# SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA REGULAR MEETING <br> AUGUST 26, 2022-9:00 AM 

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## SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

NOTE: THE BOARD CHAIR MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER
1 CALL TO ORDER
2 ROLL CALL

## 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1. Today's meeting is being broadcast by Community Television of Santa Cruz County

## 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

5 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5.1 July 21, 2022 - Letter From Bud Gerstman
5.2 July 31, 2022 - Email From Brian Peoples
5.3 August 8, 2022 - Email From Thairie Ritchie With METRO's Response
5.4 August 17, 2022 - Email From Brian Peoples
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5.6 August 18, 2022 - Email From Leah Sugarman With METRO's Response

6 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION
7 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

## CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the Consent Agenda are recommended actions that are considered to be routine and will be acted upon as one motion. All items removed will be considered later in the agenda. The Board Chair will allow public input prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda items.
$\begin{array}{ll}9.1 & \text { ACCEPT AND FILE: PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL } \\ & \text { FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY } 2022\end{array}$ Chuck Farmer, CFO
9.2 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES OF THE:
A. JUNE 24, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
B. JULY 22, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
C. AUGUST 12, 2022 FINANCE, BUDGET \& AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
9.3 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022
Chuck Farmer, CFO
9.4 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE YEAR TO DATE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR QUARTER FOUR AS OF JUNE 30, 2022
Kristina Mihaylova, Finance Deputy Director
9.5 APPROVE: RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS

Curtis Moses, Safety, Security \& Risk Management Director
9.6 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THAT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEE meetings will continue to be held via teleconference Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
9.7 ACCEPT AND FILE: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE AND PENDING GRANTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY22
Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
9.8 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2022 Daniel Zaragoza, Operations Manager, Paratransit Division
9.9 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE METRO SYSTEM RIDERSHIP REPORTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY22
John Urgo, Planning and Development Director
9.10 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEOIGENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $1^{\text {ST }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CLEAN ENERGY TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$10,291,225 FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS Eddie Benson, Maintenance Manager
9.11 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $1^{\text {sT }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GARDAWORLD TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$368,646 FOR SECURE MOBILE VAULT SERVICING AND CURRENCY PROCESSING Kristina Mihaylova, Finance Deputy Director
9.12 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $4^{\text {TH }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH RI ENGINEERING AND INCREASE THE PROJECT VALUE BY $\$ 63,000$ FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE METRO MAINTENANCE FACILITY
Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager
9.13 APPROVE: FY23 RENEWAL OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE THROUGH PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, AND MANAGEMENT (PRISM), FORMERLY KNOWN AS CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXCESS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (CSAC EIA) Dawn Crummié, Human Resources Director
9.14 APPROVE: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR RECEIVING STATE ANDIOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
9.15 APPROVE: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CEOIGENERAL MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT TO SUBMIT A PROJECT LIST AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FUNDS
Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
9.16 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF METRO'S DISADVANTAGED BUSIENSS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
Chuck Farmer, DBE Liaison Officer
9.17 APPROVE: FY23 RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY COVERAGE WITH QBE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
Chuck Farmer, CFO
9.18 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING THE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT IMDEMNITY POOL (CALTIP) BOARD AS THE DESIGNATED ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
9.19 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE ELECTRIC BATTERY BUSES FROM GILLIG, LLC Margo Ross, COO
9.20 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STEAM CLEANERS LLC FOR INDUSTRIAL PARTS WASHER REPLACEMENTS
Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager
9.21

APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KIMLEYHORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CALTRANS RELIABILITY STUDY NOT TO EXCEED \$324,185.04
John Urgo, Planning and Development Director

## REGULAR AGENDA

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS PRESENTATION: (10 YEARS: BRANDON FREEMAN, JESUS GONZALEZ, ALICIA GRIFFIN, JESUS HEREDIA, ERIC NEGRETE, AND ERIC PEREZ), (15 YEARS: RICKIE-ANN KEGLEY, KRISTINA MIHAYLOVA, CLINT NABOR, MARY SELLS, AND SERGIO TABAG), (25 YEARS: BYRON WATSON) AND (35 YEARS: ANNA MARIE GOUVEIA)

Larry Pageler, Board Chair

11 SAFETY CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTATION FOR $4^{\text {TH }}$ QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2022: FACILITIES MAINTENANCE - CAL OSHA 3362 "SAFE WORK AREA"; FLEET MAINTENANCE - SAFETY FIRST "MOST IMPROVED"; AND PARTS \& MATERIALS - ZERO INCIDENTS Larry Pageler, Board Chair

## 12 RETIREE RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION: HERBERT DEAN BROWN AND JOHN THOMAS

 Larry Pageler, Board Chair
## 13 CEO ORAL REPORT / COVID-19 UPDATE

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

14 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 AT 9:00 AM VIA TELECONFERENCE<br>Larry Pageler, Board Chair

15 ADJOURNMENT
Larry Pageler, Board Chair

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## Public Comment

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Written Communications to the Board of Directors
July 21, 2022
RE: Linda Gerstman's (former passenger)
Dear Paracruz Drivers and Schedulers:
This is to inform that one of your long-term passengers, Linda Gerstman, passed away on May 12. Linda was blind and rode ParaCruz almost daily for about 10 years, between 2009 and 2019. Her most common trips were between our home on Vienna Drive in Aptos to and from the In-Shape gym on $41^{\text {st }}$ Avenue in Capitol.

I wanted you to know that she was truly fond of many of the drivers and schedulers at your organization. I only wish I could remember your names so that I could notify you personally, as she often returned home from rides full of stories about you and your families. Linda loved to talk to you and learn about your lives.

I also wanted you to know how much I appreciate your caring support over these many years. You made it possible for Linda to get out and be active in the community despite her inability to see and drive. We are grateful to you for your support, service, and camaraderie.

Sincerely yours,
Bud Gerstman
 3851 Vienna Drive Aptos, CA 95003

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# Written Communications to the Board of Directors 

| From: | Brian Peoples |
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| To: | Manu Koenig; Bruce McPherson; Gine Johnson; rlj12@comcast.net; Robertpquinn@gmail.com; eduardo.montesino@cityofwatsonville.org; sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com; ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org; thekristenbrown@gmail.com; Bertrand, Jacques; Ryan Coonerty; Andy Schiffrin; greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; Zach Friend; openup@cats.ucsc.edu |
| Cc: | Guy Preston; tim.gubbins@dot.ca.gov; Drabinski, Kevin@DOT; Repass, Kent-Harris; "jimmy.dutra@cityofwatsonville.org"; Shebreh Kalantari-J ohnson; Nathan Nguyen; Sarah Christensen; info@sccrtc.org; Shannon Munz; Grace Blakeslee; Yesenia Parra; Rachel Moriconi; City Council; citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org; boardinquiries@scmtd.com |
| Subject: | Item \#24: Ineligible for State Funding for fixed rail on coastal bluff |
| Date: | Sunday, July 31, 2022 3:10:00 AM |

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RTC Commissioners,
Just as a private property owner is restricted on the type and size of building a house, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is restricted on the type and size of transportation system that can be built on the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor. The fact is, RTC is ineligible for State funding to build an expensive, fixed rail system on the Coastal Corridor and it is misappropriation of Measure $D$ funds to spend tax dollars designing a transportation system that is ineligible for State funding.

San Diego County (news article link) is spending millions to relocate AMTRAK tracks from the coast to inland. California Transportation Commission (CTC) and California Coastal Commission (CCC) have clear policies that restrict funding for new transportation systems that travel on the coastal bluff. Any future application to CTC to fund a fixed rail system will be formally opposed by Trail Now to the CTC. With limited time and resources, RTC Staff should not be directed to perform project work that is not allowable for State funding.

The RTC has owned the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor for over a decade and the limited progress and high cost in building the Coastal Trail is poor public policy by RTC leadership. Please lead our community to opening the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor with a realistic transportation system that can be built in a timely and cost-effective manner. Please end the continued delay in opening the Coastal Corridor as a transportation resource by voting no on Item \#24 (proposed funding for fixed rail system along Santa Cruz Coastal bluff).

Best regards,
Brian Peoples
Trail Now

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# Written Communications to the Board of Directors 

| From: | Cayla Hill |
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| To: | "thairie.ritchie@yahoo.com" |
| Subject: | RE: Weekend Bus Schedules |
| Date: | Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:05:28 AM |

Good morning,
Thank you for taking the time to write in a suggestion on how to improve service.

We are attempting to increase our operator numbers, so that we have the ability to operate more service whether that is increased frequency at certain times of the day or increased span in the morning or evenings. At this time we are experiencing a driver shortage, which requires us to reduce some of our service hours in the fall. We are actively recruiting and expect to notably increase our driver numbers this year. We will discuss the need for these service additions to the Live Oak weekend service and whether this change can be made for the winter schedule (December) or in subsequent schedule changes.

Best regards,

Cayla Hill
Planning Analyst
Planning Department, Santa Cruz Metro
chill@scmtd.com
(831) 420-2581
-----Original Message-----
From: Thairie Ritchie [thairie.ritchie@yahoo.com](mailto:thairie.ritchie@yahoo.com)
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2022 1:55 PM
To: boardinquiries@scmtd.com
Subject: Weekend Bus Schedules
To whom it concerns,
As a current essential worker at the farmers market, it is very frustrating commuting to work on the weekend. My work schedule consists of me needing to be to work on the weekend at 7am on the westside of Santa Cruz (from Capitola), but buses don’t depart until after 8:30am via Capitola Mall. Though I understand the protocol of accommodating services based off frequent ridership, but as a worker that has a early morning schedule it is a struggle. And also Uber/Lyft has a very poor local service in the mornings as well and has been a financial strain because I'm afraid that routes will be cut due to staff storage or traffic delay which happens very often on the weekend as well. I'm hoping for possibly more morning schedule, if not it is harder and harder to maintain employment around the bus schedule.

Sincerely, Thairee

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# Written Communications to the Board of Directors 

| From: | Brian Peoples |
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| To: | Donna Bauer |
| Cc: | Guy Preston; Manu Koenig; Bruce McPherson; Zach Friend; greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; Ryan Coonerty; Andy Schiffrin; Gine Johnson; Bertrand, Jacques; thekristenbrown@gmail.com; ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org; sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com; eduardo.montesino@cityofwatsonville.org; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; "iimmy.dutra@cityofwatsonville.org"; Gity Council; citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org; tim.qubbins@dot.ca.gov; |
|  | rji12@comcast.net; Robertpquinn@gmail.com; Drabinski, Kevin@DOT; Sarah Christensen; Rachel Moriconi; info@scartc.org |
| Subject: | Metro Oral Communications - California Sea-level-rising policy prevents new rail system on Coastal Corridor |
| Date: | Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:29:34 AM |

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Hi Donna,

As I mentioned to you, we would like the attached photo displayed at oral communications at the Santa Cruz Metro Director meeting on August 26th. Below is our Oral Communications that will be stated and like to include in agenda package.

Best regards,

Brian Peoples
Trail Now

ORAL COMMUNICATION TO SANTA CRUZ METRO:

There are three (3) main transportation corridors across Santa Cruz County (Highway 1, Soquel Drive, Coastal) that are critical to mobility for our community. Priority needs to be made to open the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor from Watsonville to Santa Cruz for active transportation in a timely and cost-effective manner. Unfortunately for our community, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) leadership has refused to accept that a rail system along the Coastal Corridor is not an effective transit system, not affordable or fundable with current California State policies (Sea-level-rising requirements) - resulting in delays in opening the Coastal Corridor as a transportation resource. Provided below are links from California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans and California Coastal Commission (CCC) policies that restrict funding for new fixed rail systems that travel on the coastal bluff. In addition to these agencies' requirements, there are multiple California legislation identified within CTC and CCC policy that would restrict a new fixed rail system along the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor. These California policies clearly show that the RTC will not be eligible to receive state funding for a new fixed rail system that travels along the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor.

RTC leadership has mistakenly assumed that the 2022 Measure D vote was a message by the general public that there is support for a rail system along the corridor. To help illustrate the vote on Measure D was not a signal the public supported passenger rail along the Santa Cruz Coastal Corridor, Trail Now did a Facebook post stating "Roaring Camp Train Closing". The outrage by the public was excessively high with misguided comments such as "we voted NO on Measure D to stop the closure of Roaring Camp". The public truly believed that voting NO on Measure D would allow Roaring Camp to continue to operate their Beach train to the Boardwalk, while in fact, voting NO would result in the end of the Beach train. Contained within the RTC request for proposal for a rail system are guidelines stating, "an evaluation of options where the new transit facility interfaces with... the existing Roaring Camp beach train service through the Wye and along Beach Street in the City of Santa Cruz". To justify the significant cost of an electric passenger rail system, the train will be required to travel pass Santa Cruz Boardwalk every 15 minutes making it impractical for Roaring Camp to operate their Beach train along the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The fact is, it is not physically possible for a passenger train, Roaring Camp tourist train, 2pedestrian sidewalks, car traffic and Coastal trail to co-exist along Beach Street and the Boardwalk trestle. The idea of 60 trains a day speeding through our neighborhoods and along the Coastal bluff will be challenged by many entities (including Roaring Camp supporters), resulting in an electric passenger train never being built.

