



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES

Board of Directors - Regular Meeting

CLOSED SESSION 4:15 PM for Agenda Items 8A-8D

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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JOEL YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT (AT-LARGE)

JOVANKA BECKLES (WARD 1)

JEAN WALSH (WARD 2)

MURPHY MCCALLEY (WARD 4)

DIANE SHAW (WARD 5)

H. E. CHRISTIAN PEEPLES (AT-LARGE)

BOARD OFFICERS

MICHAEL A. HURSH, GENERAL MANAGER

JILL A. SPRAGUE, GENERAL COUNSEL

LINDA A. NEMEROFF, DISTRICT SECRETARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m. for the purpose of Closed Session. All Board members were present. The Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Items 8A-8D as listed on the agenda. Closed Session concluded at 4:28 p.m.

President Ortiz called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

3. PRESENTATIONS**3.A.** Update on Federal legislative activities.[22-375](#)

Steve Palmer of Van Scoyoc Associates provided an update on the status of AC Transit grant applications, current funding opportunities, status of the federal midterm elections, status of FY 2023 appropriations bills, and the Congressional schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments offered.

Board Discussion:

President Ortiz asked for clarification of information reported by Mr. Palmer regarding the focus on Infrastructure if Congress flips. Mr. Palmer responded that, if Congress flips for the Republicans, President Biden would focus on, and take credit for, implementing the Infrastructure Bill while a new Republican Congress would likely focus on their inflation and boarder concerns.

Director Peeples asked if bus coalition advocacy for bus funding would be impactful if Congress changes from its current makeup. Mr. Palmer noted that bus coalitions have historically had an impactful role to play when Congress flips.

The report was presented for informational purposes only.

3.B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presentation on the Major Project Advancement Policy. [Requested by Director Shaw - 5/11/2022][22-427](#)

Theresa Romell, Director of Funding Policy and Programs with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), gave the presentation.

Public Comment:

John Minot, East Bay Transit Riders Union (EBTRU), noted that Bay Area residents do not have the transit network they need because it costs too much and takes too long to complete. Minot noted the importance that MTC is working to get shared expertise and principles to start bringing the cost overruns under control and deliver more for less.

Board Discussion:

Director Shaw commented that AC Transit projects, based on the cost categories, fall under the programmatic tier and asked what AC Transit should do to ready itself for applying and receiving funding. Ms. Romell explained that focusing on the District's highest priority projects could be a good strategy when applying for funding.

Director Shaw commented on the funding framework categories and thought that the number of projects assigned to the Zero Emission category was very low at 13%, especially with the zero-emission goal nearing in 2040. Ms. Romell explained that the zero-emission transition is recognized as a major regional goal and added that MTC has a \$5 Billion funding placeholder for the zero-emission vehicle transition. Ms. Romell added that the regional zero-emission strategy would be organized in coordination with transit operators in the Bay Area.

Director Shaw commented on the prominence of transit-oriented development among major Bay Area projects and felt that it was time MTC allowed transit representatives on their Board.

The report was presented for informational purposes only.

3.C. Update from West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) on the San Pablo Corridor Project.

[22-417](#)

Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Transportation Planning Manager, introduced Adam Dankberg, Consultant for Kimley Horn, who gave the presentation and addressed questions from the Board. WCCTAC Executive Director John Nemmeth was also present.

Public Comment:

John Minot, EBTRU, commented on the report by noting the importance of making systematic changes for transit to combat climate change and that the least priority should be given to street parking.

George Spies noted that a Bus Rapid Transit system is needed and worth the effort. Spies added that efforts should be made to improve on the experiences from the International Blvd BRT implementation, emphasizing safety for pedestrians.

Bryan Cullbertson commented on the focus and major priorities that should be considered on the San Pablo corridor BRT project, especially noting that pedestrian-priority crosswalk signals and protected bikeways must be prioritized.

Robert Prinz, Education Director, Bike East Bay, commented on the need for

high-quality bike, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure on the San Pablo Avenue traffic corridor and noted the focus, priorities, and areas of attention needed for the project. **Joe Kunzler** expressed appreciation for the creation of a bikeway through Oakland.

Board Discussion:

Director Peebles commented on the implementation of the 72 Rapid enhanced bus service which resulted in an increase in ridership and suggested that project staff review this information. Director Peebles also disagreed with those that think buses and cars should be stopped when there are no pedestrians present and felt that the placement of pedestrian buttons should depend on the amount of usage because they will impact the speed of the bus. Director Peebles also advocated for the judicious use of the roadway when contemplating bike lanes, noting the limited amount of space and the availability of a parallel Class 1 bikeway just a few blocks away.

