



Antelope Valley Transit Authority

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

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 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Ohlsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Richard Loa, Director Eric Ohlsen, Director Raj Malhi, Director Michelle Flanagan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Richard Loa, the Board of Directors approved the agenda as comprised.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Charlotte Baxter – spoke about Dial-A-Ride (DAR) and MV Transportation.

Fran Sereseres – spoke about DAR and Metrolink’s service gap between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. She requested information regarding the \$38.3 million grant received by L.A. Metro. Chairman Crist stated that some funds would be used for increased late-night service and security on the Antelope Valley line and directed her to contact the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition for additional information.

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

SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF TRANSIT CENTER DEDICATION PLAQUES

Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins presented replicas of the transit dedication plaques to Donna Hill, representative for Senator Scott Wilk, Assemblyman Tom Lackey, Dianne Knippel, and Michelle Flanagan, representative for Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

SRP 3 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

Pamela Balch, District Director for Assemblyman Tom Lackey, stated that a new office opened in Apple Valley and encouraged constituents to provide ideas for Legislation Bills. Assemblyman Lackey and Chairman Crist spoke about their recent meeting with Caltrans representatives regarding the urgency of improving communication during the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) construction project.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SCOTT WILK'S OFFICE

Jack Danielson, Field Representative for Senator Scott Wilk's office, reported that Governor Newsom signed SB-446 Nonprofit and cooperative corporations: ratification or validation of noncompliant corporate actions, SB-247 Alcoholic beverages: licensing exemptions: barbering and cosmetology services, and SB-698 California Council on Science and Technology Policy Fellows: status of services.

SRP 4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN JUAN CARRILLO'S OFFICE

Juan Blanco, Field Representative for Assemblyman Juan Carrillo's office, thanked staff for hosting Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo's visit and arranging the AVTA and BYD tours on October 23, 2023. Director Ohlsen expressed his pride in AVTA and noted how pleased Assemblymembers Schiavo, Carrillo, Lackey, and Connolly were with the accomplishments of AVTA staff regarding inductive charging.

Mr. Blanco stated that Assemblyman Carrillo is meeting with constituents and organizations throughout the district and attended the 30th Anniversary of the Victor Valley Transit Authority, where a joint resolution was presented on behalf of Assembly Districts 34 and 39 and Senate District 21.

He added that Governor Newsom signed the following bills authored by Assemblyman Carrillo: AB-542 Self-service storage facilities: lien sales, AB-744 California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic

software tools procurement, AB-965 Local government: broadband permit applications, AB-1376 Emergency medical services: liability limitation, and AB-1736 Water replenishment districts: competitive bidding.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Senior Finance Manager Vianney McLaughlin presented the Employee of the Month award to Records Management Technician II Paulina Hurley.

SRP 6 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

MV Transportation General Manager Juan Antonio Lopez presented the Operator of the Month award to Kenneth Williams.

SRP 7 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the Employee of the Month award to Nicholas Herron.

SRP 8 AVTS MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Mr. Minasyan presented the report.

SRP 9 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Maintenance Compliance Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. Mr. Tompkins informed the Board that he will contact the city manager at the city of Lancaster regarding the status of the Request for Proposals for battery storage at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park. He will also contact the city of Palmdale staff to schedule a meeting regarding battery storage at the Palmdale Transportation Center.

SRP 10 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Mr. Lopez presented the report. Chairman Crist reminded Mr. Lopez to provide explanations when there are changes to the key performance indicators.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

- CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**
Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023.
- CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**
Receive and file the Financial Report for September 2023.
- CC 3 FY 2024 FIRST QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) REPORT (JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)**
Receive and file the FY 2024 First Quarter LASD Report.
- CC 4 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-009, ADOPTING THE AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE CODE**
Adopt Resolution No. 2023-009, adopting the amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code and rescinding in its entirety the current Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code adopted by Resolution No. 2022-001 on January 25, 2022.
- CC 5 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2023**
Receive and file the Legislative Report and Finance Update for October 2023.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Flanagan, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 TAX OPTIONS

General Counsel Allison Burns presented the options. The Board discussed the various options, AVTA's potential fiscal cliff, and jurisdictional contributions. General Counsel was directed to engage an engineer to evaluate pursuing a property assessment or tax in accordance with Proposition 218. Questions can be directed to the Chairman or Vice Chair.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Mr. Tompkins invited Marketing Director James Royal to present information regarding Metro's GoPass Program, a pilot program that provides free fares for Los Angeles County K through 14 students. Mr. Royal will give a thorough program overview at the November Board meeting. Vice Chair Knippel requested that he explore the viability of using this program at Antelope Valley College instead of its current student bus pass program.

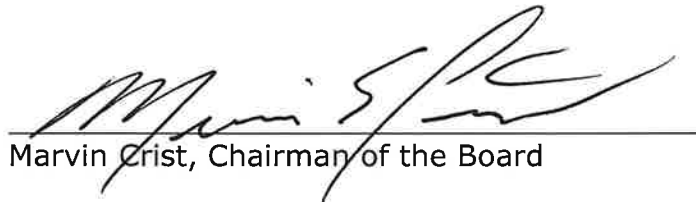
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

There were no non-agenda Board of Directors items presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on November 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of November 2023.


Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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