Spending Santa Cruz tax dollars on the design and EIR for an expensive new electric passenger rail system that will not meet California State policy requirements (Sea-level-rising plans) and will be challenged by so many entities is poor public policy by RTC leadership. We request RTC stop wasting tax dollars and time on a fantasy train and build the Santa Cruz Coastal Trail in a timely and cost-effective manner NOW.

CALIFORNIA STATE POLICIES ON SEA-LEVEL-RISING REQUIREMENTS:

SLR Critical Infrastructure Guidance

## California Coastal Commission

U nderpinning and supporting widespread enjoyment of the California coast is a system that communities could not function without - infrastructure. Sea level rise (SLR) presents unprecedented challenges that threaten infrastructure and must be met with proactive adaptation. The goal of the Commission's draft document (the Guidance), Critical Infrastructure at Risk: Sea Level Rise Planning
www.coastal.ca.gov

## Sea Level Rise and the Transportation System in the Coastal Zone | Caltrans

## Sea Level Rise and the Transportation System in the Coastal Zone

The Coastal Commission's 2018 Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance is a resource for Caltrans staff and interested stakeholders to review for direction on applying the Coastal Act to address SLR in Coastal Commission planning and regulatory actions.. Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance: Interpretative Guidelines for Addressing Sea Level Rise in Local Coastal Programs and Coastal Development Permits
dot.ca.gov

## Sea Level Rise (ca.gov)

## California Coastal Commission

In the past century, global mean sea level has increased by 7 to 8 inches with human influence the dominant cause of observed atmospheric and oceanic warming. Given current trends in greenhouse gas emissions and increasing global temperatures, sea level rise is expected to accelerate in the coming decades, with scientists projecting as much as a 66 inch increase in sea level along segments of .

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www.coastal.ca.gov
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draft-cycle-3-tcep-guidelines-april.pdf (ca.gov)

## Written Communications to the Board of Directors

## 2. Program Authority The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 or Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), established the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account to fund corridor -based <br> catc.ca.gov

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ATTACHMENT 2 - Appendix IV: Local Partnership Competitive Program Project Nomination
ATTACHMENT 2 - Appendix IV: Local Partnership Competitive Program Project Nomination - California
ATTACHMENT 2 - Appendix IV: Local Partnership Competitive Program Project Nomination - (Section G - Project Information Areas) - Instructions and References It is
recommended that the applicant evaluate multiple adaptation strategies during the
catc.ca.gov
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Climate Smart Transportation Network: mandate, planning and natural infrastructure solutions (ca.gov)

California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles
California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles
T. ransportation is vital to California's economy — the world's fifth largest economy - representing 12 percent of the U.S. population.
catc.ca.gov
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## Written Communications to the Board of Directors

Trail Now
According to Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) with plans for an Electric Passenger Rail Transit \& Coastal Rail Trail Project between Pajaro Junction and Santa Cruz, Roaring Camp will no longer be able to operate their Beach Train to Santa Cruz Eoarchwalk. To justify the significant cost of an electric train, an electric train will be reguired to travel pass Santa Cruz Boardwalk every 15 minutes making it impractical for Roaring Camp to operate their Beach train along the Santa Cruz Boardwalk.

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## Roaring Camp Train Closing



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# Written Communications to the Board of Directors 

Donna Bauer

## From:

Sent:
To:
Subject:

Donna Bauer
Friday, August 19, 2022 10:26 AM
'Karina Perez'
RE: 91X Bus Route

Good morning,
Due to the national shortage of bus operators currently affecting transit agencies and service across the country, certain routes and trips will be temporarily suspended this fall. One such change will be a temporary suspension of Route 91X. All 91X bus stops and connections will continue to be served by other routes, including Routes 69A, 69 W and 71 . There is no difference in travel time between Watsonville and Cabrillo College on Route 69 W . Route 71 also provides service between Watsonville and Cabrillo College, though travel times are longer depending on time of day.

We are actively recruiting and expect to notably increase our driver numbers this year. We will discuss the opportunity to resume operating the route 91X and whether this change can be made for the winter schedule (December) or in subsequent schedule changes.

Best regards,
John Urgo
Planning \& Development Director
Planning Department, Santa Cruz Metro
jurgo@scmtd.com
(831) 420-2537

From: Karina Perez [karinaperez831@gmail.com](mailto:karinaperez831@gmail.com)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 6:06 PM
To: boardinquiries@scmtd.com
Subject: 91X Bus Route

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To the Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors,
It has been brought to my attention that there are plans to cut the 91 X bus route next month. I ask you to please reconsider this decision as I rely on this bus route to commute from Watsonville to both Cabrillo College and downtown Santa Cruz. I'm a college student and personally know other college students from Watsonville who also rely on the 91X to get to and from school.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Kind Regards,
Karina

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# Written Communications to the Board of Directors 

Donna Bauer

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Donna Bauer
Friday, August 19, 2022 10:26 AM
'Leah Sugarman'
RE: Concern re route $91 x$

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Best regards,

John Urgo
Planning \& Development Director
Planning Department, Santa Cruz Metro
jurgo@scmtd.com
(831) 420-2537

From: Leah Sugarman [leahsugar@gmail.com](mailto:leahsugar@gmail.com)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 8:29 PM
To: boardinquiries@scmtd.com
Subject: Concern re route 91x

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Dear SC Metro Board of Directors:
It's been brought to my attention that the Santa Cruz Metro is considering cutting the 91X bus route on September 15th. A lot of people rely on this route to quickly get to Cabrillo College and downtown Santa Cruz from Watsonville. This plan disproportionately affects our Watsonville college students and workers.

I implore you to reconsider this action and continue to run route 91 x .
Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully
Leah Sugarman

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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Farmer, CFO
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { SUBJECT: } & \text { ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECK JOURNAL } \\ & \text { DETAIL FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE \& JULY } 2022\end{array}$

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the preliminary approved Check Journal Detail for the months of June \& July 2022

## II. SUMMARY

- This staff report provides the Board of Directors (Board) with a preliminary approved Check Journal Detail for the months of June \& July 2022.
- The Finance Department is submitting the check journals for Board acceptance and filing.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

This preliminary approved Check Journal Detail provides the Board with a listing of the vendors and amounts paid out on a monthly cash flow basis (Operating and Capital expenses).

All invoices submitted for the months of June \& July 2022 have been processed, the checks have been issued and signed by the Deputy Finance Director.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report aligns to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability strategic plan.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

The check journal present the invoices paid in June \& July 2022 for Board review, agency disclosure and transparency.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A.

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Check Journal Detail for the Months of June \& July 2022

Prepared by: Holly Alcorn, Accounting Specialist

## IX. APPROVALS

Chuck Farmer, CFO



Michael Tree CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

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| 78027 06/27/22 | -103.66 | M320 | VAN DE VEER, JOHN |  | 9005442 | MEDICAL SUPPLIMENTAL | -103.66 | **VOID |
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| 78529 06/06/22 | 3,783.47 | 003151 | ABC BUS INC |  | 114741 | INVENTORY ORDER | 2,215.83 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 114757 | INVENTORY ORDER | 499.00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 114759 | INVENTORY ORDER | 1,068.64 |  |
| 78530 06/06/22 | 544.93 | 002828 | ALLIED ELECTRONICS |  | 114758 | INVENTORY ORDER | 544.93 |  |
| 78531 06/06/22 | 760.26 | E930 | ALMANZA, CANDIS |  | 114772 | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT | 760.26 |  |
| 78532 06/06/22 | 1,956.86 | 003596 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC. |  | 114677 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 433.24 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 114678 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 48.06 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 114703 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 421.71 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 114707 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 1,044.09 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 114698 | 4/19-5/18 OPS ELEV | 149.84 |  |
| 78535 06/06/22 | 4,218.91 | 001348 | ATHENS INSURANCE SERVICE, INC. |  | 114728 | JUNE 22 MONTHLY FEES | 4,218.91 |  |
| 78536 06/06/22 | 1,174.30 | 003639 | BUDGET BLINDS OF |  | 114767 | BLINDS VERNON ST | 209.76 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 114768 | BLINDS SMC | 478.80 |  |
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| 78538 06/06/22 | 2,507.01 | 001159 | CATTO'S GRAPHICS, INC. |  | 114763 | 4 TH OF JULY TEES | 2,507.01 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 114738 | 4/18-5/16 WATER | 93.23 |  |
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| 78543 06/06/22 | 504.20 | 003516 | COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ PAYROLL |  | 114711 | FY 21 A/P WIRE FEE | 89.80 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 114716 | 4/1-4/30 LEASE OPS | 110.17 |  |
| 267.66 | 215 | RICOH USA, INC. TX |  | 114705 | 6/3-7/2 LEASE C/S | 267.66 |  |
| 104.89 | 135 | SANTA CRUZ AUTO PARTS, INC. |  | 114687 | INVENTORY ORDER | 78.08 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 114696 | INVENTORY ORDER | 26.81 |  |
| 94,955.72 | 002917 | SANTA CRUZ METRO TRANSIT W/C |  | 114780 | MAY $22 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{C}$ REPLENISH | 94,955.72 |  |
| 1,116.91 | 079 | SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES |  | 114692 | 4/8-5/9 SMC/BETTYS | 53.87 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 114694 | 4/8-5/9 BUS STOP 26 | 1,050.60 |  |
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| 377.83 | 166 | THE HOSE SHOP, INC |  | 114688 | INVENTORY ORDER | 220.26 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 114691 | PARTS SVT | 15.49 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 114673 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 135.40 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 114674 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 81.94 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 114680 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 64.48 |  |
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| 642.69 | 003393 | BRASS KEY LOCKSMITH INC |  | 114815 | SPARE KEYS VEH\# 804 | 642.69 |  |
| 36.86 | 003634 | CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER P'SHIP |  | 114791 | 13 WEEK SUBSCRIPT | 36.86 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 114848 | BUS TRACKING CARDS | 437.01 |  |
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| 22,391.63 | 002952 | FLYERS ENERGY, LLC |
| 7,880.13 | 001302 | GARDA CL WEST, INC. |
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| 1,304.41 | E1073 | GLAGOLA, DANIELLE |
| 1,088. 25 | E162 | GOUVEIA, ANNA |
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| 1,277.66 | 003220 | INFINISOURCE, INC |
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| 11,743.75 | 003361 | MILLER MAXFIELD INC |
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| 8，135．44 | 079 | SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES |
| 305.00 | 001292 | SANTA CRUZ RECORDS MNGMT INC |
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| 1，458．64 | 003292 | SLINGSHOT CONNECTIONS LLC |
| 1，086．62 | 003285 | THE AFTERMARKET PARTS CO LLC |
| 162.99 | 166 | THE HOSE SHOP，INC |
| 72.55 | E273 | TORRES，ELMER |
| 470.63 | E1098 | TREE，MICHAEL |
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| 1，137．85 | 001122 | 4 IMPRINT ，INC． |
| 391.68 | 002929 | 72 HOUR LLC |
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| 78663 | 06/20/22 | 66.75 | 002721 | NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS/SPRINT |
| 78664 | 06/20/22 | 138.19 | 003326 | NIDAL HALABI \& NADA ALGHARIB |
| 78665 | 06/20/22 | 2,250. 00 | 003287 | PACIFIC CREST ENGINEERING INC |
| 78666 | 06/20/22 | 2,617.31 | 009 | PACIFIC GAS \& ELECTRIC |
| 78667 | 06/20/22 | 1,895.00 | 002947 | PEDX COURIER AND CARGO |
| 78668 | 06/20/22 | 3,367.99 | 003506 | PHILIP J CROUCH |
| 78669 | 06/20/22 | 609.65 | 003061 | QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC |
| 78670 | 06/20/22 | 260.58 | 079 | SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES |
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| 78672 | 06/20/22 | 1,458.64 | 003292 | SLINGSHOT CONNECTIONS LLC |
| 78673 | 06/20/22 | 318.28 | 115 | SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL |
| 78674 | 06/20/22 | 20,000.00 | 003425 | SYNCROMATICS CORPORATION |
| 78675 | 06/20/22 | 4, 008.48 | 001506 | TOM LOPES DISTRIBUTING CO. INC |
| 78676 | 06/20/22 | 300.00 | 003255 | TORKOS, RIGO |
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| 78680 | 06/20/22 | 3,496.58 | 002829 | VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC. |
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## SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES* JUNE 24, 2022 - 9:00 AM MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) convened on Friday, June 24, 2022, via teleconference.

