

# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** 11/13/2024

**Staff Report No. 24-546**

**TO:** AC Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Travel Allotment for New Ward 6 Director

### ACTION ITEM

**AGENDA PLANNING REQUEST:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Consider approving the transfer of Director Beckles remaining Ward 1 travel allotment to the new Ward 6 Director, effective December 6, 2024.

Staff Contact:  
Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

**STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:**

There is no strategic importance associated with this report.

**BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary or fiscal impact associated with this report.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Board Policy 155 - Travel, Meetings and Miscellaneous Expense Reimbursements for the Board of Directors and Board Officers authorizes each member of the Board to receive a travel allotment of \$10,800 per fiscal year.

As the Board is aware, Director Peeples is running unopposed for the Ward 1 seat currently held by Director Beckles. In addition, there are three candidates vying for the new Ward 6 seat which will be determined at the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election. There is a unique situation that has arisen as a result of the Board decision to transition to a seven-ward election system which Board Policy 155 does not address. Prior to the most recent redistricting, when a new member of the Board was elected, they would assume the remaining travel allotment left behind by the former holder of the seat. With Director Peeples, currently an at-large director, taking office in December as the new Ward 1 representative, staff wishes to assign the remaining funds from Director Beckles' travel allotment to the new Ward 6 director. Since the Board Policy is silent, staff wishes to obtain Board approval to shift the funds effective December 6, 2024 when the new Ward 6 director takes office.

**ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:**

The proposed reallocation of travel funds to the new Ward 6 director will provide that director with a healthy travel allotment for any travel or meeting expense needs they may need to the first six months of their new term on the Board. There are no known disadvantages.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:**

The only alternative staff could consider is to assign the Ward 1 travel allotment to Director Peeples since he will be representing that area and assign the at-large travel allotment to the new Ward 6 director. However, doing these compounds the problem. Staff believes it best for Director Peeples to retain the current balance of his existing travel allotment.

**PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:**

Board Policy 155

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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