Director Beckles asked about the user friendliness of center running bus lanes. Mr. Dankberg advised that there is better speed and reliability, but there were pros and cons with regard to pedestrian access. Director Beckles also inquired about accessibility. Mr. Dankberg advised that at the time of outreach, there wasn't a local example to draw on. Mr. Nemmeth added that Phase 1 outreach, Council discussions and public comment have been positive. Ms. Greenblat added that there were concerns from the business community regarding a dedicated lane.

Director Walsh commented that the project posed an opportunity to make a positive change on the San Pablo Corridor and a dedicated bus lane was necessary for all the reasons that staff discussed. In addition, Director Walsh emphasized the need for safety and physical improvements that would keep motorists out of the bus lane. Bike lanes were also emphasized on San Pablo Avenue.

Director Shaw was supportive of the project, saying that a focus on safety improvements and ADA access were key and that a decision on the orientation of a dedicated bus lane also needed to be thought out. Delivery/loading zone access for businesses was also important to accommodate.

The report was presented for information and feedback.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.]

Joe Kunzler expressed excitement about the creation of more bike lanes on Oakland streets and encouraged continued support for an AC Transit mask mandate.

Clarence Fisher requested a reply regarding questions about transfer tickets from Capital Corridor trains to connecting AC Transit buses.

5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT ITEMS)

There was no public comment offered on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to receive, approve, or adopt the items on the Consent Calendar as indicated with the exception of Item 6.D. which was pulled off the Consent Calendar by Director McCalley. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

6.A Consider approving Board of Directors minutes of July 13, 2022. [22-097](#)

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to approve the Board of Directors minutes of July 13, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

6.B Consider receiving 1) the Retirement Board meeting minutes of June 2, 2022, and 2) the Special Retirement Board meeting minutes of June 29, 2022. [22-441](#)

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to receive 1) the Retirement Board meeting minutes of June 2, 2022, and 2) the Special Retirement Board meeting minutes of June 29, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

6.C. Consider authorizing the General Manager to exercise Option 2 (Year 5) to extend the District's contract with Alliant Insurance Services, for the period beginning February 10, 2023, through February 9, 2024, for the provision of Insurance Broker Services. [18-162c](#)

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to approve authorization of the General Manager to exercise Option 2 (Year 5) to extend the District's contract with Alliant Insurance Services, for the period beginning February 10, 2023, through February 9, 2024, for the provision of Insurance Broker Services. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

6.D. Consider adopting the District's three-year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of (2%) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2023 - 2025. [22-241a](#)

Director McCalley pulled Item 6.D. to emphasize that the DBE goal is a floor and, as more federal grants are obtained, the District will look for additional opportunities. There was no further discussion and no public comment offered.

MOTION: MCCALLEY/PEEPLES to adopt the District's three-year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of (2%) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2023 - 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

- 6.E.** Consider receiving the Financial Audit Plan and Audit Engagement Letter for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. [22-411](#)

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to receive the Financial Audit Plan and Audit Engagement Letter for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

- 6.F.** Consider receiving the Monthly Report on Investments for April 2022. [22-431](#)

MOTION: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to receive the Monthly Report on Investments for April 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

7. REGULAR CALENDAR

External Affairs Items - Chair Peeples

- 7.A.** Consider approving the award of a three-year contract with two one-year options with American Customer Care for the provision of call center services. [21-086a](#)

Customer Services Manager Margaret Tseng presented the staff report. There was no public comment offered.

Director Walsh asked about after-hours social media postings by customer service and the use of a survey to get feedback from customers on their experience. Ms. Tseng advised that social media posting would be part of the new contract and that staff was considering a survey. Director Walsh also hoped that call levels would go down over time as better information becomes more readily available to customers such that they would not need to call customer service. Director Walsh also wanted to know how feedback is communicated to staff. Staff is working to train the customer service staff on how to orient riders as to the location of a bus stop by using Google Street View. General Manager Hursh advised that he would be following up with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on issues related to 511.

Director Shaw inquired about the scoring of the firms competing for the contract and asked how the performance of the current contractor is gauged. Ms. Tseng provided a scoring differential and said that there is live monitoring of the calls done on a weekly basis as well as training and constant communication with the call center.

Director McCalley inquired about the performance of the call center in relation to the call abandonment rate. Ms. Tseng advised that this issue has been resolved and was due to staffing levels.

Director Peeples advocated for continued training on Google Street View.