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1 CALLED TO ORDER at 9:03 AM by Board Chair Pageler.
2 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present via teleconference, representing a quorum:

Director Kristen Brown Director Rebecca Downing<br>Direct Jimmy Dutra<br>Director Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson<br>Director Manu Koenig<br>Director Donna Lind<br>Director Bruce McPherson<br>Director Donna Meyers<br>Director Larry Pageler<br>Director Ari Parker. AR 9:10<br>Director Mike Rotkin<br>Ex-Officio Director Dan Henderson<br>Ex-Officio Director Alta Northcutt

Michael Tree
Julie Sherman

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City of Scotts Valley
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UC Santa Cruz
Cabrillo College
CEO/General Manager General Counsel

## 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's meeting is being broadcast by Community Television of Santa Cruz County.
4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS
Hearing none, Chair Pageler moved to the next agenda item.
5 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Brian Peoples, Trail Now, spoke of the Santa Cruz County Coastal Corridor being opened as a trail and transit corridor. He expressed the importance of moving this project forward in a cost-effective way and timely manner for the community.

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Tate Baugh, member of the public, asked how to get more information on the Coastal Corridor. Director Rotkin referred Tate to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) website.

Hearing nothing further, Chair Pageler moved to the next agenda item.

## 6 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

James Sandoval, Chairperson of SMART, Local 23, expressed appreciation in working together with CEO Michael Tree and engaging with the work force. He touched briefly on the upcoming company picnic, the recent bus roadeo, and the new referral incentive program.

Hearing nothing further, Chair Pageler moved to the next agenda item.
7 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS Having none, Chair Pageler moved to the next agenda item.

## CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 ACCEPT AND FILE: PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022 Chuck Farmer, CFO
8.2 ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES OF THE:
A. MAY 13, 2022 FINANCE, BUDGET \& AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
B. MAY 20, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
C. JUNE 10, 2022 FINANCE, BUDGET \& AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
D. JUNE 10, 2022 PERSONNEL/HR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
8.3 ACCEPT AND FILE: THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2022
Chuck Farmer, CFO
8.4 APPROVE: RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS Curtis Moses, Safety, Security \& Risk Management Director
8.5 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THAT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
8.6 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING CONTRACT TO CLEAN ENERGY FOR LCNG FUEL STATION MAINTENANCE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,989,938 WHICH INCLUDES A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$251,532
Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager
8.7 APPROVE: REVIEW REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING THE MOBILITY TRAINING COORDINATOR POSITION AND DEFUNDING AN ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR POSITION
Danielle Glagola, Marketing, Communications and Customer Service Director

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8.8 ACCEPT AND FILE THE QUARTERLY PROCUREMENT REPORT FOR 1ST QUARTER OF FY23
Joan Jeffries, Purchasing Manager
8.9 APPROVE: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GM TO EXECUTE THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR MEASURE D FUNDING Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
8.10 ACCEPT AND FILE: RENEWAL OF LIABILITY AND VEHICLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM COVERAGE WITH CALTIP FOR FY23 Curtis Moses, Safety, Security \& Risk Management
8.11 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE A $1^{\text {ST }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH EAST BAY TIRE CO. TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$181,000 FOR PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND SERVICING OF REVENUE AND NON-REVENUE TIRES Eddie Benson, Maintenance Manager
8.12 APPROVE: RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR PAYROLL SERVICES
Chuck Farmer, CFO
There were no public comments.
ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED
MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN
SECOND: DIRECTOR MCPHERSON
MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, McPherson, Pageler, Parker, and Rotkin). Directors Dutra, Lind, and Meyers were absent.

## REGULAR AGENDA

## 9 RETIREE RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION: JANE NG Larry Pageler, Board Chair, expressed appreciation for Ms. Ng's service at METRO. <br> There was no public comment.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RETIREE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED
MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

## SECOND: DIRECTOR DOWNING

MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, McPherson, Pageler, Parker, and Rotkin). Directors Dutra, Lind, and Meyers were absent.
10 METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) SEMI-ANNUAL ORAL UPDATE James Von Hendy, MAC Chair, reported on the first half of 2022. MAC met in February and April and continues to represent and advocate for METRO's ridership. MAC appreciates how METRO has strived to provide public transit

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service to Santa Cruz County, especially in these lingering and ongoing COVID19 times.
Mr. Von Hendy detailed communications to MAC with staff responses regarding bus service to the Enterprise Technology Center in Scotts Valley, adding weekend service to Route 20, reinstating text messages on the beginning/ending of school terms, arranging transportation to voting booths, 2016 Measure D stickers on METRO's vehicles, providing change to paratransit riders, and the dissolved bus stop committee.
Communications from MAC to the Board included a request to create a centralized section on METRO's website to share the actions that METRO is taking for sustainability and protecting the environment. Although the Board acknowledged receipt of the request in February, it did not direct staff to act on it. Director Rotkin requested staff to review this and see if it is feasible.
MAC is grateful for the communications from METRO regarding updates on COVID-19, ITS, ridership reports, Braille signage, Pacific North Redevelopment Project, and service routes.
Chair Pageler asked Mr. Von Hendy to express the Board's appreciation to MAC for their hard work.

There were no public comments.
11 PUBLIC HEARING: FINAL ADOPTION OF SANTA CRUZ METRO'S FY23 AND FY24 BUDGET - TO COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 9:25 AM.
Chuck Farmer, CFO, provided commentary to the presentation and highlighted what has changed since the last budget discussions. He gave an overview of the operating surplus/deficit adjustments, capital spends portfolio/budget changes, a breakdown in the FY23 capital budget projects, and operating reserve funds.
Director Rotkin asked for a brief explanation of the UAL \& OPEB reserves for the public's benefit. CFO Farmer explained that the UAL (Unfunded Actuarial Liability) is METRO's pension liability. OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) represents health insurance benefits that METRO pays its retirees. We know that these costs will increase so we build up a balance in that fund to minimize future risk to the agency.
Director McPherson asked if three months of the operations sustainability reserve fund is what METRO has historically done. CFO Farmer confirmed this is correct.
Director Rotkin mentioned that this budget was recommended for approval by the Finance, Budget, and Audit Standing Committee two weeks ago and thanked staff for their hard work in preparing it.
The Chair invited public comment, but there was none.
The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 9:38 AM.

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ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE SANTA CRUZ METRO FY23 \& FY24 BUDGET AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN
SECOND: DIRECTOR KALANTARI-JOHNSON
MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, McPherson, Pageler, Parker, and Rotkin). Directors Dutra, Lind, and Meyers were absent.
12 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF SANTA CRUZ METRO'S AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THIS ACTION
Julie Sherman, General Counsel, spoke to this item, noting METRO has a requirement to update and make any changes to the Conflict of Interest Code every two years. It is a document that tells METRO personnel, who are listed in the code, what disclosure categories they must disclose on their Form 700. It is also updated with any changes in the law and position titles. Once approved by the Board, the updated Code will be provided to Santa Cruz County for its records.
There was no public comment.

## ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT SANTA CRUZ METRO'S AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THIS ACTION AS PRESENTED

## MOTION: DIRECTOR MCPHERSON SECOND: DIRECTOR DOWNING

MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, McPherson, Pageler, Parker, and Rotkin). Directors Dutra, Lind, and Meyers were absent.

## 13 CEO ORAL REPORT / COVID-19 UPDATE

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to continue to get to know the employees and union representatives at METRO.
He presented the attached slides:

- June 11, 2022 - METRO Bus Operators (Mario Espinoza and Bonnie Farris) and Maintenance Workers (Cesar Alvarez, Ivan Ballesteros, and Chris Leonard) competed in the SamTrans Roadeo.
- June 16, 2022 - Candis Almanza graduated from Leadership Santa Cruz County.
- METRO took delivery of the first of four new Gillig buses and the last slide shows the new METRO design that was created by Danielle Glagola, our Marketing, Communications and Customer Service Director.

He continued with the following updates:

- CaITIP renewal - CaITIP is a pool of 32 agencies and provides insurance that is $15 \%$ cheaper as compared to the private sector. METRO's safety rating in that pool is outstanding and ranks in the top 10 agencies.


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- METRO has five electric buses on order and has submitted the grant for 20 hydrogen buses.
- The Board authorized a pilot recruitment program where METRO increased its starting wage for Bus Operators from \$19.97 to \$23.75.
- METRO has implemented the employee referral bonus program with very positive results. In one week, we've had 23 new applicants.
- COVID-19 - METRO is still in the minor outbreak category.
- METRO is having a picnic on July $30^{\text {th }}$; details will follow.
- State budget and the $\$ 10.9$ billion earmarked for public transportation.
- Conduct a Board Workshop this fall to discuss:

1) Operations - Hire a consulting team to perform an operational analysis.
2) AVL (Automated Vehicle Locator) and APC (Automated Passenger Counter) technology.
3) Battery-Electric and hydrogen buses' implementation plan.
4) SCCRTC's planning efforts on the rail, Hwy. 1, and Soquel corridors.
5) Marketing program to pitch METRO in a new light to the public and get the Board's input.
Director McPherson gave a warm welcome to CEO Tree and thanked him for his efforts in meeting with everyone and for the positive impact he has had. He also expressed that he likes the new bus design.

Director Rotkin commended the METRO staff, especially Danielle Glagola, Dawn Crummié, Human Resources Director, James Sandoval and SMART for their efforts on recruitment. Staff and the unions have done a fantastic job in advertising that driving a bus can be a great career chose. The whole Board appreciates these efforts.

Director Pageler echoed those sentiments and appreciated seeing the photos of the bus roadeo.

There were no public comments.

## 14 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Pageler announced the next regular board meeting is on August 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM via teleconference.

## 15 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pageler adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bauer
Executive Assistant

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# SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES* 

JULY 22, 2022 - 9:00AM
MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) convened on Friday, July 22, 2022, via teleconference.

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1 CALL TO ORDER at 9:01 AM by Board Chair Pageler.
2 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present via teleconference, representing a quorum:

Director Kristen Brown<br>Director Rebecca Downing<br>Director Jimmy Dutra<br>Director Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson<br>Director Manu Koenig<br>Director Donna Lind<br>Director Bruce McPherson<br>Director Donna Meyers<br>Director Larry Pageler<br>Director Ari Parker<br>Director Mike Rotkin<br>Ex-Officio Director Dan Henderson<br>Ex-Officio Director Alta Northcutt

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General Counsel

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## REGULAR AGENDA

3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THAT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
Julie Sherman, General Counsel, spoke to this item and Assembly Bill 361 language on making the required findings every 30 days. She recommended the METRO Board of Directors meet this deadline and approve the resolution as presented.

Director Rotkin commented that there are some efforts being made at the legislative level to modify Brown Act virtual meeting requirements. General Counsel Sherman responded that there are a number of Brown Act legislative items that have moved through Committee, but none have been adopted at this time. She will continue to monitor the situation and keep everyone apprised of any changes.

Chair Pageler asked for public comment on this agenda item as well as public comment on any item not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.
MOTION: APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DIRECT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO CONTINUE TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

MOTION: MEYERS
SECOND: MCPHERSON
MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Dutra, Lind, McPherson, Meyers, Pageler, and Rotkin). Directors Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig and Parker were absent.

## 4 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pageler adjourned the meeting at 9:07 AM.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bauer
Executive Assistant

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO) FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES* AUGUST 12, 2022-8:00 AM

## MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

A regular meeting of the Finance, Budget, and Audit Standing Committee of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, August 12, 2022, via teleconference.
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1 CALLED TO ORDER by Director Lind at 8:02 AM.
2 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present via teleconference, representing a quorum:

| Director Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson | City of Santa Cruz |
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| Director Manu Koenig | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Donna Lind | City of Scotts Valley |
| Director Mike Rotkin | County of Santa Cruz |
| Michael Tree | METRO CEO/General Manager |

3 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE
Hearing none, Director Lind moved to the next agenda item.
4 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS
Having none, Director Lind moved to the next agenda item.
5 MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE
Chuck Farmer, CFO, spoke to the presentation and emphasized these are the pre-audit yearend financials.
Director Rotkin requested a status update on the capital projects for AVL (Automated Vehicle Location) and APC (Automated Passenger Counter). Isaac Holly, IT and ITS Director, responded that METRO is going through a process called FAT (Factory Acceptance Testing). We are completing the prototype phase. We are estimating full fleet deployment in 2023.
There were no public comments.
6 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR 4th QUARTER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022
Kristina Mihaylova, Deputy Finance Director, spoke to the presentation providing highlights on the financial performance. Discussion ensued on farebox recovery as well as the influences that are driving the revenue service hour costs up and METRO's targets.

John Urgo, Planning and Development Director, spoke to ridership productivity. Director Rotkin raised concern on Cabrillo College's enrollment numbers and requested more details on the decreased ridership by the August 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Director Lind added that Cabrillo is making a media push to increase enrollment.
Director Koenig inquired about the intercity routes and thought the numbers for Route 91X would be higher considering the public's demand for more service between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Discussion followed on the contributing factors to these numbers and the long-term impacts.

Mr. Urgo added that METRO is planning to launch two studies: Caltrans Congestion, Speed and Reliability Study and a Comprehensive Operations Analysis to review the routes system-wide for service improvements.

