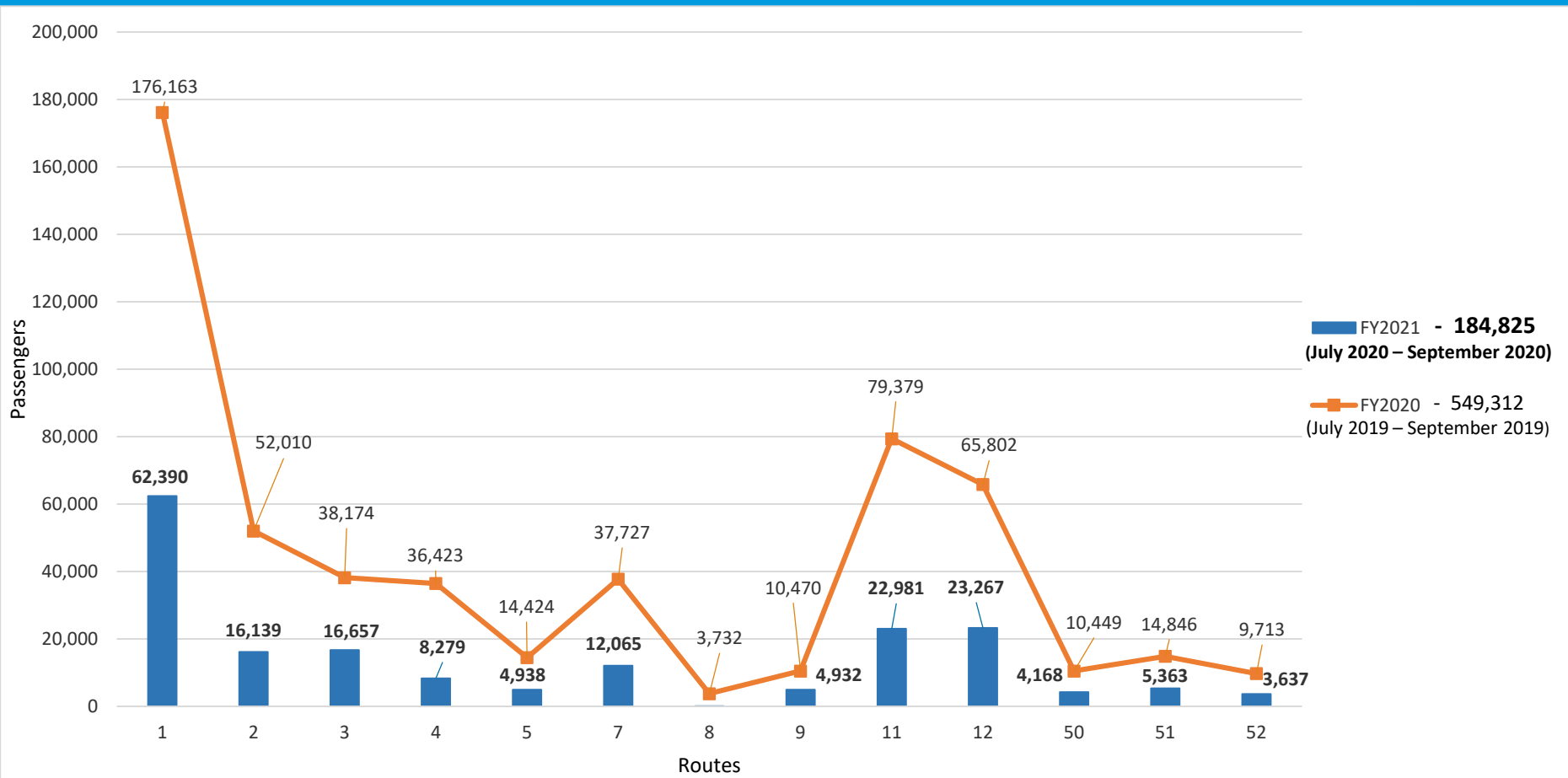


MONTHLY BOARDING ACTIVITY

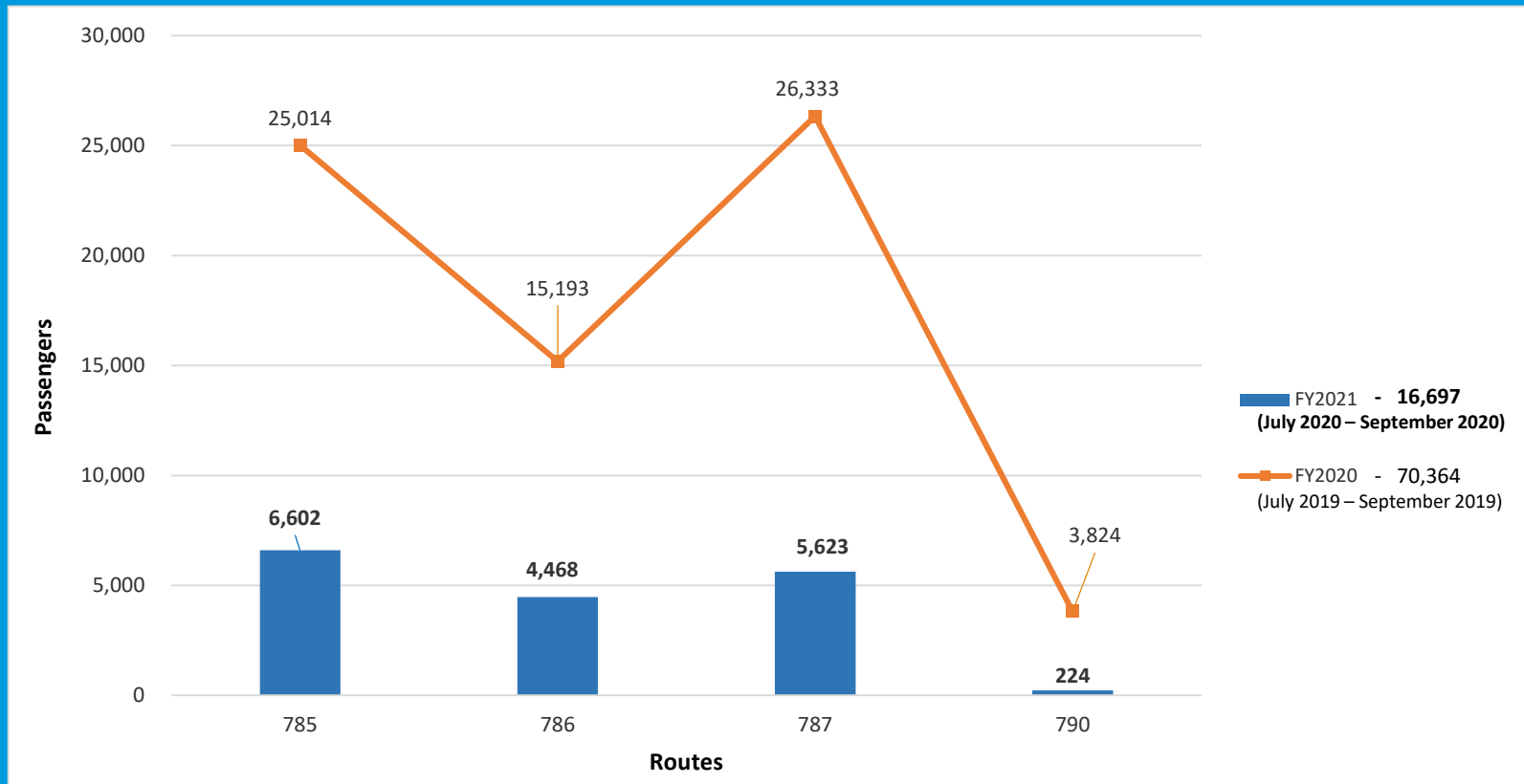
	September FY 2021	August FY 2021
System	64,447	64,449
Local	58,639	59,184
Commuter	5,808	5,265



