



Foothill Transit

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FOOTHILL TRANSIT GOVERNING BOARD**

**PROTERRA WEST COAST MANUFACTURING
383 CHERYL LANE
WALNUT, CALIFORNIA 91789**

**Friday, November 3, 2017
7:45 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Calaycay at 7:53 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governing Board Member Roger Chandler.

3. FOCUS ON SAFETY

Ali Showkatian, Safety Compliance Manager, presented a safety message on earthquake preparedness.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Christina Lopez, Board Secretary.

Present: Member Corey Calaycay, Member Charlie Rosales, Member Robert Torres, Member Emmett Badar, Member Nancy Tragarz, Member Edward Alvarez, Member Gary Boyer, Member Albert Ambriz, Member Corey Warshaw, Member Roger Chandler, Member Richard Barakat, Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Member Becky Shevlin, Member Margaret McAustin, Member Cynthia Sternquist, Member Carol Herrera, Member Valerie Munoz, Member Gloria Olmos, Member Sam Pedroza, Member Jimmy Lin

Absent: Member Ricardo Pacheco, Member Peggy Delach, Member Juventino Gomez, Member Cory Moss, Member Michael De La Torre

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Foothill Transit Governing Board.



5.1 Executive Director Response to Public Comment

There was no response by the Executive Director to Public Comment

6. **RECESS MEETING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CLUSTER 1 TO ELECT EXECUTIVE BOARD ALTERNATE (CLAREMONT, LA VERNE, POMONA, SAN DIMAS, WALNUT)**

The Governing Board Meeting recessed for the special election at 7:55 a.m.

7. **RECONVENE MEETING AND ANNOUNCE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ALTERNATE FOR CLUSTER 1**

The Governing Board Meeting reconvened at 8:02 a.m. Chair Calaycay announced that Governing Board Member Emmett Badar (San Dimas) was elected to serve as Executive Board Alternate for Cluster 1.

8. **FOOTHILL TRANSIT PROGRAM UPDATES**

8.1. APTF Donald C. Hyde Memorial Essay Scholarship Recipient

Doran Barnes, Executive Director, announced that London Lee, Foothill Transit Quality Assurance Inspector, was the recipient of the Donald C. Hyde Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the American Public Transportation Foundation to the individual who as part of their scholarship application writes the very best essay that the committee considers. Mr. Lee currently attends the University of La Verne and is majoring in Organizational Management. Mr. Lee received his scholarship at the APTA Annual Meeting held in October 2017. Mr. Lee recited his essay "Common Courtesy" for the members of the Governing Board.

8.2. Fare and Service Changes Update

Joe Raquel, Director of Planning, provided an update on the recent fare and service changes. On October 22nd Foothill Transit implemented fare and services that were some of the biggest changes the agency has ever undertaken. The goals for the fare change were to simplify the fare, reduce usage of cash fare, and align fares regionally. The goals for the service change were to strengthen the core network, improve regional integration, strategic service adjustments, and develop a frequent network.

Mr. Raquel stated that it's still too early to see what the effects of the changes have been, but based on preliminary information, sales of the



monthly pass have increased, and on Line 480 customers like the direct connection from Pomona Transit Center to Mt. SAC. Customers used to buying transfers are having a difficult time adjusting to the Day Pass, but it only has been two weeks since the changes have gone into effect. Complaints are being received on the split of Line 187 and staff will continue to monitor service.

8.3. Electric Bus Program Update

Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance & Vehicle Technology, provided an update on Foothill Transit's Electric Bus Program. He reported that the program was launched in 2010 with three Proterra Electric Buses and a fast-charge station. In 2014, twelve electric buses were added all on Line 291. Foothill Transit was the first in the nation to deploy fast-charge electric buses.

Currently, Foothill Transit has 16 fast-charge electric buses in service. The buses operate on Line 291. The charge center is located at the Pomona Transit Center. Since the program launched, the buses have operated over 1.3 million electric miles. Foothill Transit will launch an entirely new service of catalyst extended range electric buses, which will run on Line 280. A new fast-charge station is being constructed at the Azusa Intermodal Transit Center and will support the catalyst extended range electric buses on Line 280.

A new project that is being developed is the launch in two years of two all-electric double-decker buses on the Silver Streak. The buses will run along the I-10 Freeway from Montclair to Downtown Los Angeles. Staff is working with engineers from Alexander Dennis to develop the specifications. Mr. Cordero stated that all the bus and infrastructure deployments are part of Foothill Transit's progress of going all electric by 2030.

Mr. Cordero introduced Nathan Lowstuter, Proterra Vice President of Supply Chain Management, who provided an overview of the company's history and where the company is headed in the future.

Chair Calaycay asked Executive Director Doran Barnes to make a momentous announcement related to the Electric Bus Program. Mr. Barnes announced that Foothill Transit will be the first to implement Proterra's Extended Range Electric Buses. A live Facebook feed from the Azusa Intermodal Transit Center showed the first extended range electric bus launched into revenue service on Line 280.



9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENT

Comments by Mr. Doran J. Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit.

Mr. Barnes reported the following:

- Tours of Proterra's facility would be available at the conclusion of the meeting if anyone was interested.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Comments by Members of the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

- Member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, City of Duarte, thanked Foothill Transit for sponsoring the Duarte Family Fun Fest. She also thanked Foothill Transit Quality Assurance Inspector and Duarte citizen London Lee who does an amazing job with the youth in Duarte in the football program.
- Member Robert Torres, City of Pomona, congratulated Foothill Transit on its successes. He also provided feedback related to concrete pads, bus stops that do not have concrete pads, and drivers that are not lowering the lift for some riders. Lastly, he asked what incentives Foothill Transit provides to the homeless. Executive Director Barnes stated that all bus stop amenities are provided by the member cities. Foothill Transit does provide a grant program to support the cities. Mr. Barnes stated that a conversation needs to take place on how the city and transit agency relationship comes together to address issues. Manager of Community Engagement Linda Apodaca stated that she manages the free-ride coupon program, which Foothill Transit partners with at least 80 organizations, which includes social services, schools, and churches which includes Pomona.
- Chair Calaycay announced that the next Governing Board Meeting being held on February 16, 2018 will be held at the Foothill Transit Arcadia Operations and Maintenance Facility.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment for the November 3, 2017 Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.