Curtis Moses, Safety, Security and Risk Management Director, reviewed the traffic incidents for the quarter. Director Rotkin asked about the "hitting fixed objects" incidents and how METRO is responding. Mr. Moses replied that the Bus Operators are sent for retraining when these occurrences happen.
Discussion continued around the cause of and the strategies being implemented to reduce passenger incidents-slips, trips, and falls-when boarding the buses.
Eddie Benson, Fleet Maintenance Manager, reported on reliability. Director Rotkin asked what makes a road call chargeable. Mr. Benson explained that a road call is chargeable when a vehicle cannot continue its route, has an interruption in service before it completes its route, or something that impedes it before it gets to the end of the line. Director Lind asked if we are seeing improvement in this area as we replace the older buses. Mr. Benson said that is correct. Discussion followed on the FTA's average life cycle of a bus and how METRO compares to that average.
Margo Ross, COO, closed with the dependability report, showing that cancellations and pass-ups have declined.
There were no public comments.

## 7 ADJOURNMENT

Director Lind adjourned the meeting at 8:49 AM.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bauer
Executive Assistant

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Farmer, Chief Financial Officer

## SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the Year to Date Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2022

## II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

An analysis of Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's (METRO) financial status is prepared monthly in order to inform the Board of Directors (Board) regarding METRO's actual revenues and expenses in relation to the adopted operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year.

This staff report is the web-accessible companion document to the attached PowerPoint presentation titled "Year to Date Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2022."
Staff recommends that the Board accept and file the attached report.

## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

Below are the written explanations of the various charts and graphs in the attached Year to Date Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2022. The fiscal year has elapsed 100\%.

## Slide 1

(Cover) Year to Date Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2022

## Slide 2

(Cover) June 2022, Pre-Close/Pre-Audit Financials

## Slide 3

June 30, 2022 Preliminary Monthly Operating Revenue and Expenses

- Operating Revenue, net unfavorable by \$14K
o Passenger Fares - favorable by \$40K
o Special Transit Fares - unfavorable by \$55K
- Operating Expense, net unfavorable by $\$ 307 \mathrm{~K}$
o Labor Regular - favorable by $\$ 126 \mathrm{~K}$
o Labor OT - unfavorable by \$180K
o Fringe Benefits - favorable by $\$ 194 \mathrm{~K}$, excludes UAL related costs
o Non-Personnel - unfavorable by \$447K, excludes all COVID and Bond payment related costs
- Operating Deficit unfavorable by $\$ 321 \mathrm{~K}$ - driven by $\$ 447 \mathrm{~K}$ unfavorable variance due to increased settlement costs, fuel and vehicle parts, temporary help, and security costs
o Farebox Recovery - $19.8 \%$ vs $21.6 \%$ budget
- Non-Operating Revenue/(Expense), Non-Operating unfavorable vs Budget driven by unbudgeted Pension Bond costs partially offset by higher Grants. Prelim Actuals include projected $\$ 1.0 \mathrm{M}$ drawdown of CRRSAA/ARPA funds. Final results will be available post audit.
o Sales Tax/including Measure D - favorable by \$236K
o Federal/State Grants - favorable by $\$ 1,097 \mathrm{~K}$
o COVID (CRRSAA/ARPA) Grants - favorable by \$1,000K
o COVID Related costs - no variance
o Pension UAL/Bond Payment costs - unfavorable by $\$ 2,674 \mathrm{~K}$
o All Other Revenues - favorable by $\$ 14 \mathrm{~K}$
- Operating Deficit before Transfers of $\$ 647 \mathrm{~K}$
- Transfers and Other
o Bus Replacement Fund - lower by \$56K due to lower Measure D sales tax revenues for the month of June
- Operating Deficit after Transfers - \$591K


## Slide 4

June 30, 2022 Preliminary Full Year Operating Revenue and Expenses

- Operating Revenue, net unfavorable by $\$ 72 \mathrm{~K}$
o Passenger Fares - favorable by $\$ 106 \mathrm{~K}$
o Special Transit Fares - unfavorable by \$178K
- Operating Expense, net favorable by $\$ 2,487 \mathrm{~K}$ - Expenses favorable vs. Budget due to lower headcount and hours paid
o Labor Regular - favorable by $\$ 2,757 \mathrm{~K}$
o Labor OT - unfavorable by $\$ 1,705 \mathrm{~K}$
o Fringe Benefits - favorable by $\$ 1,980 \mathrm{~K}$, excludes UAL related costs
o Non-Personnel - unfavorable by $\$ 544 \mathrm{~K}$, excludes all COVID and Bond payment related costs
- Operating Deficit favorable by $\$ 2,416 \mathrm{~K}$
o Farebox Recovery $-17.1 \%$ vs $16.4 \%$ budget
- Non-Operating Revenue/(Expense), net favorable by $\$ 16,001 \mathrm{~K}$, primarily due to higher Sales Tax revenues and unbudgeted COVID related grants. Prelim Actuals include projected \$11.2M drawdown of CRRSAA/ARPA funds. Final results will be available post audit.
o Sales Tax/including Measure D - favorable by $\$ 5,860 \mathrm{~K}$
o Federal/State Grants - favorable by \$1,065K
o COVID (CRRSAA/ARPA) Grants - favorable by $\$ 11,189 \mathrm{~K}$
o COVID Related costs - unfavorable by \$174K
o Pension UAL/Bond Payment costs - unfavorable by $\$ 2,037 \mathrm{~K}$
o All Other Revenues - favorable by \$97K
- Operating Surplus before Transfers favorable by $\$ 18,417 \mathrm{~K}$
- Transfers and Other
o Bus Replacement Fund - higher by \$673K due to increased Measure D sales tax revenues
o Capital, UAL/OPEB Funds, and Reserve Replenishments favorable by $\$ 4,399 \mathrm{~K}$
o COVID Reserve fund - favorable by $\$ 13,345 \mathrm{~K}$ with $\$ 7.1 \mathrm{M}$ expected to be transferred to COVID reserve bucket
- Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Transfers - Net zero


## Slide 5

FY22 Preliminary Capital Budget Spending

- Total Capital Projects spending year to date is $\$ 7,784.8 \mathrm{~K}$, or $85.0 \%$ of \$9,153.6K budget
o Construction Related Projects spending is $\$ 55.8 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following projects:
- New METRO-owned ParaCruz facility
- Pacific Station/METRO Center redevelopment, conceptual design
o IT Projects spending is $\$ 48.7 \mathrm{~K}$ for the Secondary Virtualization System
o Facilities Repair \& Improvements spending is $\$ 430.8 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following projects:
- Maintenance Yard Security - Expanded parking, building demo
- Bus stop improvements
- JKS Facility - Security/Gate Control design, Bus wash Rehab
- Maintenance Facility - Paint Exterior
- Awning at Fuel Station
o Revenue Vehicle Replacement \& Campaigns spending is $\$ 6,945.5 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following projects:
- Ten CNG Buses - six put into service Jan 2022, four put into service Jun 2022
- Principal lease payment on three new Flyer replacement buses
- AVL/TS
o Revenue Vehicle Replacement Electrification Projects spending is $\$ 93.2 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following projects:
- ZEB buses - DMV registration, graphic wraps, diagnostic tool for two buses put into service in FY21, charging infrastructure
o Non-Revenue vehicle replacement spending is $\$ 31.8 \mathrm{~K}$
- Replace custodial support vehicle
o Fleet \& Maintenance Equipment spending is $\$ 48.2 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following project:
- Facility Maintenance equipment - Floor scrubber, Power washer, Drain snakes
o Miscellaneous spending is $\$ 130.8 \mathrm{~K}$ for the following projects:
- EOC Equipment
- Radio Console Upgrade
- MaintStar system upgrade
- SVT Trash \& Recycling
- Timekeeping system upgrade
- Hardware for Bus Stop redesign
- Refrigerators for employee break rooms
- Completed projects in FY22
o 10 CNG buses - six put into service Jan 2022, four put into service Jun 2022
o JKS Facility - Bus Wash Rehab
o Maintenance Facility - Paint exterior
Slide 6
(Cover) Questions?
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Appendix
Slide 8
FY22 Preliminary Capital Project Detail Spend
Named Projects with corresponding preliminary spending


## Slide 9

FY22 Preliminary Capital Project Detail Spend, con't
Remaining named Projects with corresponding preliminary spending

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

Favorable budget variances in Operating Revenues and Expenses contribute to favorable budget variance in Operating Balance, Year to Date as of July 31, 2022.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

Updating of Key Financial Highlights slide with July info.

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives to consider, as this is an accept and file Year to Date Monthly Financial Report.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Year to Date Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2022 Presentation

Prepared by: Cathy Downes, Sr. Financial Analyst

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## IX. APPROVALS



Attachment A
Year to Date Monthly Financial Report
as of June 30, 2022
Board of Directors
August 26, 2022
Chuck Farmer, Chief Financial Officer

Attachment A


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Preliminary Monthly Operating Rev
Preliminary Monthly Operating Revenue and Expenses

- Operating Deficit
higher than Budget by
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- Non-Operating
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partially offset by
higher Grants
- Prelim Actuals include
projected $\$ 1.0 M$
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Final results will be
available post audit

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| 1,254 | 807 | (447) |
| \$ 4,480 | \$ 4,173 | (\$ 307) |
| (\$ 3,594) | (\$ 3,273) | (\$ 321) |
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FY22 Capital Budget Spend

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|  | Actuals* |  | Budget |  |
| Construction Related Projects | 55.8 | \$ | 206.5 | 27.0\% |
| ${ }^{17}$ Projects | 48.7 |  | 49.0 | 99.4\% |
| Facilities Repair \& Improvements | 430.8 |  | 932.4 | 46.2\% |
| Revenue Vehicle Replacement | 6,945.5 |  | 7,427.3 | 93.5 |
| Revenue Vehicle Electrification Projects | 93.2 |  | 764.5 | 56.7\% |
| Non-Revenue Vehicle Replacement | 31.8 |  | 100.0 | 31.8\% |
| Fleet \& Maintenance Equipment | 48.2 |  | 48.2 | 100.0 |
| Misc. | 130.8 |  | 225.7 | 58.0 |
| Total | 7,784.8 | \$ | 9,153.6 | 85.0\% |

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DATE: August 26, 2022


FROM: Kristina Mihaylova, Finance Deputy Director

## SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE THE YEAR TO DATE KEY PERFORAMCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR QUARTER FOUR AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the Year to Date Quarterly KPI Report as of June 30, 2022

## II. SUMMARY

- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has established five categories of common Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are prepared quarterly in order to inform the Board of Directors regarding METRO's financial and operational performance.
- This staff report is the web-accessible companion document to the attached PowerPoint presentation titled "Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Report for $4^{\text {th }}$ Quarter through June 30, 2022".
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept and file the attached report.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO has established five categories of common Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to ensure that the organization is constantly monitoring and improving its performance. The KPIs are a set of quantifiable measures that the District can utilize to gauge its performance and determine if it is meeting its strategic and operational goals.
Additionally, these metrics allow METRO to make data-driven decisions and work towards achieving its objectives by leveraging verified and carefully analyzed data, ultimately providing improved service to the community.

Financial Performance KPIs evaluate how efficiently agencies use resources to meet transit demand within their budget constraints. Financial Performance measures are the most widely used measures for transit agencies, due in part to National Transit Database (NTD) reporting requirements, which require transit agencies to annually report data on measures such as Farebox Recovery Ratio and Cost per Revenue Service Hour.

Productivity KPIs provide valuable insights regarding type of ridership (Fixed Route, Commuter, Student), locations (UCSC, Intercity, Highway 17, Local, Rural), route productivity (riders per hour by route), as well as seasonal fluctuations in ridership and routes.

Risk Management \& Safety KPIs track and determine progress on specific objectives and evaluate protocols. Safety performance is commonly tracked at transit agencies for NTD reporting and OSHA requirements. Traffic accidents are broken down into different categories such as location (loading zones, intersections, etc.), moving objects (bicycles, vehicles, etc.), or stationary objects. Passenger incidents report when the incident occurred (boarding the bus, on board the bus, or descending the bus).
Reliability KPIs assess the quality of the agency's vehicles and help fleet maintenance staff to run the department as efficiently as possible. The mean distance between chargeable road calls is a transit industry standard that measures the mechanical reliability of an agency's fleet by tracking the mean distance between bus breakdowns or failures. It is an important measure of the success of the agency's maintenance department and the investment in newer busses, which are less prone to maintenance issues.

Dependability KPIs evaluate the quality of a passenger's day-to-day experiences using transit, such as service reliability. In addition, they allow agencies to pinpoint the key reasons behind cancelled trips (lack of drivers, road calls, traffic accidents, or traffic congestion) and embark on corrective actions.
Below are the written explanations of the various charts and graphs in the attached Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Report for 4th Quarter through June 30, 2022.