ANNUAL RIDERSHIP LOCAL ROUTES



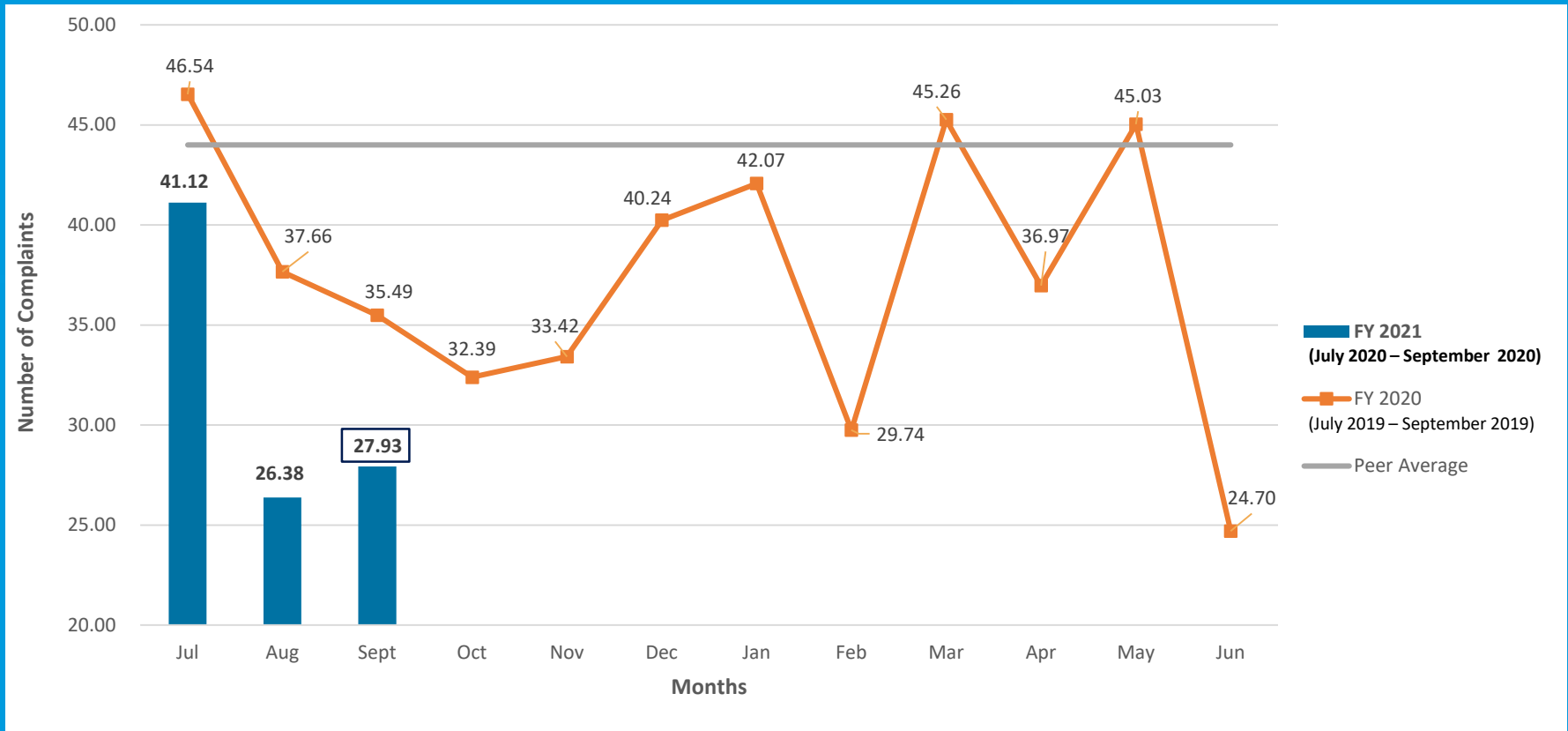
ANNUAL RIDERSHIP COMMUTER ROUTES



COMPLAINTS/100,000 BOARDINGS

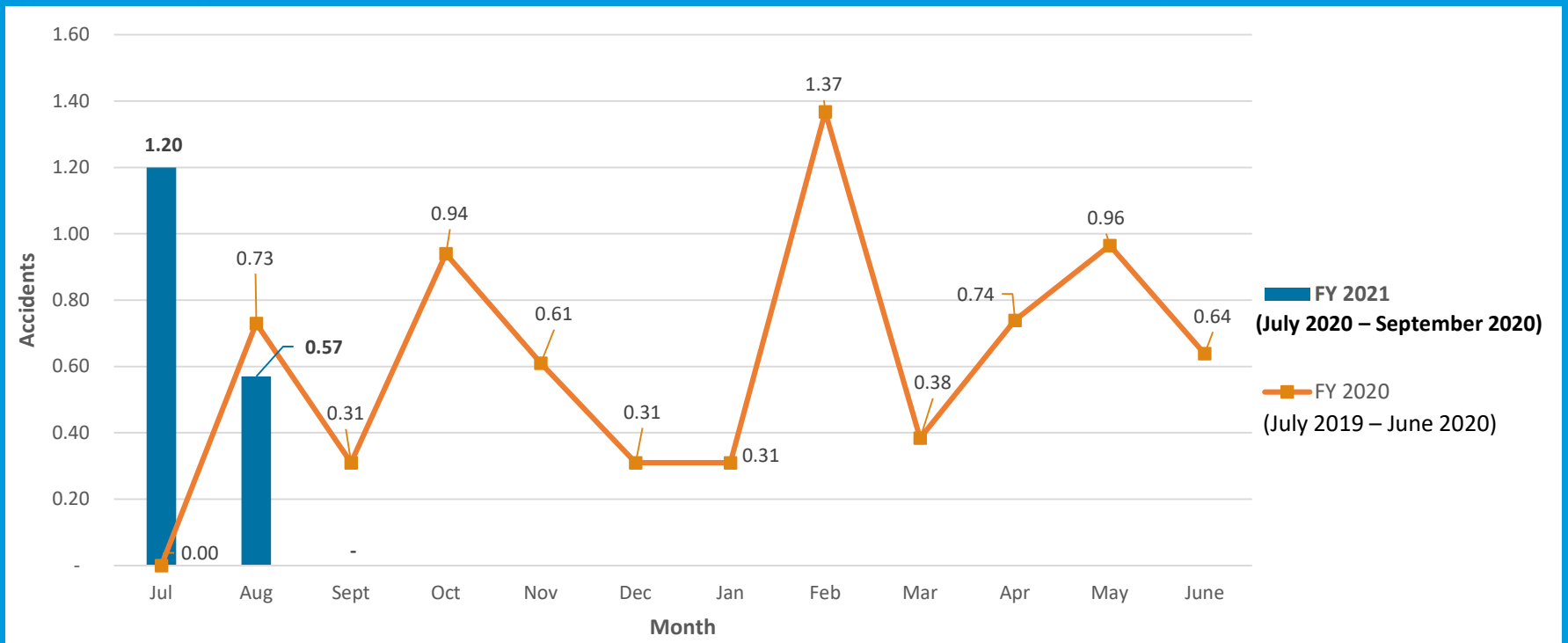
SEPTEMBER - SYSTEM WIDE AVERAGE: 27.93

PEER AVERAGE: 44.00



PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS/100,000 MILES

SEPTEMBER - SYSTEM WIDE AVERAGE: 0.0



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	September FY 2021	August FY 2021	September FY 2020
Boarding Activity	64,447	64,449	214,171
Complaints / 100,000 Boardings	27.93	26.38	35.49
Preventable Accidents / 100,000 Miles	0.0	0.57	0.31

Thank you!