MOTION: ORTIZ/SHAW to approve the award of a three-year contract with two one-year options with American Customer Care for the provision of call center services. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

- 7.B.** Consider receiving the Monthly Legislative Report and approval of legislative positions, if necessary. [22-410](#)

External Affairs Representative Steven Jones presented the staff report. There was no public comment offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/ORTIZ to receive the Monthly Legislative Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

Finance and Audit Items - Chair Shaw

- 7.C.** Consider receiving a report on the status of implementing 2-hour free transfers on AC Transit on the AC Transit mobile payment application. [22-187b](#)

Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak presented the staff report advising against implementing 2-hour free transfers on AC Transit.

Public Comment:

Public speakers expressed disappointment of the Staff assessment and recommendation regarding the bus transfers report and hoped that future consideration and implementation of free bus transfers policies be established. These speakers were:

- **John Minot**, EBTRU,
- **Adina Levin**, Seamless Bay Area

Board Discussion:

Director Walsh commented that Title VI law protected communities of color from disparate impacts of fare changes and wanted to understand how a free transfer could negatively impact low-income riders and people of color. Program Manager for Title VI and Contracts Compliance Phillip Halley explained that the Board's request to implement free transfers on the mobile app would benefit less than one percent of ridership. Given that the vast majority of riders pay fares with means other than the mobile app, such as cash, the proposed free transfer via the mobile app would favor the small percent of riders at the expense of the low-income or people of color. He further added that the Title VI analysis pointed out disparate impacts. Director Walsh commented that currently, fare discounts are offered to Clipper users and thought the same approach could be applied to mobile-app transfers.

Director Beckles commented that AC Transit transfers should be free of charge to all riders, not just a small percentage of ridership.

Mr. Andrichak added that a previous report on this topic explained why discounts were not offered to Clipper users and that the regional fare integration program through Clipper 2 will become available in 2023, enabling free transfers to be implemented for the users of the upgraded Clipper product.

To Director McCalley's request for clarification, staff confirmed that no position on free transfers was taken at that time and that the Board would discuss their position on free transfers once Clipper 2 was in effect next year.

MOTION: ORTIZ/YOUNG to receive report on the status of implementing 2-hour free transfers on AC Transit on the AC Transit mobile payment application. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

7.D. Consider approving amendments to Board Policy 324 - Revenue and Grants.

[22-405](#)

There was no presentation of the staff report, and no public comments were offered. Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak was available to address questions.

Director Peeples made a motion, seconded by President Ortiz, to approve amendments to Board Policy 324 and opened the floor for discussion. A discussion was led by Director McCalley around clarifying what staff was trying to accomplish with the proposed policy changes. Director McCalley agreed with the concept of the proposed changes but asked that the intent be spelled out for clarity. Mr. Andrichak advised that staff was asking for a change in the policy that would permit staff to apply for grants listed in the District's Capital Improvement Plan, rather than bring them to them Board with the exception of those that require Board approval. Staff was asked to amend the policy to make that more explicit. Director McCalley also inquired about pass-through funding and Mr. Andrichak explained the process of federal rules concerning pass-throughs. Director McCalley further asked about restrictions on the use of unplanned surpluses and suggested that the policy instead say that one time money will not be used to support service.

At Director Shaw's request and by the majority's consent, staff was directed amend the policy to report quarterly on the status of grants in the General Manager's report. This report is also to include grants that were awarded.

Director Peeples withdrew the motion on the floor and made a new motion.

MOTION: PEEPLES/ORTIZ to continue the policy amendments to a future date and incorporate the Board's feedback. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

Planning Items - Chair Beckles

- 7.E.** Consider receiving the Dumbarton Bridge Corridor Bus Transit Services Report. [Requested by Director Shaw - 5/25/2022] [22-404](#)

Senior Transportation Planner Howard Der presented a staff report. There were no public comments offered.

Director Shaw was pleased to hear that staff expected a continued increase in ridership and was confident that the underlying jurisdictions' improvements on both sides of the Dumbarton Bridge would further enhance the service.

To Vice President Young's question about a vigorous ridership recovery on Dumbarton lines compared to Transbay, staff explained that most DB and Line U riders are essential employees at Stanford Medical Center on the Peninsula and were required to work in-person through the pandemic. At Vice President Young's prompt, Mr. Der clarified that Stanford University fully pays for Line U service.

MOTION: YOUNG/PEEPLES to receive the Dumbarton Bridge Corridor Bus Transit Services Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

- 7.F.** Consider adopting AC Transit's Bus Stop Furniture Guidelines. [22-403](#)

The staff presentation on the topic of the Bus Stop Furniture Guidelines was given at the 1:00 p.m. joint meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Board of Directors earlier in the day.

