



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES

Board of Directors - Regular Meeting

2:30 PM Closed Session (see item 8 for details)

HYBRID MEETING

AC Transit General Offices
2nd Floor Board Room - 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California

Phone (669) 900 6833, Webinar ID: 984 8717 5063

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 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

AIMEE L. STEELE, GENERAL COUNSEL/CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

LINDA A. NEMEROFF, BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/DISTRICT SECRETARY

TELECONFERENCE:

Director H. E. Christian Peeples, 13328 San Pablo Avenue, Room 38C, San Pablo, California 94806

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Prior to the start of the meeting, General Counsel Aimee Steele confirmed that all requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Govt. Code Sections 54950, et seq.) and the provisions of Board Policy 101, Section 4.9 regarding teleconferenced meetings were met in order for Director Peeples to teleconference to the meeting. The General Counsel advised that all votes must be taken by roll call vote.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. for the purpose of Closed Session. All Boardmembers were present, with the exception of Director Beckles who arrived at 4:15 p.m. The Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Items 8A-8C as listed on the agenda. Closed Session concluded at 4:55 p.m.

President Young called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATION**3.A. Draft Transit 2050+ Network Update [24-510](#)**

Presenters:

Kara Vuicich, Regional Planning Program, MTC

Andy Metz, Principal Transportation Planner

Principal Transportation Planner Andy Metz and Kara Vuicich with the MTC Regional Planning Program made a presentation.

Public Comment:

Barbara Schick expressed concerns about the reliability of Line 67 and commented on the proposed schedule changes to Lines 65, 67, and 7. Schick noted poor experiences when service detours occur and requested more clear and timely communication to riders regarding service changes and detours.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, praised the staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the agencies for their work on Transit 2050+, focusing on improving service and cost-effective transit priority. Levin emphasized the importance of regional funding discussions and the need for service improvements. Levin commented on Seamless Bay Area's work to advance the public's experience to learn

about these plans and will provide a write-up to the MTC about the Transit 2050+ plan.

The item was presented for informational purposes only.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Spies, Traffic Violence Rapid Response, commented on a presentation to the Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission by AC Transit and noted that a six-month delay in evaluating the 'next steps' is too long. Spies requested the Board support the idea to install speed cushions across the International Boulevard corridor, adding that there is a strong need to reevaluate pedestrian crossing times on signals at Tempo bus stops.

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 on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: PEEPLES/BECKLES to receive and approve items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of items 6.C. and 6.F. which were removed from the Consent Calendar for clarification. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.A.** Consider receiving the Monthly Report on Investments for August 2024. [24-520](#)

Staff Contact:
Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/BECKLES to receive the Monthly Report on Investments for August 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.B.** Consider authorizing the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for On-call Planning Services. [24-511](#)

Staff Contact:
Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

MOTION: PEEPLES/BECKLES to approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for On-call Planning Services. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.C.** Consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into contracts and approve annual renewal rates for Kaiser Permanente, Health Net, Vision Service Plan, MetLife Dental and Standard Life Insurance. [24-523](#)

Staff Contact:

Michael A. Hursh, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Item 6.C. was pulled from the Consent Calendar for clarification by Director McCalley. Human Resources Manager Rachel Lightburn addressed the questions from the Board.

MOTION: McCALLEY/WALSH to authorize the General Manager to enter into contracts and approve annual renewal rates for Kaiser Permanente, Health Net, Vision Service Plan, MetLife Dental and Standard Life Insurance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.D.** Consider receiving annual reports identifying all Tempo Platform video/data requests made internally and from outside law enforcement agencies. [24-483](#)

Staff Contact:

Alan Parello, Internal Audit Manager

MOTION: PEEPLES/BECKLES to receive annual reports identifying all Tempo Platform video/data requests made internally and from outside law enforcement agencies. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.E.** Consider receiving an update on the Next Generation Clipper (C2) Program Implementation. [24-444](#)

Staff Contact:

Ahsan Baig, Chief Information Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/BECKLES to receive an update on the Next Generation Clipper (C2) Program Implementation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.F.** Consider receiving a report on the District's planned service changes associated with the December 2024 Sign-up. [24-519](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

Item 6.F. pulled from the Consent calendar for clarification by Director Walsh. Director of Service Development and Planning Robert del Rosario addressed the questions from the Board.

MOTION: McCALLEY/WALSH to receive a report on the District's planned service changes associated with the December 2024 Sign-up. The motion carried by the

following vote:

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

7. REGULAR CALENDAR

External Affairs Items - Chair Peeples

- 7.A.** Consider receiving the Monthly Legislative Report and approve legislative positions, if necessary. [24-543](#)

Staff Contact:

Claudia Burgos, Director of Legislative Affairs & Community Relations

[Documents pertaining to the Regional Measure received prior to the meeting are incorporated into the file by reference.]