Questions?

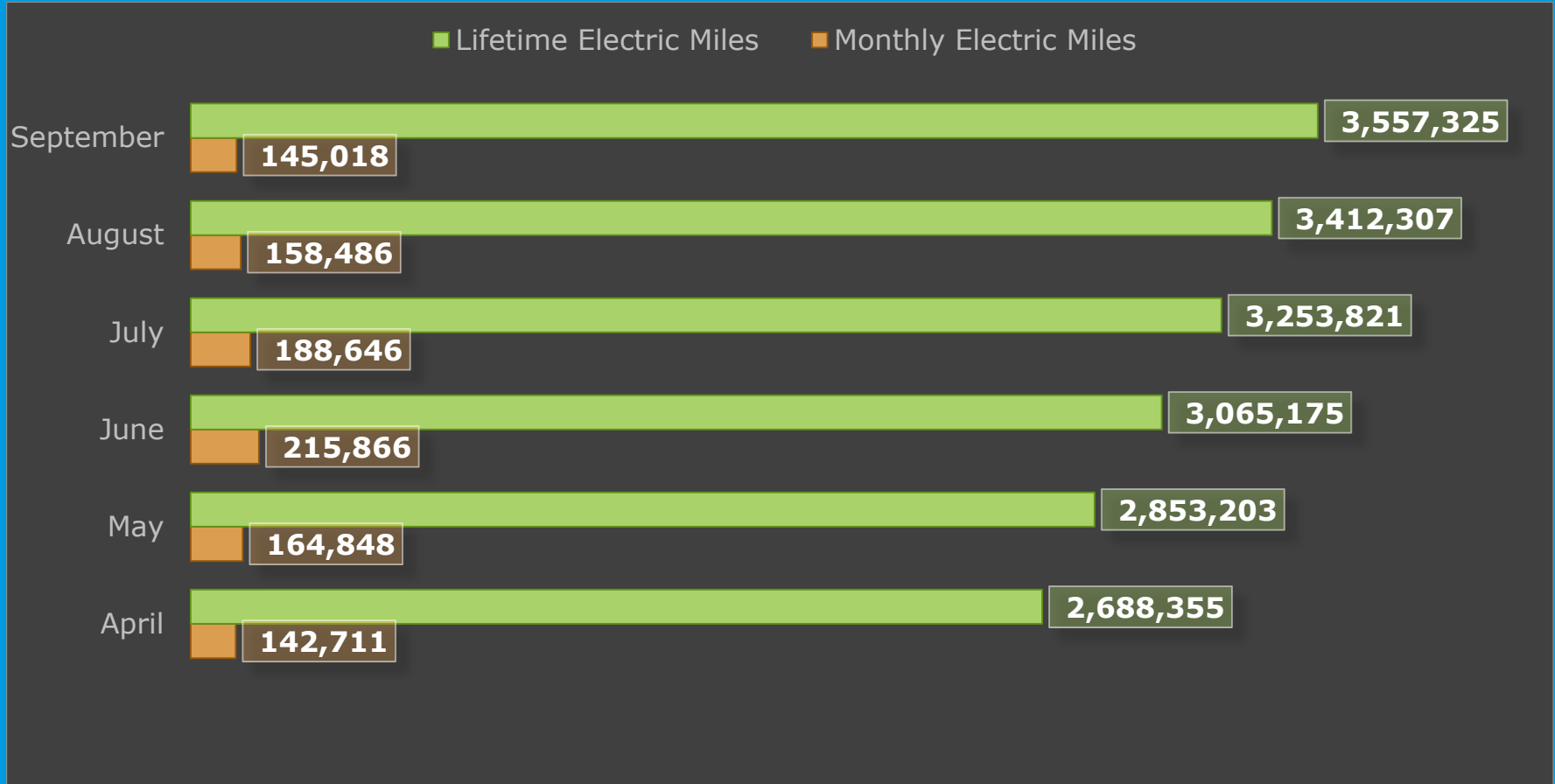


September 2020 Maintenance Key Performance Indicators

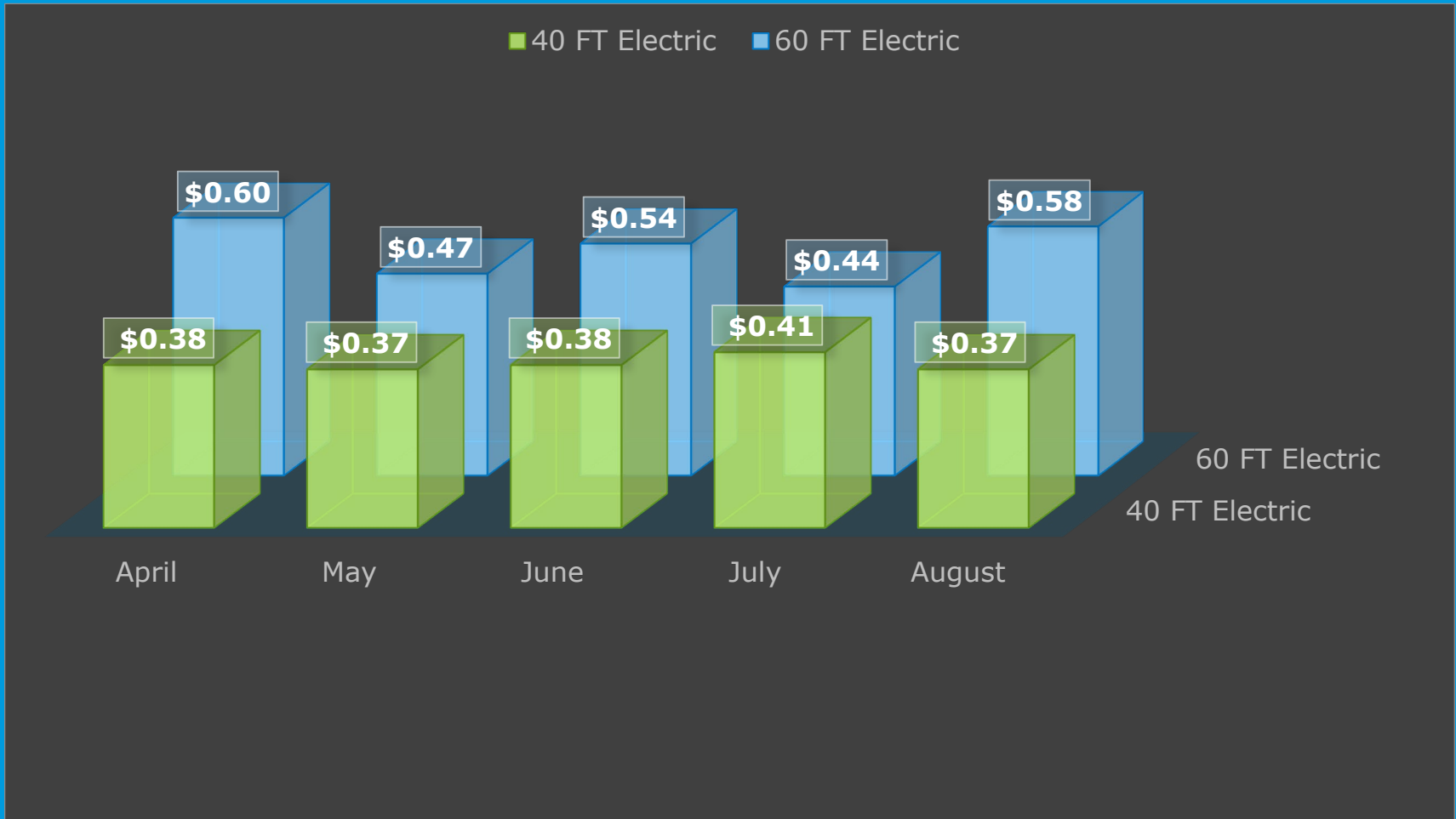
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