The Board directed staff to seek the Accessibility Advisory Committee's feedback and bring back the discussion/adoption of guidelines to the Board at a future meeting.

Director Shaw provided feedback on the specifics of the guidelines as follows:

- Placement methodology: that the need for bus shelters be focused on people who need it, such as hospitals, medical centers, and senior centers rather than based on race and income.
- The process for requesting a bench or a shelter.
- Americans with Disabilities Act concerns raised by the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Director Walsh requested that more prominence be given to seniors, senior centers, etc. as a key factor in the determining the need for a shelter or bench.

MOTION: PEEPLES/ORTIZ to accept the feedback provided by Board members and continue the discussion on the adoption of AC Transit's Bus Stop Furniture Guidelines to a future Board meeting pending feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

Operations Items - Chair Young

- 7.G.** Consider receiving a presentation on the District's employee wellness program and its effectiveness. [Requested by Director Walsh - 4/27/22] [22-430](#)

Wellness Coordinator Sandra Smith-McDonald gave the presentation. There was no public comment offered.

Board Discussion:

Director Peeples noted that bus operators and mechanics shared similar socio-economic characteristics, but their morbidity rates were vastly different and wanted to know what could be done to address this. Human Resources Manager Rachel Lightburn commented on reports provided to the District by Kaiser Health Plan which reveal how different populations within the District are doing with regard to specific health factors, adding that this information was useful in crafting a Wellness Program to address specific health issues that employees face, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and weight management.

Director Shaw commented positively on the District's program and suggested having quarterly wellness challenges between the various divisions. In addition, Director Shaw suggested that money raised at events like the golf tournament be used to focus on wellness issues for operators and mechanics.

Director Walsh commented on the importance of health and wellness and suggested the following ideas: 1) weight watchers, 2) coordination with the Emeryville Recreation Center to provide employee access to the facility, and 3) monetary incentives. Director Walsh further inquired about programs that the District may want to re-start. Ms. Smith-McDonald advised that staff would like to commence on-site health classes, body composition screenings, flu shots and division visits to communicate exercise and nutritional plans. Ms. Smith-McDonald added that she would like to work with department managers and the unions to discuss wellness issues.

MOTION: PEEPLES/ORTIZ to receive a presentation on the District's employee wellness program and its effectiveness. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, Walsh, Beckles, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

Board Administrative Matters - President Ortiz

- 7.H.** Consider approving amendments to Articles 4 and 5 of Board Policy 101 - Board of Directors Rules for Procedure. [22-350a](#)

[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated into the file by reference.]

District Secretary Linda Nemeroff presented the staff report, noting that the amendments proposed to Article 4 were minor and sought to acknowledge changes in the Brown Act pertaining to remote meetings. Secretary Nemeroff added that since the Brown Act may continue to undergo more changes staff would like to hold off any additional amendments to this article for now.

Secretary Nemeroff reported that Article 5 included two substantive amendments dealing with agenda planning matters where subject matter urgency may necessitate an out-of-policy action to add the matter to the agenda. In addition, Secretary Nemeroff recapped the Board's comments and suggestions regarding agenda planning from the previous Board meeting and followed with an overview of a new proposed policy, which took into account the feedback received.

Public Comment:

John Minot, EBTRU, commented on the proposed amendments to the agenda planning rules and procedures and suggested that the Board review the Board policy in 12 months.

Joe Kunzler encouraged the Board to ask staff to lobby for changes to the Brown Act to make permanent remote access to public meetings.

Board Discussion:

Director Shaw requested clarification on the differences between action and briefing items as they appear on the proposed amendment to agenda planning. Secretary Nemeroff explained the distinction between action and briefing items to the Board.

Director Walsh expressed satisfaction with the design of the agenda planning form but explained why there should be no limitation for Board members to make agenda planning requests pertaining to presentations from external sources or action items. Director Walsh suggested that a review and re-assessment of the final board policy occur in 6 months.

Director McCalley agreed with the suggestion that there be no limitations for agenda planning items by Board members regarding external presentations. Director McCalley asked that clarification be provided regarding the process when a submitted agenda planning item is later amended by another Board member during discussion. Secretary Nemeroff explained that such edits would be incorporated into the request at the time the matter was being considered by the Board. Additional amendments outside of the Board meeting would be subject to the amendment process outlined in the policy.

President Ortiz commented that requests for presentations from external sources should not be subject to agenda planning request limits. President Ortiz requested an explanation regarding the meeting date and expected meeting date fields on the proposed agenda planning form. Secretary Nemeroff explained the distinction between these two fields.

Director Peeples commented on how the Board had addressed process changes in the past, noting that a review of a Board Policy before 12-months was too early for a substantive review and that such review should be extensive by providing statistics like average reply time. Director Peeples noted that creating a process that opens-up greater collaboration between the Board and staff should be encouraged.

President Ortiz made a motion to approve amendments with the proviso clarifying that request for outside presentations should not be included in the 15 reports-per-year limit. The motion was seconded by Director Beckles.

Director Walsh made a motion to amend to approve amendments with the proviso clarifying that request for outside presentations and action items should not be included in the 15 reports-per-year limit. The motion was seconded by Director Beckles.

Vice President Young made a motion to amend Director Walsh's amended motion by substitution to approve the changes in sections 4.2, 4.9, 5.5 along with the changes President Ortiz suggested with respect to outside presentations. The motion to amend by substitution was seconded by President Ortiz and the following board discussion ensued.

Vice President Young commented that the recommended changes to the agenda planning process would result in a more collaborative process between the staff and the Board. Vice President Young noted that a Board member who had reached their 15 item per-year limit could collaborate with another Board member who hadn't yet reached the annual limit. Vice President Young noted that an annual review of the policy will provide the Board with the opportunity to amend and refine the policy in the future.

Director Walsh asked the Board if it really wanted to choose to limit Board members from taking concrete action and making concrete decisions. Vice President Young replied that the intent of the policy is to efficiently refine the agenda planning process to provide clear communication and collaboration between parties for agenda planning. Vice President Young added that the proposed process can be tried and reviewed by the Board in one year.

MOTION TO AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION: YOUNG/ORTIZ to approve the changes in Sections 4.2, 4.9, 5.5 of Board Policy 101 along with the changes President Ortiz suggested with respect to outside presentations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ortiz, Young, McCalley, Shaw, Peeples

Nays: Walsh, Beckles

8. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT

General Counsel Jill Sprague reported out on the following:

MOTION: PEEPLES/ORTIZ to authorize settlement in the amount of \$220,000.00 for compromise and release with open future medical in the matter of John Schulte v. AC Transit; WCAB Case Nos. ADJ10162712 and ADJ10338176. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Peeples, Ortiz, Beckles, Walsh, Murphy, Shaw, Young

8.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9 (a))

John Schulte v. AC Transit, WCAB Case Nos. ADJ10162712; ADJ10338176

8.B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (Two Cases)

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

8.C. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency Designated Representative:

- General Manager Michael Hursh;

- Labor and Employee Relations Representative;

Employee Organizations: ATU Local 192, AFSCME Local 3916, IBEW Local 1245,

Unrepresented Employees

8.D. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager, General Counsel, District Secretary

9. AGENDA PLANNING

9.A. Review of Agenda Planning Pending List.

[22-065m](#)

Director Peeples requested a presentation by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) staff on their wayfinding project that was presented in the BART-AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee meeting. President Ortiz and Vice President Young concurred.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.A. General Manager's Report for July 27, 2022.

[22-041m](#)

The report was presented for information only.

11. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2)

Members of the Board commented on meetings and events they attended since the last Board Meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Linda A. Nemeroff
District Secretary

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments

- Joe Kunzler: I ask the ACTransit Board please stand fast in support of a mask mandate and the vaccination mandate. Many will not or cannot want to ride transit otherwise. Community over convenience.
- Guest User: Good morning! I'm a voter in Berkeley writing to encourage the AC Transit Board to repeal its mask mandate. With BART's mandate terminated, the Alameda County DPH mandate gone for weeks, and vaccines for children now widely available, it seems like an appropriate moment for the Board to reevaluate and hopefully repeal this regulation. Thanks for your consideration. Respectfully, Andrew Fox
- Alex Danoff: Hello AC Transit Board, I'm writing to urge the board to consider re-opening the transbay CB bus line that supports commuters going from North Oakland and Downtown Oakland into San Francisco. The transbay CB line was suspended at the start of COVID, which was an understandable action at the time. However, more and more residents who had been serviced by the line are now returning to work in San Francisco and have limited and lengthy options for getting into the city. The transbay V line does overlap in some areas with the CB route, but it goes the opposite direction and goes on a lengthy route to support residents in the Montclair, Park Boulevard and other neighborhoods. The V line buses are extremely packed, and there is clear demand from riders who would take the CB line instead if the suspension were lifted. Please reconsider the CB line suspension so that residents in Rockridge, Temescal and Uptown Oakland once again have access to timely transit services to and from San Francisco. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you, Alex Danoff