## Slide 1

(Cover) Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Report for 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Quarter through June 30, 2022

## Slide 2

Overview of Today's Presentation

- Financial Performance
o System Farebox Recovery Ratio
o Fixed Route \& Commuter Cost / RSH
o ParaCruz Cost / Trip
- Productivity
o Total Ridership and Total Ridership / Hour
o Highway 17, USCS, Cabrillo, \& Local Ridership
o Passengers / RSH by Route
- Risk Management \& Safety
o Traffic Accidents
o Passenger Incidents
- Reliability
o Miles between Chargeable Road Calls for Fixed Route, Highway 17, \& ParaCruz
- Dependability
o Cancelled Trips by Cause
o Cancelled Trips by Region
o Pass-Ups


## Slide 3

## Financial Performance

Metric: System Farebox Recovery Ratio
Description \& Importance: The Farebox Recovery Ratio metric is the passenger fares coverage of transit agency costs; this provides insight to the amount of non-passenger revenue (subsidy) needed to cover costs. Additionally, it allows the agency to compare cost-effectiveness within its own service.

- Current Status
o In Q4 FY22 Farebox Recovery peaked at 19\% in April due to having the highest ridership out of Q4; it comprised 40\% of the total quarterly ridership and only $11 \%$ of canceled service
o A decline in most fares in May dropped the ratio to 16\%. June increased to $18 \%$ due to a decrease in canceled trips compared to May. Only 22\% of canceled service for Q4 occurred in June
o The average ratio in Q4 FY22 of $18 \%$ remains below the $21 \%$ prepandemic average in Q4 FY19 but continues to improve
o The current target for Farebox Recovery of $21 \%$ is based on the 3 year baseline average using FY18-20 data


## Slide 4

Financial Performance
Metric: Fixed Route \& Commuter Cost per Revenue Service Hour (RSH)
Description \& Importance: The metrics depict the cost per hour of service; by effectively tracking and minimizing costs, this measurement ensures efficient delivery of transit services.

- Current Status:
o Cost per RSH increased each month from April thru June due to increased traffic on Highway 17 negatively impacting service efficiency on METRO's commuter route
o The current target for Fixed Route \& Commuter Cost per RSH of \$222 is based on the 3 year average from FY18-20


## Slide 5

## Financial Performance

Metric: ParaCruz cost per Trip
Description \& Importance: The metrics depict the cost per trip; by effectively tracking and minimizing costs, this measurement ensures efficient delivery of ParaCruz services.

## - Current Status:

o In Q4 FY22, cost per trip in April was at $\$ 79$ due to a decrease in service miles (rides) and a decline in costs (15.6\%) compared to May and June
o Cost per trip had a slight increase to \$80 and \$82 in May and June, respectively, due to an increase in service miles (rides) and an increase in costs in June
o The current target for ParaCruz cost per trip of $\$ 79$ is based on the 3 year average from FY18-20

## Slide 6

Productivity
Metric: Total Ridership and Total Ridership per hour
Description \& Importance: Total Ridership and Ridership per hour are measures of productivity. The metrics depict seasonal fluctuations in ridership related to holidays, school terms, and other changes.

- Current Status:
o Ridership increased in April, with a small decrease in May and a significant decline in June. This pattern reflects the normal trend of Q4 ridership as the UCSC spring quarter beings in April and ends in June. By the middle of June, METRO ceases to operate the routes 22 and 15, which are exclusively UCSC "School Term" routes
o While ridership numbers have increased in Q4 of FY22 compared to Q4 of FY21, ridership is still down approximately 30\% compared to Q4 of FY19, before the global pandemic
o The current target of 23 passengers per hour and annual ridership of $4,546,321$ (approximated at 380,000/month) are based on the 3-year average from FY18-20


## Slide 7

Productivity
Metric: UCSC Ridership and Cabrillo College Ridership per hour
Description \& Importance: Historically, student ridership has been a large portion of METRO's total ridership. Increases in student enrollment and seasonal trends can be seen year over year in the graphs below.

- Current Status UCSC:
o In Q4 FY22 UCSC ridership continued to increase, in April with a slight decline in May with a larger decline in June as students go home for the summer
o In Q4 FY21 UCSC ridership averaged around 15,000 /month and in Q4 FY22 the average is around 153,000
o Ridership is still down $43 \%$ compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic
o UCSC current target of $194,000 /$ month is based on the 3 -year average from FY18-20
- Current Status Cabrillo College:
o In Q4 FY21 Cabrillo ridership averaged around 600/month and in Q4 FY22 ridership averaged 6,000/month
o Ridership is still down $76 \%$ compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic
o Cabrillo current target of $23,000 /$ month is based on the 3 -year average from FY18-20


## Slide 8

Productivity

## Metric: Highway 17 Ridership

Description \& Importance: Highway 17 demonstrates METRO's commuter ridership, connecting Santa Cruz to San Jose.

- Current Status:
o Highway 17 ridership increased in April and May with a slight decrease in June
o While Highway 17 ridership is up compared to FY21, ridership is still approximately $53 \%$ down compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic
o The current target of $21,000 /$ month is based on the 3 -year average from FY18-20


## Slide 9

Productivity
Metric: Local Ridership
Description \& Importance: Local Ridership, which excludes student and commuter routes, reflects all other local routes within the county.

- Current Status:
o Local ridership has remained steady throughout FY22, with an average of around 107,000/month in Q4
o Ridership is still down 31\% compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic
o The current target of $140,000 /$ month is based on the 3-year average from FY18-20.


## Slide 10

Productivity
Metric: Passengers per Revenue Service Hours by Route
Description \& Importance: Passengers per Revenue Service Hour (RSH) depicts the productivity of each route measured by passengers per hour of service. This ratio brings the true productivity of each route to scale and can stimulate discussions about frequency of service in urban and semi-urban areas of the county versus geographic coverage.

- Current Status:
o UCSC resumed in person classes again in FY22. As a result, UCSC routes have a higher number of passengers per RSH through Q4 FY22
o This is a sharp contrast to FY21 when intercity routes had a higher numbers of passengers per RSH


## Slide 11

Risk Management \& Safety
Metric: Traffic Accidents
Description \& Importance: Traffic Accidents are broken down into different categories: in loading zones, intersections, between intersections, with bicycles, with pedestrians, with other district vehicles, with the rear of the vehicle, and other types of collisions, including with stationary objects. This chart is represents chargeable accidents.

- Current Status:
o Fixed objects accidents have increased and Operators have been sent for retraining
o All ParaCruz chargeable incidents remain low as accidents are rare


## Slide 12

Risk Management \& Safety
Metric: Traffic Accidents and Passenger Incident Average for Fixed Route
Description \& Importance: This chart is representative of all accidents over the past four years. FY21 decreased due to reduction in service, COVID pandemic, and reduced traffic exposure.

- Current Status:
o The current average of Traffic Accidents over the past 3 Fiscal Years is 93
o This metric demonstrates the volume of accidents before the pandemic, at the height of the pandemic, and in the recovery phase
o As service has increased in FY22 Traffic Accidents have also risen and are now slightly above the 3 year average


## Slide 13

Risk Management \& Safety
Metric: Passenger Incidents
Description \& Importance: Passenger incidents happen with METRO passengers either while boarding a bus, on board a bus, or alighting (descending) a bus.

- Current Status:
o Safety department reviews camera footage to gather data. All incidents are non-chargeable
o Most boarding incidents occur when the passengers are using cell phones, not paying attention, or sleeping


## Slide 14

Reliability
Metric: Mean Miles between Chargeable Road calls - Fixed Route (Local)
Description \& Importance: A chargeable road call results from a mechanical failure that impedes the vehicle from completing or starting a scheduled revenue trip because actual movement is limited, or there are safety concerns. The mean mileage depicted is the number of miles for the month divided by the number of chargeable road calls.

- Current Status:
o Mileage is increasing while road calls only varied by 1. Chargeable road calls in FY22 Q4 are 11, 10, and 11 for April, May, and June, respectively. The current target is 13,000 and is based off a 3 year average from FY19-21


## Slide 15

Reliability
Metric: Mean Miles between Chargeable Road calls - Highway 17
Description \& Importance: A chargeable road call results from a mechanical failure that impedes the vehicle from completing or starting a scheduled revenue trip because actual movement is limited, or there are safety concerns. The mean mileage depicted is the number of miles for the month divided by the number of chargeable road calls.

- Current Status:
o The newer fleet has less wear and tear so it tends to perform better. There was 1 chargeable road call in April, 2 in May, and 2 in June for Highway 17 in Q4 FY22. The current target of 14,500 is based off a 3 year average from FY19-21


## Slide 16

Reliability
Metric: Mean Miles between Chargeable Road calls - ParaCruz
Description \& Importance: A chargeable road call results from a mechanical failure that impedes the vehicle from completing or starting a scheduled revenue trip because actual movement is limited, or there are safety concerns. The mileage depicted is the number of miles for the month divided by the number of chargeable road calls.

## - Current Status:

o In Q4 FY22, chargeable road calls were 1 in April, 1 in May, with none in June. ParaCruz mileage increased from Q3 with a decline in chargeable calls in the same time frame. The current target is 38,000 and is based off a 3 year average from FY19-21

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Dependability
Metric: Cancelled Trips by Region, Cancelled Trips by Cause
Description \& Importance: Cancelled trips by Region represent the areas that experienced cancelled service; Cancelled Trips by Cause represent the reasons for the cancelled service.

- Current Status:
o In Q4 of FY22 there were 36 cancelled trips in April, 180 cancelled trips in May, and 80 cancelled trips in June
o Areas affected by these cancellations are distributed all across Santa Cruz County: Local Santa Cruz, UCSC \& Westside, HWY 17, Scotts Valley \& SLV, North Coast, Mid County, Live Oak, Soquel \& South County, Local Watsonville, Capitola \& South County, Capitola/Cabrillo \& South County, Cabrillo \& South County
o $100 \%$ of these cancellations were due to "No Operator"


## Slide 18

Dependability
Metric: Cancelled Trips by Year
Description \& Importance: Cancelled trips by year provide a gauge of how METRO is performing compared to prior years.

- Current Status:
o The current average for cancelled trips of 466 is based on the 3-years FY18 - FY20
o This number has been driven upwards by the spike in FY20 from COVID and has started to decline


## Slide 19

Dependability
Metric: Pass-Ups by Month and Reason
Description \& Importance: Pass-Ups occur when a bus operator must leave behind a passenger for a variety of reasons: No Fare, Exceeds Capacity Load (Full Bus), Intoxicated/Belligerent/Biohazard, No Mask, and All Other.

- Current Status:
o In Q4 FY22, there was a decline in April after the high in March, with further declines in May and June
o $50 \%$ of pass ups are caused by full bus capacity
o The current baseline average for pass-ups is 155
o The metric does not include Pass-Ups for UCSC


## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability and assist in management's effort for continuous improvement of the performance of the agency.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

None.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

Minor changes to explanations for ParaCruz on slide 5.

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives to consider, as this is an accept and file KPI Report as of June 30, 2022.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: KPI Presentation as of June 30, 2022

Prepared by: Cathy L. Downes, Sr. Financial Analyst

Board of Directors

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## IX. APPROVALS

Approved as to fiscal impact:


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Metric:
Importance:
System Farebox Recovery Ratio
coverage of

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& \text { transit agency costs; this provides insight to the amount of non-passenger } \\
& \text { revenue (subsidy) needed to cover costs. Additionally, it allows the agency } \\
& \text { to compare cost-effectiveness within its own service. }
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Current Status:
> service for Q4 occurred in June The average ratio in Q4 FY22 of $18 \%$
remains below the $21 \%$ pre- pandemic
average in Q4 FY19 but continues to
improve
 of $21 \%$ is based on the 3 year baseline average using FY18-20 data

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Fixed Route \＆Commuter Cost per Revenue Service
Hour（RSH）
Current Status：
Cost per RSH increased each month from April thru June due to increased traffic on
impacting service efficiency
on METRO＇s commuter route
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Current Status:

 ends in June. By the middle of June, METRO ceases to operate the routes 22 and 15 , which are
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Attachment A

## Samanan

| - UCSC Ridership <br> - Cabrillo College Ridership |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Historically, student ridership has been a large portion of METRO's total ridership. Increases in student enrollment and seasonal trends can be seen year over year in the graphs below. |  |
| UCSC Ridership | Current Status: <br> - In Q4 FY22, UCSC ridership continued to increase, in April with a slight decline in May with a larger decline in June as students go home for the summer. <br> - In Q4 FY21 UCSC ridership averaged around 15,000/month and in Q4 FY22 the average is around 153,000. <br> - Ridership is still down 43\% compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic. <br> - UCSC current target of 194,000/month is based on the 3 year average from FY18-20. <br> Cabrillo Ridership |
| Current Status: <br> In Q4 FY21, Cabrillo ridership averaged around 600/month and in Q4 FY22 ridership averaged around 6,000/month. <br> - Ridership is still down 76\% compared to Q4 FY19, pre-pandemic. <br> Cabrillo current target of $23,000 /$ month is based on the 3 year average from FY18-20. |  |



Attachment A
Description \&
Importance:


Risk Management \& Safety:

| Metrics: | Traffic Accidents |
| :--- | :--- |
| Description \& | Traffic Accidents are broken down into different categories: in loading zones, <br> in intersections, between intersections, with bicycles, with pedestrians, with <br> Importance: <br> other district vehicles, with the rear of the vehicle, and other types of <br> collisions, including with stationary objects. This chart represents chargeable <br> accidents. |



Risk Management \& Safety:

## Traffic Accidents for Fixed Route

ears. FY21 Current Status: The current average of 93 is
based on the accidents in
FY19 - FY21

 in the recovery phase. - As service has increased in FY22 Traffic Accidents have also risen and are now slightly above the 3 year average.

Risk Management \& Safety:

## Passenger Incidents

Passenger Incidents happen with METRO passengers either while boarding a bus, on board a bus, or alighting (descending) a bus.

Reliability:

Current Status: Mileage is increasing while road calls only varied by 1. Chargeable road calls in FY22 Q4 are 11, 10, and 11 for April, May, and June, respectively.

Reliability:

| Metrics: | Mean Miles Between Chargeable Road Calls - Highway |
| :--- | :--- |
| Description \& | A chargeable road call results from a mechanical failure that impedes the <br> vehicle from completing or starting a scheduled revenue trip because actual <br> movement is limited, or there are safety concerns. The mean mileage <br> depicted is the number of miles for the month divided by the number of <br> chargeable road calls. |

Mean Miles Between Chargeable Road Calls - Highway 17


$\left.$| Fiscal |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Year | | Average |
| :---: |
| age of |
| Fleet |$\quad$| Avg |
| ---: |
| Road |
| Miles | \right\rvert\, | FY20 | 12.55 yrs |
| :--- | :--- |

Fiscal 12 Month
Average

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\begin{array}{l|l}
\text { FY20 } & 24,126 \\
\hline \text { FY21 } & 18,821 \\
\hline \text { FY22 } & 18,168 \\
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Mean Miles Between Chargeable Road Cals - ParaCruz

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& \text { A chargeable road call results from a mechanical failure that impedes the } \\
& \text { vehicle from completing or starting a scheduled revenue trip because actual } \\
& \text { movement is limited, or there are safety concerns. The mean mileage } \\
& \text { depicted is the number of miles for the month divided by the number of } \\
& \text { chargeable road calls. }
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| Fiscal Year |  | 12 Month Average Miles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FY20 |  | 44,374 |
| FY21 2 |  | 29,869 |
| FY22 |  | 26,551 |
| Fiscal <br> Year | Average age of Fleet | Avg. Road Miles |
| FY20 | 6.13 yrs | 571,539 |
| FY21 | 6.18 yrs | 255,833 |
| FY22 | 7.28 yrs | 371,710 |

## Description \&

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Current Status:

- In Q4 of FY22 there were 36 cancelled trips in April, 180 cancelled trips in May, and 80 cancelled trips in June.
- Areas affected by these cancellations are distributed all across Santa Cruz County: Local Santa Cruz, UCSC \& Westside, HWY 17, Scotts Valley \& SLV, North Coast, Mid County, Live Oak, Soquel \& South County, Local Watsonville, Capitola \& South County, Capitola/Cabrillo \& South County, Cabrillo \& South County.
- $100 \%$ of these cancellations were due to "No Operator".
Dependability:

| Metrics: | Cancelled Trips by Year |
| :--- | :--- |
|  <br> Importance: | Cancelled trips by year provide a gauge of how METRO is performing <br> compared to prior years. |


| Cancelled Trips by Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1,258 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 800 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 600 |  |  |  | 565 |  | 466 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 494 |  |
| 400 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200 | 26 | 115 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 |  |
|  |  |  | Average |  |  |  |

Dependability:
Metrics: - Pass-Ups by Month and Reason Pass-Ups occur when a bus operator must leave behind a passenger for a variety of reasons: No Fare, Exceeds Capacity Load (Full Bus), Intoxicated/Belligerent/Biohazard, No Mask, and All Other Pass-Ups by Month

Pass-Ups by Reason

[^2]Current Status:

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Curtis Moses, Safety, Security and Risk Management Director
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

## That the Board of Directors Approve Staff Recommendations for Claims for the Month of August 2022, as reflected in Section VIII of this report

## II. SUMMARY

This staff report provides the Board of Directors with recommendations on claims submitted to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO).

## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO's Risk Department received two claims for the month of August 2022 for money or damages. As a public entity, METRO must act "within 45 days after the claim has been presented" (Govt C §912.4(a)). See staff recommendations in paragraph VIII.
IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship and Accountability.
V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

None

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Within the 45 -day period, the Board of Directors may take the following actions:

- Reject the claim entirely;
- Allow it in full;
- Allow it in part and reject the balance;
- Compromise it, if the liability or amount due is disputed (Govt C §912.4(a)); or
- Do nothing, and allow the claim to be denied by operation of law (Govt C §912.4 (c)).


## VIII. DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM

| Claimant | Claim \# | Description | Recommended <br> Action |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Advantage Driving <br> School Inc. | 22-0010 | Claimant alleges that a <br> METRO bus hit their <br> vehicle. Amount of claim: <br> Up to \$25,000. | Reject |
| Sullivan, Chris | 22-0011 | Claimant alleges that a <br> METRO bus hit his <br> vehicle. Amount of claim: <br> $\$ 3,205.25$. | Reject |

Prepared by: Tom Szestowicki, Safety Specialist

## IX. APPROVALS

Curtis Moses, Safety, Security and Risk Management Director

Michael Tree CEO/General Manager


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DATE: August 26, 2022

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

## SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THAT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS will continue to be held via teleconference

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors approve a resolution making certain findings and directing that the Board and its committee meetings will continue to be held via teleconference

## II. SUMMARY

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the CEO/General Manager and General Counsel recommend the Board adopt a resolution making certain findings and directing that Board meetings and Board committee meetings will continue to be held via teleconference because the proclaimed COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency continues to impact the ability of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Board of Directors (Board) and its committees to meet safely in person.

## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 361 amending Government Code Section 54953 to allow local agencies to use teleconferencing for public meetings without requiring teleconference locations to be included on published agendas or accessible to the public, and without requiring a quorum of the members of the legislative body of the agency to participate from locations within the boundaries of the agency's jurisdiction, during proclaimed states of emergencies.

Local agency determinations to meet using the modified teleconferencing rules under AB 361 must be reviewed every 30 days following the first teleconferenced meeting held pursuant to this law, which as an urgency statute, came into effect on October 1, 2021. The legislative body must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and find that they directly impact the ability to meet safely in person. These findings can be relied upon for up to 30 days, so the Board will need to consider the circumstances of the state of emergency at each subsequent Board meeting in order to continue meeting remotely under the modified teleconference rules.

The Governor's State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic remains active and the Santa Cruz County Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Industrial Relations have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. Compliance with these measures directly impacts the ability of the public to meet safely in person, and METRO cannot ensure social distancing recommendations are met in circumstances of in-person public meetings.
Furthermore, there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community, and Board and committee meetings have characteristics that give rise to risks to health and safety of meeting participants. Consequently, it is recommended that METRO continue to use remote teleconferencing for public meetings as permitted under AB 361 and to reconsider its determination (and make the necessary findings) every 30 days.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Safety First Culture priority.
V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

There is no financial impact.
VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could decide to no longer meet via teleconference. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this is not recommended.
VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Authorizing Resolution

Prepared by: Donna Bauer, Executive Assistant

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## IX. APPROVALS

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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# Attachment A 



Resolution No.
On the Motion of Director:
Duly Seconded by Director:
The Following Resolution is Adopted:

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT FINDING THAT THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ABILITY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON, AND DIRECTING THAT VIRTUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUE

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, which declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors subsequently declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, which declaration also remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17 and June 11, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21, respectively, suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act related to teleconferencing through September 30, 2021 to facilitate legislative bodies conducting public meetings remotely to help protect against the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 into law, amending Government Code Section 54953, effective immediately, to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely under less restrictive requirements during a proclaimed State of Emergency provided that (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or (2) the legislative bodies determine that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and (3) the legislative bodies make such findings at least every thirty days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2021, pursuant to Resolution 21-11-01, Board of Directors (Board) made the requisite findings to allow teleconferencing under AB 361 for 30 days; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed its previous findings and again concludes that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community, and that Board and committee meetings have characteristics that continue to give rise to risks to health and safety of meeting participants; and

WHEREAS, to help protect against the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, and to protect the health and safety of the public, the Board desires to take the actions necessary to continue to hold its Board and committee meetings remotely as authorized by AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and finds and determines that the state of emergency continues to directly impact its ability to meet safely in person; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in light of these findings, the Board directs the CEO/General Manager and Board Secretary to continue to agendize public meetings of the Board, and all METRO committees that are subject to the Brown Act, only as online teleconference meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that METRO will comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) when holding Board and committee meetings pursuant to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will be in effect for the maximum period of time permitted under AB 361 ( 30 days), and the Board will consider the findings in this Resolution each month and may, by motion, reaffirm these findings.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District this 26th Day of August 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors -
NOES: Directors -
ABSTAIN: Directors -
ABSENT: Directors -

## APPROVED:

LARRY PAGELER, Board Chair

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ATTEST:

MICHAEL TREE,
CEO/General Manager

## APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JULIE SHERMAN
General Counsel

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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE AND PENDING GRANTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY22

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors receive and file the quarterly report on grant applications and active and pending grants. This is for information only. No action is required.

## II. SUMMARY

- During the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY22 (April 1-June 30, 2022), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) received one discretionary and two formula grants, which will be used for operating assistance and capital improvements.
- Staff also submitted four formula and one discretionary grant applications for operating assistance and capital improvements during the quarter.
- Previously awarded grant-funded projects are underway to purchase replacement vehicles and upgrade facilities.
- A list of METRO's active grants (Attachment A) and pending applications (Attachment B) is provided quarterly to apprise the Board of Directors (Board) of grant funding status.
- No action is required; this report is for information only.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

During Q4 of FY22, METRO received two formula grants.

## Discretionary Grants

o METRO received a notable discretionary grant award from the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') FY22 Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5339 Discretionary Bus Program in amount of $\$ 2,100,000$. The grant award from the Caltrans' FTA Section 5339 program will help METRO replace three (3) 1998 diesel-fueled buses.

## Formula Grants

o METRO received \$782,148 funds from the California State of Good Repair Program (SGR). METRO has already committed its FY23 SGR funds for bus replacement projects and/or for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities. METRO's highest capital improvement priority is to replace buses that have exceeded their useful lifespan.
o METRO also received \$504,738 from FY22 FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants. The 5339 Program provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities.
During the quarter, staff submitted four formula and one discretionary grant applications for operating assistance and capital improvements.

## Formula Grants

o METRO received approval for FY22 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). This allocation request of $\$ 1,074,571$ for operating assistance for two years for the Zero-Emission Watsonville Circulator Project. The Project will continue to deploy new batteryelectric buses on a new circulator route in downtown Watsonville through the fall of 2024. The route will continue to serve one of the lowest income communities in METRO's service area.
o METRO also received approval for $\$ 521,408$ in formula funds for FY22 and FY23 FTA 5311 rural operating assistance. The 5311 Program provides capital and operating assistance to support public transportation in rural areas.
o FY23 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Annual claim for TDA formula funds to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will contribute $\$ 13,694,068$ for fixed-route public transit and ADA complementary paratransit operations in Santa Cruz County for FY23.
o Staff submitted a combined 2020, 2022 and 2023 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Project Programming Request (PPR) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to implement Revenue Vehicle Replacement Project. METRO has a balance of \$903,000 in cycle 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 formulaic unprogrammed shares based on voter-approved sales taxes. The LPP guidelines require a one-to-one match of private, local, state or federal funds for each dollar of LPP expenditures. METRO's highest priority is to replace and rebuild buses, and LPP funds will assist with purchasing three (3) fixed-route, 40 -foot CNG buses to replace three (3) equivalent 2003 CNG transit buses that have driven over 852,000 miles each well over the FTA's useful life thresholds.

## Discretionary Grants

o Staff submitted a discretionary grant application for FY2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. METRO is requesting \$39,266,440 of a $\$ 45,847,256$ capital request with METRO funding the required local match of $\$ 6,580,816$ to replace four (4) 2002 diesel-fueled 60 -foot buses, eight (8) 1998 diesel-fueled buses and eight (8) 2004 CNG 40 -foot buses, with eight (8) 60-foot and twelve (12) 40-foot FCEBs. Funding will also support the construction of a permanent hydrogen fueling station by replacing a diesel storage tank, providing facility upgrades to accommodate the new buses as well as maintenance training and workforce development.

## Closed-out Grants

During the quarter, staff closed-out Project \#19-0026 and Project \# CA-2021-114:
o Project \#19-0026: FY18 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Local Partnership Program (LPP). All applicable State funds expended and Caltrans and CTC approved the closeout report. This project purchased two (2) fixed-route, 40foot battery-electric buses to replace two (2) equivalent 1998 diesel fueled transit buses using \$870,000 in STIP and \$786,000 in LPP funds.
o Project \# CA-2021-114-01 FY21 FTA 5307 -8 the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Grant - Operating Assistance: All applicable funds expended and the FTA approved the closeout report. This application requested $\$ 13,551,006$ of FFY21 Federal Section 53078 CRRSAA funds to support operating costs within the Santa Cruz and Watsonville urbanized areas.

## Active, Pending and Future Grants

Active operating and capital improvement grants total \$66,022,545 in formula and $\$ 38,926,436$ in competitive funds. Of this amount, $\$ 8,996,512$ is to replace and refurbish buses. The remaining awarded funds are for operating assistance and capital improvement projects.

Pending grant applications request \$17,439,701 of new formula funding and $\$ 52,127,916$ of new discretionary funding. Of this $\$ 52,127,916$ in funding requests, $\$ 45,997,256$ is to replace buses. The remaining applications request funds for operating assistance and facilities improvement projects.
METRO staff continuously seeks grant funds for operating assistance and capital improvements. During the next three months, staff will prepare grant applications for FY22 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grants.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The actions taken in this report tie to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship and Accountability.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

Current active grants (Attachment A) of \$104,948,981 for METRO's operations and capital improvements projects. The Operating and Capital Budgets will be amended as necessary when grants are awarded.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

This is for information only and there are no alternatives to consider.
VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Active Grants as of August 2022
Attachment B: Pending Grants as of August 2022

Prepared by: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager

## IX. APPROVALS

John Ergo, Planning and Development Director

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

## Santa Cruz METRO

## Active Grants as of $8 / 26 / 2022$

| Formula Grant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| \# | Project Description | Project Scope | Funding Source | \$ Budget Grant | \$ Budget <br> Total Project | Project \% Complete |
| Operating Projects |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Operate <br> Watsonville <br> Circulator | Operate new circulator route w/ ZEB in Wats DAC | FY22 LCTOP | \$ 1,074,571 | \$ 1,074,571 | 0\% |
|  | Operate <br> Watsonville <br> Circulator | Operate new circulator route w/ ZEB in Wats DAC | FY21 LCTOP | \$ 489,213 | \$ 489,213 | 95\% |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY23 Operating } \\ & \text { assistance } \end{aligned}$ | Operating assistance | FY23 SCCRTC <br> Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund (TDALTF) | \$ 9,218,043 | \$ 18,436,086 | 5\% |
|  | FY22 \&23 Rural Transit Operations | Operating assistance | FY22 \&23 FTA 5311 Rural Operating Assistance | \$ 521,408 | \$ 1,042,816 | 5\% |
| 5 | FY21 ARPA | Operating assistance | FTA FFY21 Federal Section 5307 formula funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | \$ 26,020,080 | \$ 26,020,080 | 25\% |
|  | FY23 operating and capital assistance | Operating and capital assistance | FY23 SCCRTC <br> Transportation Development Act-State Transit Assistance (TDASTA) | \$4,476,025 | \$ 8,952,050 | 5\% |

End of Operating Projects
Capital Projects

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Purchase } 2 \text { CNG } \\ & \text { buses } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Purchase of two } \\ & \text { CNG BRT Plus } \\ & \text { Low Floor buses } \end{aligned}$ | FY19 SGR $(\$ 687,360)$ FY20 SGR $(\$ 195,394)$ PTMISEA $(\$ 433,338)$ Measure D $(\$ 131,609)$ | \$ | 1,447,701 | \$ | 1,447,701 | 75\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vouchers for 4 ZEBs | HVIP for 4 Proterra ZEBs | CALSTART Heavy-duty zero-emission Vehicle Incentive Program (HVIP) for 4 ZEBs | \$ | 600,000 | \$ | 600,000 | 95\% |
| 9 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { FY20 LCTOP } \\ & \text { Capital assistance } \end{aligned}$ | Caltrans FY20 Formula Capital assistance | Caltrans FY20 Formula Capital assistance Award:7/28/2020 | \$ | 969,394 | \$ | 969,394 | 5\% |

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## Santa Cruz METRO

## Active Grants as of 8/26/2022

| 10 | Roof for Golf Club Facility | Renovating Golf Club Roof | FTA FY19 5339(a) Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program <br> Pre-Award: 12/10/19 | \$ | 450,000 | \$ | 450,000 | 80\% |
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| 11 | Bus Washer | Mid-life overhaul for bus washer | FTA FY19 5339(a) Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program <br> Pre-Award: 12/10/19 | \$ | 100,000 | \$ | 100,000 | 50\% |
| 12 | 4 Electric replacement buses for Highway 17 Express | Purchase 3 ZEBs, Depot and end-route charging | FTA FY16 5339(c) LoNo Award:8/21/17 | \$ | 3,810,348 | \$ | 4,936,512 | 20\% |
| 13 | 6 CNG Bus Replacements | Buy 6 CNG Buses w/ remaining PTMISEA funding per BOD: 11/15/2019 | FY10-13,FY15 Public Transportation Modernization, Infrastructure and Service Enhancement Act (PTMISEA) Award:10/25/16 | \$ | 4,000,000 | \$ | 4,000,000 | 90\% |
| 14 | Pacific Station expansion and renovation architectural services | Design and engineering | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY08 FTA } 5309 \\ & \text { CA-04-0102 } \\ & \text { Award:9/12/08 } \end{aligned}$ | \$ | 490,000 | \$ | 612,500 | 90\% |
| 15 | Pacific Station expansion and renovation architectural services | Design and engineering | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY06 FTA } 5309 \\ & \text { CA-04-0021 } \\ & \text { Award:2/14/07 } \end{aligned}$ | \$ | 396,000 | \$ | 495,000 | 90\% |
| 16 | Bus replacement projects | Bus replacement projects/ local match for competitive grant opportunities | FY22 SCCRTC <br> Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund (TDASGR) | \$ | 760,226 | \$ | 760,226 | 0\% |
| 17 | Golf Club Parts Washers | Replace the JRI units purchased 2010 | FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 | 75\% |
| 18 | Non-revenue Electric Vehicles | Replace up to 3 old non-rev vehicles with electric non-rev vehicles | FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities | \$ | 100,000 | \$ | 100,000 | 75\% |

## Attachment A

## Santa Cruz METRO

## Active Grants as of 8/26/2022

| 19 | Service Truck | Road call fitted with service equipment | FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities | \$ | 150,000 | \$ | 150,000 | 75\% |
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| 20 | Fueling and Wash Facility - Awning Install | Construction phase -Awning at front of fueling island | FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities | \$ | 238,908 | \$ | 238,908 | 75\% |
| 21 | ParaCruz Van Replacement | Purchase 6 replacement ParaCruz vans | FY19 LPP | \$ | 302,000 | \$ | 604,000 | 25\% |
| 22 | Replace two 1998 diesel-fueled buses with two CNG buses | FY20 State of California FTA Section 5339 | CalTrans FY20 5339 Discretionary Funds | \$ | 1,088,000 | \$ | 1,360,000 | 95\% |
| 23 | Pacific Station Transit Center (Pacific Station) | Redevelop the existing Pacific Station bus terminal | Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 6 | \$ | 4,000,000 | \$ | 29,600,000 | 0\% |
| 24 | FTA FY22 5339(a) the State Rural Discretionary | Vehicle Replacement Program | FTA FY22 5339(a) the State Rural Discretionary | \$ | 420,000 | \$ | 2,100,000 | 5\% |
| 25 | FY21/22 Caltrans <br> Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding | FY21/22 <br> Transportation Planning Grant funding | FY21/22 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding | \$ | 329,924 | \$ | 329,924 | 15\% |
|  |  |  | Total | \$ | 61,531,841 | \$ | 104,948,981 |  |
| End of Active Grants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Attachment B

## Pending Grants as of 8/26/2022

| Competitive Grant |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Formula Grant |  |  |  |  |  |
| \# | Project Description | Project Scope | Funding Source | \$ Budget Grant | \$ Budget <br> Total <br> Project |
| 2 | FTA FFY22 FTA <br> Section 5307 | FTA FY22 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Assistance | FTA FY22 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Assistance | \$11,269,864 | \$13,523,837 |
|  | FY2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program | Replace 12 diesel buses with eight (8) 60-foot and twelve (12) 40 -foot FCEBs | FY2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program | \$39,266,440 | \$45,847,256 |
| 3 | Local Partnership Program (LPP) | Bus Replacement | CTC FY20 Local Partnership Program (LPP) FY 20-21,2122 and 22-23 | \$903,000 | \$1,806,000 |
| 4 | FY22 <br> Congressionally Directed Funding | ParaCruz Operation and Administrative Facility Construction Project | FY22 Congressionally Directed Funding | \$5,517,594 | \$6,130,660 |
| 5 | FTA FY21 5339a | Install Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) | FTA FY21 5339a Bus and Bus Facilities Formula | \$524,355 | \$524,355 |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY23 TDA- } \\ & \text { STA/SGR Claim } \end{aligned}$ | Capital assistance | FY23 SCCRTC TDA-SGR | \$770,861 | \$770,861 |
| 7 | FY22 Rural Transit Operations | Operating assistance | FY22 FTA5311 Rural Operating Assistance Award:TBD | \$258,123 | \$814,648 |
| 8 | Vouchers for 1 ZEBs | HVIP for 4 Proterra ZEBs | CALSTART Heavy-duty zeroemission Vehicle Incentive Program (HVIP) for 4 ZEBs | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Total | \$ 58,660,237 | \$ 69,567,617 |
| End of Pending Grants |  |  |  |  |  |

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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Daniel L. Zaragoza, Operations Manager, Paratransit Division
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2022

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the quarterly METRO ParaCruz Operations Status Report for April, May, and June 2022

## II. SUMMARY

ParaCruz is the federally mandated ADA complementary paratransit program of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), providing shared ride, door-to-door demand-response transportation to customers certified as having disabilities, which prevent them from independently using the fixed route bus.

ParaCruz during the months of April, May and June ParaCruz provided 17,015 rides. On Time Performance for this period was 99.69\%.

ParaCruz is currently funded for 31 Paratransit Operators; four of these positions are vacant.

## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

- Summary review of monthly operational statistics for ParaCruz.

Comparing the monthly statistics of FY21 to the monthly statistics of FY22:

- In April, the number of ParaCruz rides increased by: 2,125
- In May, the number of ParaCruz rides increased by:
- In June, the number of ParaCruz rides increased by: 1,129

Comparing the monthly statistics of FY20 to the monthly statistics of FY22:

- In April, the number of ParaCruz rides decreased by:
- In May, the number of ParaCruz rides decreased by:
- In June, the number of ParaCruz rides increased by:
- Summary review of monthly operational information about ParaCruz for FY22:
- April number of total ParaCruz rides: 5,695
- May number of total ParaCruz rides: 5,574
- June number of total ParaCruz rides: 5,746
- Comparing March 2022 statistics to April 2022, ParaCruz rides decreased by 19.
- Comparing April 2022 statistics to May 2022, ParaCruz rides decreased by 121.
- Comparing May 2022 statistics to June 2022, ParaCruz rides increased by 172.


## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Service Quality and Delivery.
v. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

There are no financial considerations for this report.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. COORDINATION

This staff report has been coordinated with statistics provided by the Finance and Fleet Departments. The Eligibility Coordinator provided additional data.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: ParaCruz On-time Performance Charts for April, May, and June.
Attachment B: Comparative Operating Statistics Tables for April, May, and June.
Attachment C: Number of Rides Comparison Chart.
Attachment D: Total Ride vs. Shared Ride Chart.
Attachment E: Annual Miles Comparison Chart.
Attachment F: Monthly Assessments.
Attachment G: Top Monthly Ride Destinations for April, May, and June.
Prepared by: Daniel L. Zaragoza, Operations Manager, Paratransit Division

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## IX. APPROVALS

Daniel L. Zaragoza, Operations Manager, Paratransit Division

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

## ParaCruz On-time Performance Report for April 2022

|  | April 2021 | April 2022 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total pick ups | 3,570 | 5,695 |
| Percent in "ready window" * | $\mathbf{9 9 . 9 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 9 . 4 2 \%}$ |
| 1 to 5 minutes late | $.03 \%$ | $.18 \%$ |
| 6 to 10 minutes late | $.03 \%$ | $.09 \%$ |
| 11 to 15 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.07 \%$ |
| 16 to 20 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.04 \%$ |
| 21 to 25 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.05 \%$ |
| 26 to 30 minutes late | $.02 \%$ | $.05 \%$ |
| 31 to 35 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.04 \%$ |
| 36 to 40 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.02 \%$ |
| 41 or more minutes late <br> (excessively late/missed trips) | $.00 \%$ |  |
| Total beyond "ready window" | $\mathbf{0 . 0 8 \%}$ | $.04 \%$ |

*Target: 90\%

## On-time Performance

During April, ParaCruz' on time performance decreased by .33\% from last month. Ridership decreased from last month. ParaCruz has three Operator positions unfilled and three Operators out on medical leave. The total number of available working ParaCruz Operators is 20 per weekday, not including Operators on annual leave.