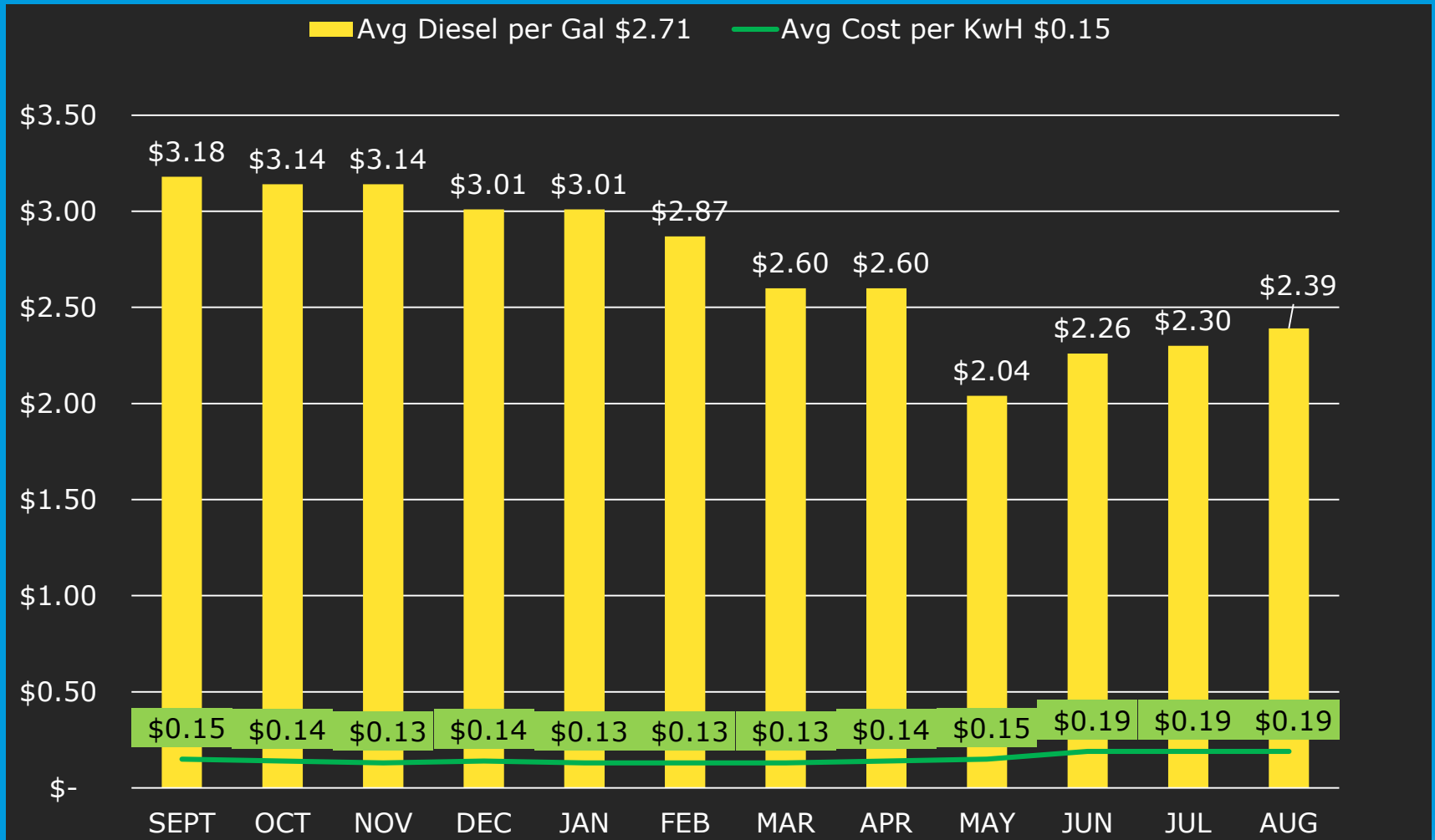
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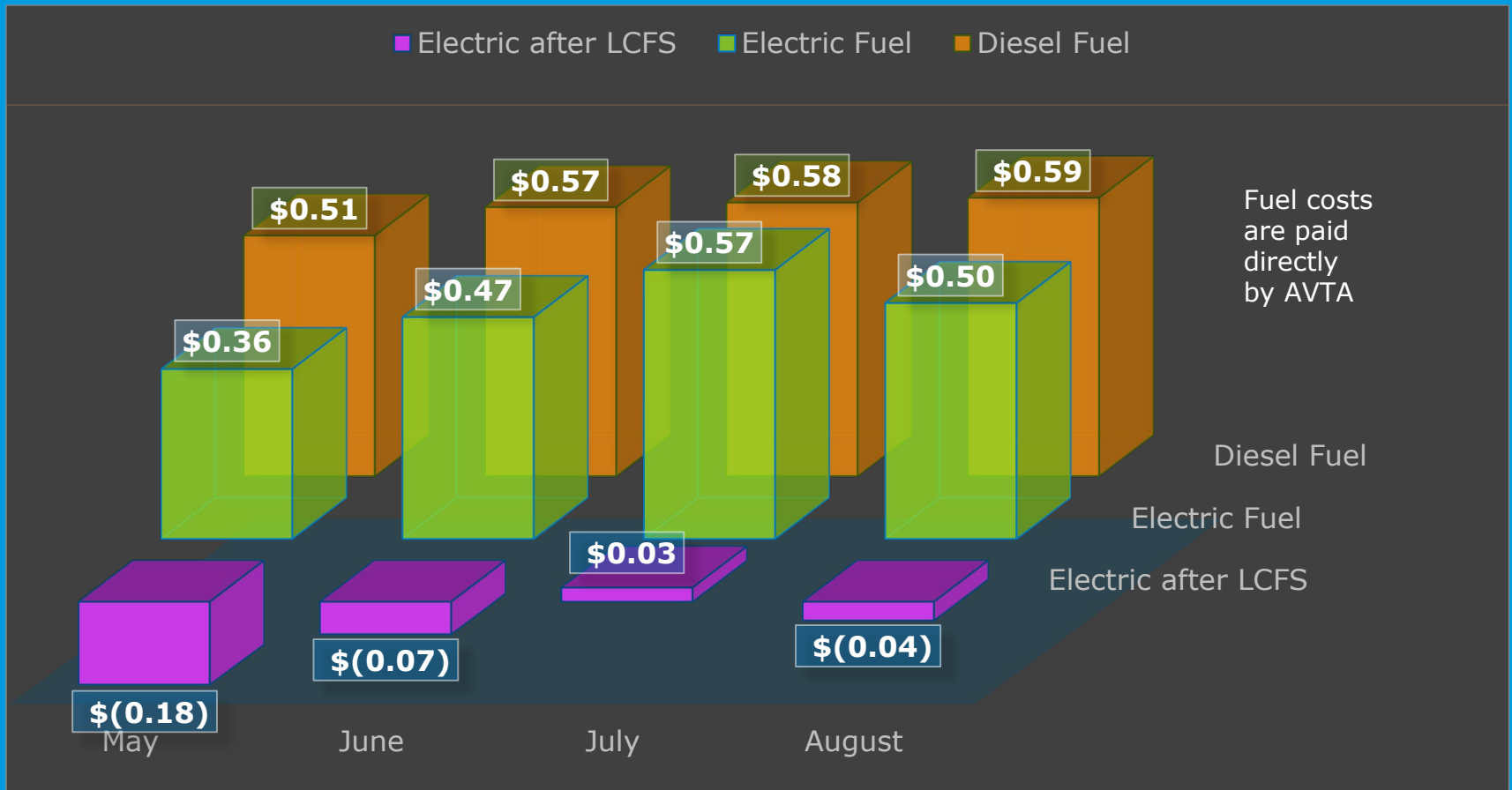
MAINTENANCE COST PER MILE BY FLEET