Director of Legislative Affairs and Community Relations Claudia Burgos presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

George Spies, Traffic Violence Rapid Response, commented on the recent passage of SB 960 and the consideration that AC Transit should make. Spies suggested advocating for state-level advocacy for Caltrans, particularly in promoting complete streets development and electric buses over hydrogen fuel cell buses. Spies suggested coordinating with Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to improve transit facilities for agencies like AC Transit and for funding of better infrastructure for transit stops and waiting spaces.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, discussed the pursuit of State legislature funding for changes to local authorization and regional funding. Levin noted that consideration to how polling is conducted when regional local transportation measures are on the ballot because such polling will affect how funding should be considered when multiple transit-related measures are being submitted. Levin also commented how the 'cap and trade reauthorization' is potentially an opportunity to look at the operating funding needs.

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

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

- 7.B.** Consider receiving a report on the Draft 2025 Federal and State Advocacy Programs. [24-535](#)

Staff Contact:

Claudia Burgos, Director of Legislative Affairs & Community Relations

External Affairs Representative Maria Henderson presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: SHAW/McCALLEY to receive a report on the Draft 2025 Federal and State Advocacy Programs. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Finance and Audit Items - Chair McCalley

- 7.C.** Consider receiving a report on the formation of a formal governance structure for the District's existing 457(b) deferred compensation plan. [24-409](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/PEEPLES to receive a report on the formation of a formal governance structure for the District's existing 457(b) deferred compensation plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Planning Items - Chair Syed

- 7.D.** Consider receiving the FY23-24 Annual Ridership and Route Performance Report in accordance with Board Policy 545 - Service Standards and Design Policy. [24-451](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

Manager of Business Analytics Campbell Jung presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/SHAW to receive the FY23-24 Annual Ridership and Route Performance Report in accordance with Board Policy 545 - Service Standards and Design Policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7.E.** Consider receiving the Semi-annual Strategic Plan progress update and the development of the Strategic Plan 2025. [24-512](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

Director of Business Sciences William Tonis presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: SHAW/McCALLEY to receive the Semi-annual Strategic Plan progress update and the development of the Strategic Plan 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Operations Items - Chair Shaw

Director Beckles left the dais at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m. during the discussion of Item 7.F.

- 7.F.** Consider receiving a report on how active line management supports service quality improvements related to the hiring of three new Road Supervisor positions. [Requested by Director Walsh - 3/13/24] [24-411](#)

Staff Contact:

Salvador Llamas, Chief Operating Officer

Director of Transportation Dwaine Crawley presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: McCALLEY/YOUNG to receive a report on how active line management supports service quality improvements related to the hiring of three new Road Supervisor positions. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Director Syed left the dais at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m. during the discussion of Item 7.G.

- 7.G.** Consider receiving an update on the installation of Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Enforcement Technology on 100 buses. [Requested by Vice President Shaw - 3/13/24.] [24-434](#)

Staff Contact:

Ahsan Baig, Chief Information Officer

Salvador Llamas, Chief Operating Officer

Director of Maintenance Cecil Blandon presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: McCALLEY/YOUNG to receive an update on the installation of Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Enforcement Technology on 100 buses. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7.H.** Consider Adoption of a Board Policy 444 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) [24-436](#)

Framework & Guidelines.

Staff Contact:

Ahsan Baig, Chief Information Officer

Innovation and Technology Manager Tasawar Jalali presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, discussed the potential use of technology to enforce rider exclusion, particularly in cases of restraining orders. Levin warned of algorithmic bias and recommended consultation with civil liberties organizations to reduce bias. Levin commented on the suggestion of broad statewide and industry-wide standards to prevent individual agencies from relying on vendors for technology sales and questioned whether savings from automated enforcement are calculated on operating savings from more reliable buses.

MOTION: YOUNG/SYED to adopt Board Policy 444 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) Framework & Guidelines. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT

There was no report out of closed session.

8.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9 (a))

- Poonam Kukreja v. AC Transit, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV050454
- Pamela Edwards v. AC Transit, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV028305

8.B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (Two cases)

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

9. AGENDA PLANNING

- 9.A.** Review of Agenda Planning Pending List and Agenda Planning Request Forms submitted by Vice President Shaw. [24-061g](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

Two agenda planning requests from Vice President Shaw were accepted.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.A. General Manager's Report for October 23, 2024.

[24-016q](#)

The agenda item was presented for information only.

11. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2)

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

11.A. Written reports from Board members on travel to District-related conferences occurring in the last 30 days.

[24-315](#)

There were no travel reports entered into the record.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Linda A. Nemeroff

Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary