



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

HYBRID MEETING

AC Transit General Offices
10th Floor Conference Room - 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOEL YOUNG, PRESIDENT (AT-LARGE)

DIANE SHAW, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 5)

JOVANKA BECKLES (WARD 1)

JEAN WALSH (WARD 2)

SARAH SYED (WARD 3)

MURPHY MCCALLEY (WARD 4)

H. E. CHRISTIAN PEEPLES (AT-LARGE)

BOARD OFFICERS

MICHAEL A. HURSH, GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JILL A. SPRAGUE, GENERAL COUNSEL/CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

LINDA A. NEMEROFF, BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/DISTRICT SECRETARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. for the purpose of Closed Session. All Board members were present. The Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Items 7A-7C as listed on the agenda. Closed Session concluded at 4:43 p.m.

President Young called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

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

There was no public comment on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive or approve the items on Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

- 4.A.** Consider receiving report on amendments to the District's Conflict-of-Interest Code as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and subsume the amendments into Board Policy 701. [22-512a](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive report on amendments to the District's Conflict-of-Interest Code as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and subsume the amendments into Board Policy 701. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

- 4.B.** Consider receiving the Monthly Reports on Investments for June, July, and August. [23-496](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive the Monthly Reports on Investments for June, July, and August. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED
- 4.C.** Consider receiving the General Manager’s Access Committee minutes of September 12, 2023. [23-508](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive the General Manager’s Access Committee minutes of September 12, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED
- 4.D.** Consider review of Board Policy 217 - Use of District Resources with no recommended amendments. [23-512](#)

Staff Contact:

Jill A. Sprague, General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to approve Board Policy 217 - Use of District Resources with no recommended amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

5. REGULAR CALENDAR

Planning Items - Chair Syed

- 5.A.** Consider receiving an update on Transit 2050+, long-range regional transit plan. [Requested by Director Syed - 7/26/23] [23-516](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

Principal Transportation Planner Andy Metz gave the presentation. Mr. Metz and Kara Vuicich with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission were available to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, noted the potential connection and synergies between Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Realign to attract more funding and investment to provide greater and more equitable access to transit. Levin suggested that it would be helpful for AC Transit staff to work on the goals and metrics for Plan Bay Area 2050+ such that they support Realign.

Anthony Nachor was interested in how AC Transit would integrate the local network with the regional network and how the District would connect with other transit agencies in the region.

MOTION: YOUNG/PEEPLES to receive an update on Transit 2050+, long-range regional transit plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

- 5.B.** Consider receiving an introductory report on the status of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit Priority Program efforts. [23-455](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

Principal Transportation Planner Mika Miyasato gave the presentation. Ms. Miyasato and Joel Shaffer with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission were available to address questions. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/McCALLEY to receive an introductory report on the status of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit Priority Program efforts. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

6. WORKSHOP - President Young

- 6.A.** Consider receiving a report on the proposed draft service scenarios for Realign and associated public engagement. [23-250d](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering
Beverly Greene, Executive Director of External Affairs, Marketing & Communications

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

Service Planning Manager Michael Eshleman and External Affairs Representative Diann Castleberry presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Kuan Butts, Transport Oakland, requested that AC Transit share the proposed GTF data of the proposed scenarios in order to perform a comparative analysis of previous service levels in years past.

Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates, advised a letter was sent to AC Transit asking for additional information on the proposal's metrics to compare pre-covid service and current service levels.

Sultana Adams, D3 Bus Operator, was concerned about the loss of Line 72R as well as the lack of proposed changes in runtime and recovery in the proposals.

Michael Baker, Peoples Transit Alliance, voiced concern with the reliability and level of coverage contemplated in the different realigned proposals.

Dori Goldberg, Peoples Transit Alliance, urged the Board to ensure that data and metrics such as service hours, trips, miles, and other important metrics are included in

each proposal as soon as possible.

Josie Aherns, Peoples Transit Alliance, was concerned that the proposals did not reflect updates to any of the run times to make routes and schedules more reliable.

Richard Marcantonio, Public Advocates, stated the scenarios do not take run and recovery times into account and the Board should give staff firm direction to come back with a realistic timetable and plan.

Bryan Culbertson requested that the District provide the sort of bus service that riders are going to use when they depart the BART station and believed the elimination of Flex Service Plan would provide enough left over money to run more frequent buses.

Anthony Nachor hoped the 72R would not be discontinued and that decent overnight service continues.

Anthony was excited for the Realign, saying it was an opportunity to efficiently provide the best service with the resources available and would like to focus on feeder service to BART.

Emily Wheeler would like to see more data and asked that a visionary proposal be developed with at least 90% service without cutting any service.

Andy Katz hoped the outreach process would extend into early next year and that the District would consider building in another phase where data could be shared as was suggested at the last workshop.

Darrel Owens believed that AC Transit should advocate for Capital Project funds for bus only lanes and to stop competing with BART.

Sweta requested consideration of the feedback offered by Operators to improve reliability, provide more breaks, and have more achievable schedules.

Mathew L, Peoples Transit Alliance, requested that the Realignment focus on improving reliability and frequency by ending the practice of unreasonable expectations from the drivers. **Dave Lyons**, 34-year Veteran Bus Driver supported the idea of extending the lines with longer recovery times and requested to improve conditions for transit workers, especially new drivers.

John Knox White seconded the comments of Andy Katz and Daryl Owens and hoped the District would reconsider cutting the B21 Alameda to Oakland Airport run as well as the Transbay OX . **Amala John**, Peoples Transit Alliance, advised that safety is a high priority for her and felt unsafe and uncertain for when a bus might or might not show up and thought the Realign proposal must address the transit worker shortage which is very much connected to the issue of reliability. **Brandy Donaldson**, D3 Bus Operator, requested that the Realignment provide the data to prove that the runtimes would be fixed before any changes were made to the service.

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive a report on the proposed draft service scenarios for Realign and associated public engagement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, BECKLES, WALSH, SHAW, PEEPLES, McCALLEY, SYED

7. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

7.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2 Cases)

7.B. 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

7.C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager, General Counsel, District Secretary

8. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2)

Members of the Board commented on meetings, conferences, and events they attended since the last Board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Linda A. Nemeroff

District Secretary