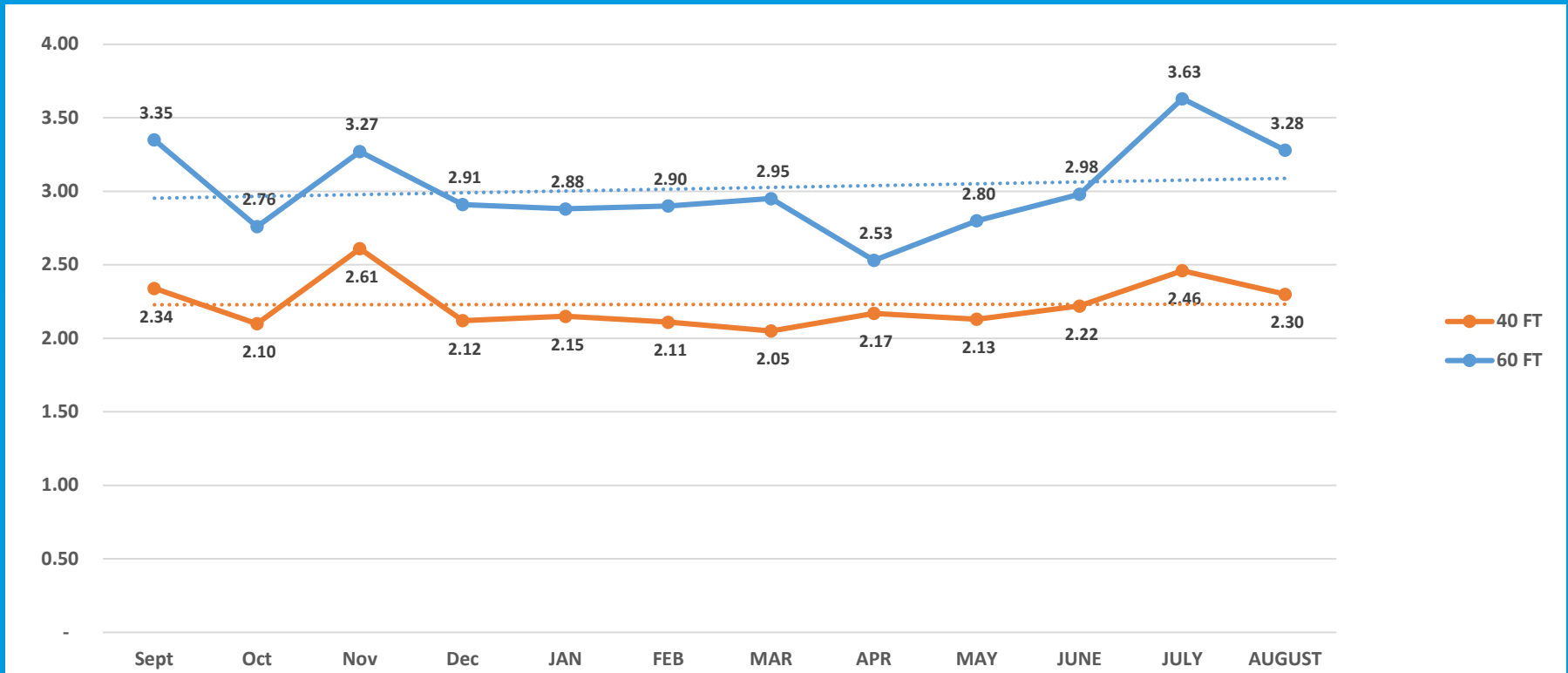
FUEL/ENERGY COST PRIOR 12 MONTHS



PROPULSION FUEL COST PER MILE w/LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD (LCFS) OFFSET

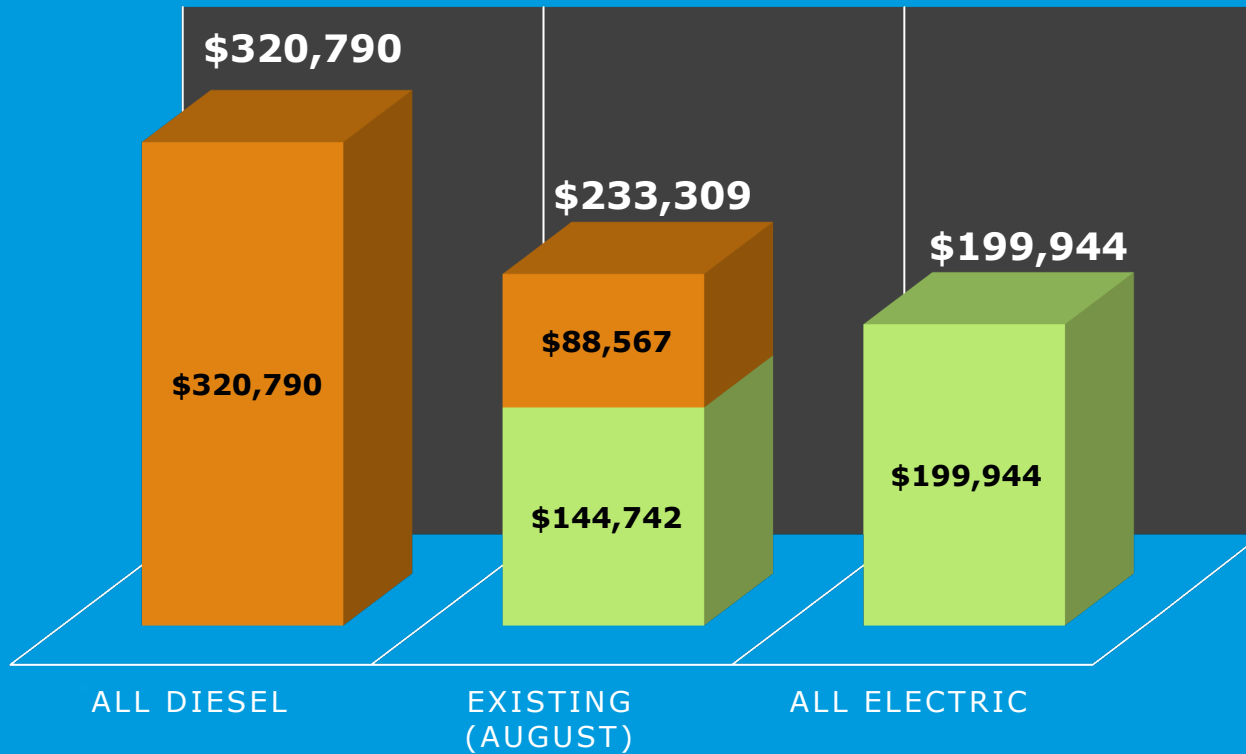


AVERAGE FUEL CONSUMPTION PER MILE (KWPM)



TOTAL FUEL & MAINTENANCE COST ASSUMPTIONS

■ Electric ■ Diesel



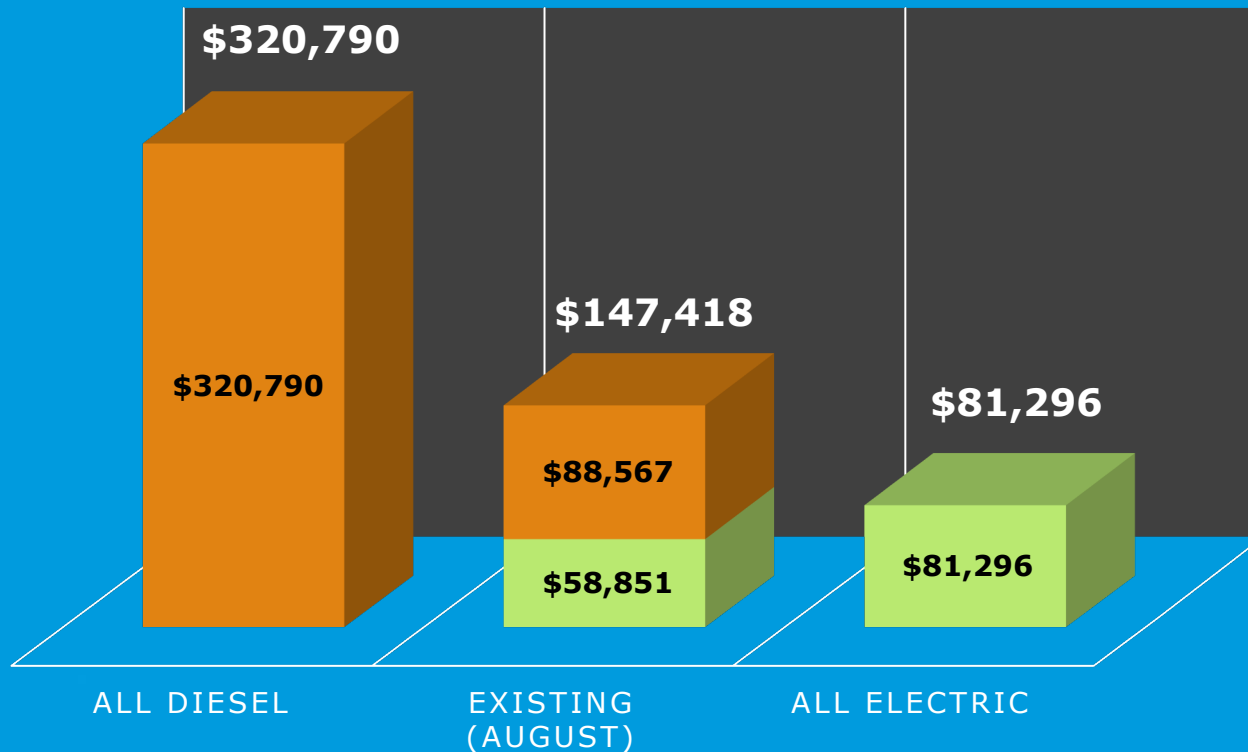
August Fuel and Maintenance Savings
\$87,481

Projected Savings
\$120,846

AVTA Fuel Only
\$14,315

TOTAL FUEL & MAINTENANCE COST ASSUMPTIONS W/LCFS

■ Electric ■ Diesel

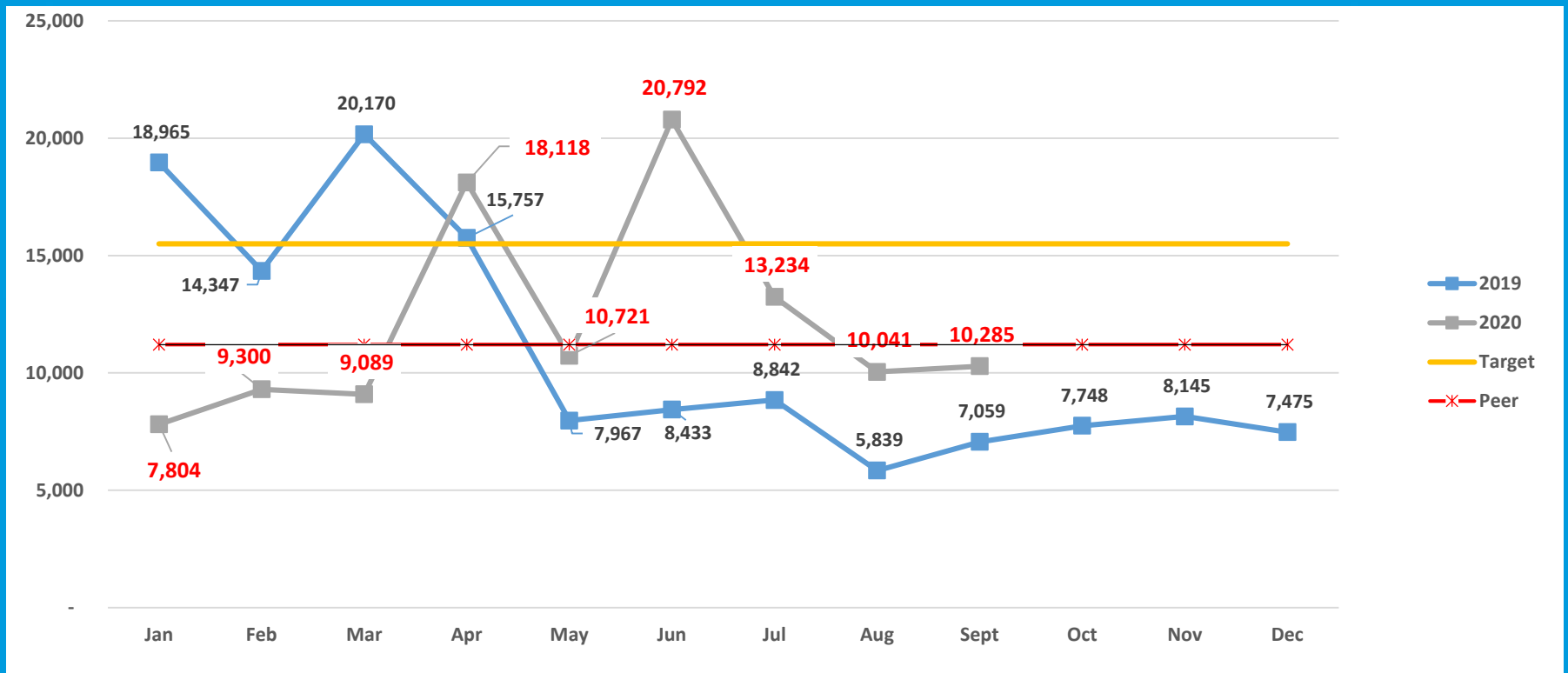


August Total Fuel and Maintenance Savings
\$173,372

AVTA Fuel Savings plus LCFS
\$100,206

AVERAGE MILES BETWEEN SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

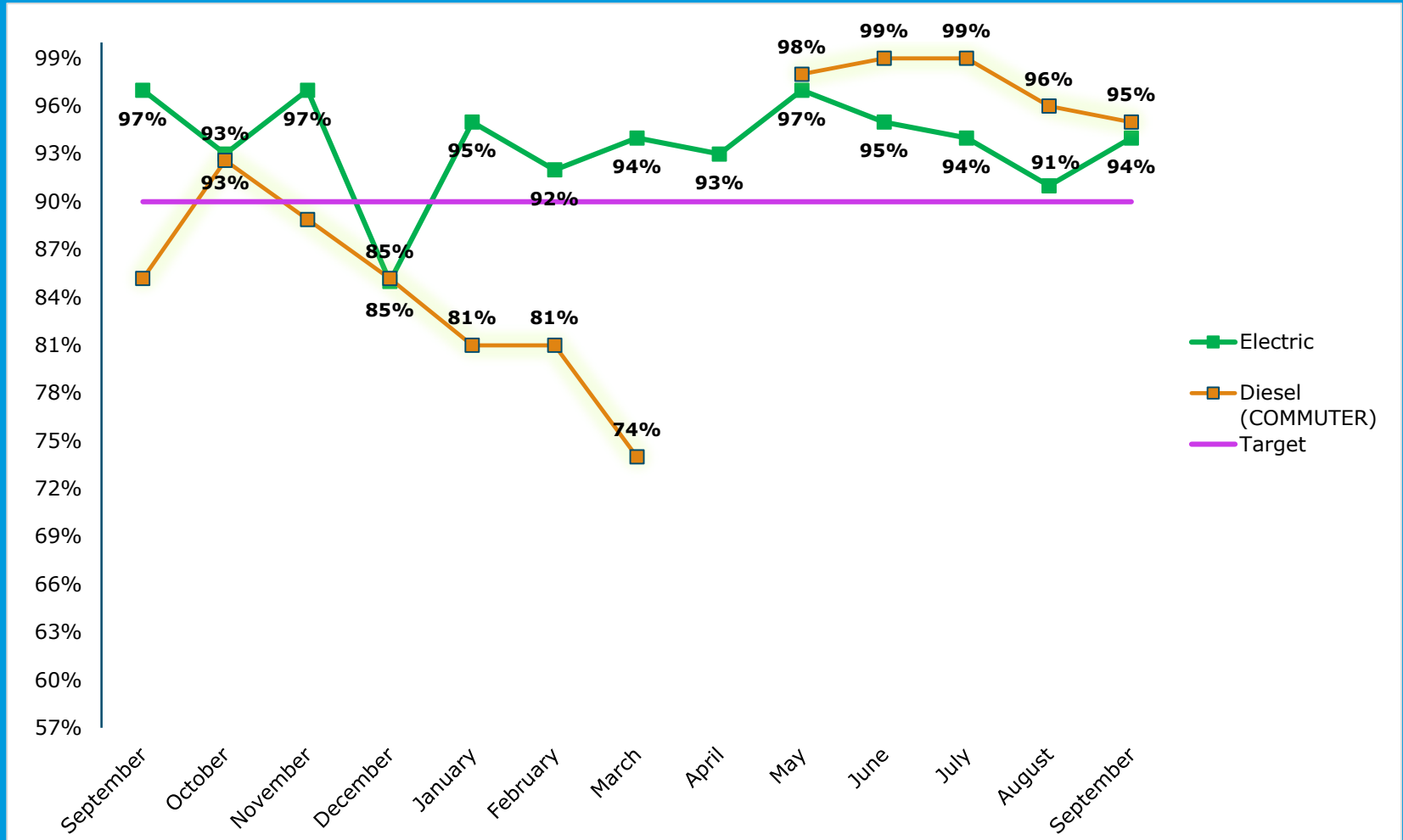
Peer Average: 11,206 Target: 15,500



FLEET AVAILABILITY

Peer Average: 77%

Target 90%



Discussion/Questions?





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10:00 a.m.

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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

In response to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was conducted via Zoom Cloud meetings.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Steve Hofbauer, Director Michelle Flanagan, Director Richard Loa, Director Raj Malhi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Clerk of the Board Karen Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

There were no Public Business items presented.

SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP):

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented an update regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 1350: free student passes, AB 2012: free senior passes, AB 2176: free college student passes, Senate Bill (SB) 1159: COVID-19 Critical Workers Status, AB 196: Essential Occupations and Industries, SB 288: CEQA Exemption for Transportation-Related Projects, SB 757: Environmental Leadership Projects – Fixed Guideway, Cap and Trade Program auction, Stimulus Bill and the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Additionally, BYD Motors Inc. has been added to a statewide contract to allow U.S. transit agencies to leverage California’s purchasing contract to buy its battery-electric motor coaches.

SRP 2 OPERATIONS KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Martin Tompkins presented the report noting that Transdev’s contract allows the Authority to triple liquidated damage assessments when there is a pattern of repeated violations and significant failures, which staff has instituted with the continual occurrences of passenger pass-ups. The Board discussed whether the pass-ups are at random stops or where loitering may be occurring. Mr. Tompkins responded that Transdev management has implemented their “Mannequin Program” for operator retraining purposes and is monitoring the operators and location of the occurrences to determine if there is a trend.

SRP 3 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT

Maintenance Compliance Manager Cecil Foust presented the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2020

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

Receive and file the Financial Report for August 2020.

CC 3 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-007, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMUTER BUS REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 (FY 2021)

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-007, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute agreements necessary for the Commuter Bus Replacement project with funds from the California State of Good Repair Program for Fiscal Year FY 2021.

CC 4 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT #2020-39 WITH PEOPLEREADY, INC. FOR COVID-19 SANITIZING, DISINFECTING AND STERILIZING BUS FLEET

Ratify Amendment No. 1 to Contract #2020-39 with PeopleReady, Inc., Tacoma, WA to sanitize, disinfect and sterilize the interior of AVTA's bus fleet for an additional amount not to exceed \$105,000 and time extension until October 31, 2020, plus applicable sales tax.

CC 5 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT #2020-02 WITH VEHICLE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR QUARTERLY BUS FLEET INSPECTION SERVICES

Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract #2020-02 for quarterly bus fleet inspections with Vehicle Technical Consultants, Inc., Beaumont, CA for one (1) of two (2) optional one-year renewal periods remaining for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar as comprised.

Moved by Vice Chair Knippel, seconded by Director Flanagan

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) PROGRAM

DBE/EEO Compliance Officer Kelly Miller presented the staff report and confirmed the program was reviewed and approved by AVTA's labor relations attorney Irma Rodriguez Moisa.

Motion: 1) Approve AVTA's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); 2) Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to implement the procedures as set forth in the Program, in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and under the provisions of FTA EEO Circular 4704.1A; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-009, adopting AVTA's EEO Program.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NB 2 COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE FOR VISITORS POLICY

Ms. Miller presented the staff report. The Board discussed eligibility and service area coverage.

Motion: 1) Approve the Complementary Paratransit Service for Visitors Policy; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to implement the procedures as set forth in the Policy, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and under the provisions of Title 49, Part 37.127; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-008, approving the Complementary Paratransit Service for Visitors Policy.

Moved by Director Loa, seconded by Director Flanagan

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 Report by the Executive Director/CEO Macy Neshati

- Stated AVTA coordinated transportation with the Red Cross for the fire evacuees.
- Stated that although there has been a decline in ridership over the past five months, a report was published that highlighted the fact that there is no direct correlation between the use of urban public transit and the transmission of COVID-19. He would like to implement a public awareness campaign to reassure our passengers and recover our ridership numbers.
- Provided an update regarding LA Metro's fare-free initiative.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Director Hofbauer stated the California Fish and Game Commission approved the Joshua Tree Initiative. The decision immediately lists the Joshua tree as a protected species and commences a one-year status review. At the end of that review, the commission will make a final decision on the Joshua tree's status as a threatened or endangered species.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on October 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of OCTOBER 2020

Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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DATE: October 27, 2020

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Financial Report for September 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors receive and file the financial report for September 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

	September
PAYROLL	\$307,197
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,955,871

BACKGROUND

To comply with the provisions required by Sections 37202, 37208 and 6505.5 of the Government Code, the Director of Finance and Administration in conjunction with the Controller, provides a monthly payroll total and cash disbursements. The Executive Director/CEO and Treasurer certify the availability of funds.

I, Macy Neshati, Executive Director/CEO of AVTA, declare that the above information is accurate.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Judy Vaccaro-Fry
Chief Financial Officer

Macy Neshati
Executive Director/CEO



DATE: October 27, 2020

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (FY 2021) First Quarter Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report (July 1 – September 30, 2020)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors receive and file the FY 2021 First Quarter Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report for the period covering July 1 through September 30, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact at this time.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Maselli and his K-9 partner Doc worked a total of 500 hours during the first quarter of FY 2021.

At the beginning of each shift, Deputy Maselli contacted bus operators to ascertain if there were any concerns or problems to report, as well as anything that was reported from the previous day. On average, Deputy Maselli made contact with an estimated 25-30 buses/bus operators per day.

Deputy Maselli monitored various locations that had reported problems. These locations included Sgt. Steven Owen Memorial Park (OMP), the Lancaster Senior Center, 6th Street East & Palmdale Boulevard, the Palmdale Transportation Center (PTC) and the Lancaster Metrolink Station.

Deputy Maselli and Doc conducted high visibility K-9 terrorism and explosives deterrence sweeps at the AVTA office, AVTA transfer centers, on AVTA buses and at random bus stop locations throughout the Antelope Valley.

On July 3, Deputy Maselli responded to 2845 W. Avenue L "Stater Bros. Market" in the city of Lancaster regarding children locked in a vehicle. Subject was arrested for 273A(a) PC (Child Neglect/Abandonment).

On July 30, Deputy Maselli assisted Lancaster Sheriff regarding an emergent Assault with a Deadly Weapon call. Subjects were arrested for 245(a)(2) PC (Assault with

Deadly Weapon-Firearm), 32 PC (Accessory). He also responded to a structure fire call at 743 West Avenue I in the city of Lancaster.

The following is a list of misdemeanors, infractions and arrest warrants included on citations issued from July 1 through September 30. All citations and arrests were issued at transit centers or at bus stops in the AVTA service area.

Citations	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020
Suspended or Unlicensed Driver	0	0	0
Expired Registration	0	0	0
Registration Not in Vehicle	0	0	0
No Proof of Insurance	0	0	0
Drinking in Public (Bus Stops)	0	0	0
Failure to Have Both License Plates on Vehicle	0	0	0
Failure to Obey Posted Signs at Transit Centers	0	0	0
Impounded Vehicle	0	0	0
Outstanding Warrant Arrest (Fare Evasion)	0	0	0
Driver License Not in Possession	0	0	0
Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance	1	0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0

During the month of July, Deputy Maselli had three (3) arrests. He donated eighteen (18) hours to AVTA. He warned and advised several persons regarding disobeying posted signs, smoking in prohibited areas, and traffic related incidents at OMP and PTC.

During the month of August, Deputy Maselli donated sixteen (16) hours to AVTA. He warned and advised several persons regarding disobeying posted signs, smoking in prohibited areas, and traffic related incidents at OMP and PTC.

During the month of September, Deputy Maselli donated sixteen (16) hours to AVTA. He warned and advised several persons regarding disobeying posted signs, smoking in prohibited areas, and traffic related incidents at OMP and PTC.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Kelly Miller
DBE/EEO Compliance Officer

Macy Neshati
Executive Director/CEO



DATE: **October 27, 2020**

TO: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SUBJECT: **Board of Directors Meeting Calendar for 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors approve the attached Board of Directors meeting calendar for 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item does not have any fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Due to the holidays in December, the Board members typically do not meet. If a special meeting is required or a meeting is cancelled during the year, the Clerk of the Board will post the necessary meeting notices. Staff recommends the Board approve the attached 2021 meeting calendar.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Karen Darr
Clerk of the Board

Macy Neshati
Executive Director/CEO

Attachment: A – 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021 MEETING CALENDAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1/26/2021
2/23/2021
3/23/2021
4/27/2021
5/25/2021
6/22/2021
7/27/2021
8/24/2021
9/28/2021
10/26/2021
11/23/2021

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



DATE: October 27, 2020

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2020-010, Approving Dedicating and Naming of the AVTA Employee Wellness Center as the Marvin E. Crist Wellness Center

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2020-010, approving the dedicating and naming of the newly completed AVTA Employee Wellness Center as the Marvin E. Crist Wellness Center.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

BACKGROUND

Chairman Marvin Crist has repeatedly demonstrated through deeds and actions that he values and recognizes the hard work and dedication of all employees at the agencies he oversees. From recommending thousands of meals be provided to the employees of both AVTA and Transdev during the early days of the COVID-19 lockdown to working out an agreement with the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to share the cost of deputies who would be responsive to the City's public safety efforts at the transit centers as well as bus stops throughout the valley. These efforts were all intended to help keep our front-line essential workers as safe as possible. In that spirit of caring for the wellbeing of our employees, Chairman Crist suggested we use a portion of the proceeds from our first round of Low Carbon Fuel Standard credits to build an onsite wellness center for our employees in recognition of everybody's contribution to the success of our fleet electrification commitment.

It is therefore fitting that the wellness center be dedicated to Chairman Crist as the Marvin E. Crist Wellness Center.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Macy Neshati
Executive Director/CEO

Attachment: A – Resolution No. 2020-010

RESOLUTION #2020-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY APPROVING DEDICATING AND NAMING THE AVTA EMPLOYEE WELLNESS CENTER AS THE MARVIN E. CRIST WELLNESS CENTER

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Board of Directors adopted a goal to be the first and largest all-electric transit fleet in North America; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s commitment to convert its diesel fleet to zero-emission vehicles significantly reduced the Authority’s carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, this commitment made the Authority eligible to receive Low Carbon Fuel Standard (“LCFS”) credits for every gallon of fuel saved; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that Chairman Marvin Crist (“Chairman Crist”) has repeatedly demonstrated through deeds and actions that he values and recognizes the hard work and dedication of all employees at the agencies he oversees; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Crist’s compassion for the well-being of the Authority’s employees further became evident when he suggested that a portion of the proceeds from the LCFS credits be used for the construction of an onsite employee wellness center to recognize staff’s contribution in bringing Chairman Crist’s vision to reality; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding and significant achievements and contributions of Chairman Crist warrant the naming of the AVTA Employee Wellness Center in honor of Chairman Crist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority authorizes and approves dedicating and naming the AVTA Employee Wellness Center as the Marvin E. Crist Wellness Center.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of OCTOBER 2020.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

Allison E. Burns, General Counsel