## A Customer Service Report is either a compliment, comment, or a complaint.

During the month of April 2022, ParaCruz received eight Customer Service Reports, Three are valid; Two for late rides and one for a Dispatcher not giving a person an accurate estimated time of arrival. Two were not valid; one for an Operators refusal to operate a person's electric wheelchair and one was for a person upset that they arrived too early to their appointment. Three were complements for Paratransit Operators.

## Attachment A

ParaCruz On-time Performance Report for May 2022

|  | May 2021 | May 2022 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total pick ups | 3,834 | 5,574 |
| Percent in "ready window" | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 9 . 4 4 \%}$ |
| 1 to 5 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.22 \%$ |
| 6 to 10 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.18 \%$ |
| 11 to 15 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.07 \%$ |
| 16 to 20 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.05 \%$ |
| 21 to 25 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.04 \%$ |
| 26 to 30 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 31 to 35 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 36 to 40 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 41 or more minutes late <br> (excessively late/missed trips) | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| Total beyond "ready window" | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5 6 \%}$ |

*Target: 90\%

## On-time Performance

During May, ParaCruz' on time performance decreased by . 02 from last month. Ridership increased from last month. ParaCruz has two Operator positions unfilled and two Operators out on Medical leave. ParaCruz hired two new Operators, the total number of available working ParaCruz Operators is 21 per weekday, not including Operators on annual leave.

## A Customer Service Report is either a compliment, comment, or a complaint.

During the month of May 2022, ParaCruz received seven Customer Service Reports. Two are valid, one for a late ride, one for a person that witnessed a small accident. Three were not valid One was a compliment for a ParaCruz Operator one for a passenger that complained that both he and the Operator had to deal with a rude passenger. Two were not valid, a person that was upset that an Operator asked her to hold with both hands while riding the lift, one was for a person that complained that the Operator did not wait for 5 minutes before they had been no-showed. Two were question regarding ParaCruz service.

## Attachment A

ParaCruz On-time Performance Report for June 2022

|  | June 2021 | June 2022 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total pick ups | 4,617 | 5,746 |
| Percent in "ready window" | $\mathbf{9 9 . 8 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 9 . 8 1 \%}$ |
| 1 to 5 minutes late | $.03 \%$ | $.10 \%$ |
| 6 to 10 minutes late | $.04 \%$ | $.07 \%$ |
| 11 to 15 minutes late | $.04 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 16 to 20 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.02 \%$ |
| 21 to 25 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 26 to 30 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.02 \%$ |
| 31 to 35 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.00 \%$ |
| 36 to 40 minutes late | $.00 \%$ | $.02 \%$ |
| 41 or more minutes late <br> (excessively late/missed trips) | $.00 \%$ |  |
| Total beyond "ready window" | $.08 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |

*Target: 90\%

## On-time Performance

During June, ParaCruz' on time performance increased by . 37 \% from last month. June ridership increased from last month. ParaCruz has hired one new Operator that is currently in training, four Operator positions remain unfilled, and two Operators are out on medical leave. The total number of available working ParaCruz Operators is 20 per weekday, not including Operators on annual leave.

## A Customer Service Report is either a compliment, comment, or a complaint.

During the month of June 2022, ParaCruz received four Customer Service Reports. One was a complement for ParaCruz Operator. One was valid, an Operator that failed to give a pedestrian the right of way. Two are not valid, one was a report of an Operator speeding on the freeway; the AVL report showed that he did was driving below the speed limit. One was a person that was upset that they had been no-showed for a ride; video showed that the Operator arrived and waited more than the required 5 minutes before the ride was no-showed.

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## Attachment B

## Comparative Operating Statistics through April 2022

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2021 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2022 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | FY 21 | FY 22 | Performance Averages | Performance Goals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Requested | 5,832 | 6,759 | 49,469 | 63,9876 | 6,290 |  |
| Performed | 3,570 | 5,695 | 30,275 | 50,686 | 4,928 |  |
| Cancels | 36.45\% | 12.58\% | 36.53\% | 20.10\% | 27.71\% |  |
| No Shows | 3.81\% | 3.62\% | 4.01\% | 3.70\% | 3.60\% | Less than 3\% |
| Total miles | 25,165 | 33,260 | 242,955 | 341,914 | 32,798 |  |
| Av trip miles | 7.05 | 6.86 | 6.28 | 6.55 | 6.52 |  |
| Within ready window | 99.92\% | 99.42\% | 99.89\% | 99.50\% | 99.57\% | 90.00\% or better |
| Call center volume | 2,419 | 5,142 | 21,974 | 46,762 | 4,554 |  |
| Hold times less than 2 minutes | 97.64\% | 97.84\% | 98.12\% | 98.78\% | 98.35\% | Greater than 90\% |
| Distinct riders | 385 | 626 | 933 | 1,438 | 556 |  |
| Most frequent rider | 81 rides | 82 rides | 684 rides | 592 rides | 65 rides |  |
| Shared rides | 22.18\% | 39.03\% | 18.37\% | 39.96\% | 38.71\% | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Greater than } \\ 60 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Passengers per rev hour | 1.77 | 2.09 | 1.76 | 2.04 | 2.02 | Greater than 1.6 passengers/hour |
| Rides by supplemental providers | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | No more than 25\% |
| Vendor cost per ride | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Rides }<10 \\ \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | 59.41\% | 66.50\% | 59.57\% | 63.95\% | 63.19\% |  |
| Rides > 10 | 43.59\% | 33.50\% | 40.43\% | 35.99\% | 36.81\% |  |
| Denied Rides | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Zero |
| Missed Trips | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 2 |  |
| Excessively Long Trips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |  |
| \# Trips at Base <br> Fare | 2,084 | 3,527 | 20,186 | 30,260 | 2,938 |  |
| \# Trips > Base Fare | 691 | 965 | 6,269 | 9,558 | 932 |  |

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## Comparative Operating Statistics through May 2022

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2021 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2022 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | FY 21 | FY 22 | Performance Averages | Performance Goals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Requested | 4,331 | 6,252 | 55,532 | 70,238 | 6,306 |  |
| Performed | 2,869 | 5,574 | 34,109 | 56,260 | 5,073 |  |
| Cancels | 30.76\% | 10.84\% | 36.34\% | 19.26\% | 19.75\% |  |
| No Shows | 2.77\% | 4.60 | 3.98\% | 3.78\% | 3.54\% | Less than 3\% |
| Total miles | 24,905 | 39,713 | 267,098 | 381,627 | 34,096 |  |
| Av trip miles | 6.42 | 6.78 | 6.29 | 6.78 | 6.55 |  |
| Within ready window | 100.00\% | 99.44\% | 99.90\% | 99.49\% | 99.53\% | 90.00\% or better |
| Call center volume | 2,016 | 5,043 | 25,545 | 51,805 | 4,677 |  |
| Hold times less than 2 minutes | 99.36\% | 97.54\% | 98.12\% | 98.43\% | 98.32\% | Greater than 90\% |
| Distinct riders | 320 | 625 | 1,022 | 1,506 | 572 |  |
| Most frequent rider | 63 rides | 94 rides | 722 rides | 578 rides | 67 rides |  |
| Shared rides | 18.40\% | 37.98\% | 19.10\% | 39.78\% | 39.19\% | Greater than 60\% |
| Passengers per rev hour | 1.69 | 2.04 | 1.77 | 2.04 | 2.03 | Greater than 1.6 passengers/hour |
| $\qquad$ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | No more than 25\% |
| Vendor cost per ride | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Rides }<10 \\ \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | 60.79\% | 63.80\% | 59.42\% | 63.94\% | 63.60\% |  |
| Rides > 10 | 39.21\% | 36.20\% | 40.58\% | 36.06\% | 36.40\% |  |
| Denied Rides | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Zero |
| Missed Trips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 2 |  |
| Excessively Long Trips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| \# Trips Base Fare | 1,772 | 2,471 | 22,270 | 32,731 | 3,041 |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { \# Trips > Base } \\ \text { Fare } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 518 | 952 | 6,329 | 10,510 | 948 |  |

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## Comparative Operating Statistics through June 2022

|  | June <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | June <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | FY 21 | FY 22 | Performance <br> Averages | Performance Goals |
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| Requested | 6.370 | 6,841 | 61,902 | 77,079 | $\mathbf{6 , 3 4 5}$ |  |
| Performed | 4,617 | 5,746 | 38,726 | 62,006 | $\mathbf{5 , 1 6 7}$ |  |
| Cancels | $25.09 \%$ | $19.06 \%$ | $35.40 \%$ | $19.24 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2 4 \%}$ |  |
| No Shows | $2.41 \%$ | $3.86 \%$ | 3.85 | $3.79 \%$ | $\mathbf{3 . 7 9 \%}$ | Less than 3\% |
| Total miles | 28,251 | 38,678 | 303,402 | 420,305 | $\mathbf{3 4 , 9 4 2}$ |  |
| Av trip miles | 6.37 | 6.02 | 6.30 | 6.52 | $\mathbf{6 . 5 2}$ |  |
| Within ready <br> window | $99.89 \%$ | $99.81 \%$ | $99.90 \%$ | $99.51 \%$ | $\mathbf{9 9 . 5 2 \%}$ | 90.00\% or better |
| Call center <br> volume | 4,317 | 4,940 | 29,862 | 56,745 | $\mathbf{4 , 7 2 8}$ | information not |
| Hold times <br> less than 2 <br> minutes | $97.08 \%$ | $95.40 \%$ | $98.03 \%$ | $98.18 \%$ | $\mathbf{9 8 . 1 8 \%}$ | Greater than 90\% |
| Distinct riders | 479 | 632 | 1,108 | 1,587 | $\mathbf{5 8 4}$ |  |
| Most frequent <br> rider | 86 rides | 108 rides | 808 rides | 626 rides | $\mathbf{6 9}$ rides |  |
| Shared rides | $31.94 \%$ | $32.68 \%$ | $20.17 \%$ | $39.19 \%$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 1 9 \%}$ | Greater than 60\% |
| Passengers <br> per rev hour | 1.97 | 2.03 | 1.78 | 2.04 | $\mathbf{2 . 0 4}$ | Greater than 1.6 <br> Rides by <br> supplemental <br> providers |
| Vendor cost <br> per ride | N/A | N/A | N/A A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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## Attachment F

## Monthly Assessments

| MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | UNRESTRICTED | RESTRICTED CONDITIONAL | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { RESTRICTED } \\ \text { TRIP BY } \\ \text { TRIP } \end{gathered}$ | TEMPORARY | DENIED | TOTAL |
| JULY 2021 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 73 |
| AUGUST 2021 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 65 |
| SEPTEMBER 2021 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 77 |
| OCTOBER 2021 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 69 |
| NOVEMBER 2021 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 96 |
| DECEMBER 2021 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 47 |
| JANUARY 2022 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 53 |
| FEBRUARY 2022 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 95 |
| MARCH 2022 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 78 |
| APRIL 2022 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 71 |
| MAY 2022 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 77 |
| JUNE 2022 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 38 |

Number of Eligible Riders for the month of April $2022=3,040$
Number of Eligible Riders for the month of May $2022=3,043$
Number of Eligible Riders for the month of June $2022=3,122$

Unrestricted: If, because of a disability, a person can never use the fixed route bus service under any condition.

Restricted: If a person can use fixed route bus service for some trips, then they may be determined eligible but restricted from those trips that they could make using the fixed route bus system.

Immediate need: If, due to unforeseeable circumstances, a person may need transportation before completing the eligibility process, they made be provided with immediate need eligibility for up to 14 days.

Temporary: If a person has a limited term condition that prevents them from using the fixed route service system.

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## Top Trip Destinations

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| LOCATION | April | May | June | Total | $\%$ of total |
| Satellite Dialysis - Capitola | 685 | 756 | 889 | 2,330 | 13.69\% |
| Cabrillo College 6500 Soquel Dr. Aptos | 545 | 397 | 126 | 1068 | 6.28\% |
| Satellite Dialysis - Watsonville | 260 | 208 | 245 | 713 | 4.19\% |
| Santa Cruz Post-Acute 1115 Capitola Rd. SC | 255 | 162 | 213 | 630 | 3.70\% |
| Palo Alto Medical 2025 Soquel Ave. SC | 144 | 145 | 148 | 437 | 2.57\% |
| La Posada 609 Frederick St. SC | 153 | 144 | 123 | 420 | 2.47\% |
| Pacific Coast Manor 1935 Wharf Rd. Capitola | 76 | 104 | 157 | 337 | 1.98 \% |
| The Galleria 740 Front St. SC | 116 | 97 | 110 | 323 | 1.93\% |
| Bay Avenue Senior Apartments 750 Bay Ave. Capitola | 133 | 63 | 106 | 302 | 1.77\% |
| Medical Offices <br> 1595 Soquel Dr. Santa Cruz | 35 | 107 | 82 | 224 | 1.32\% |
| Chestnut Street Apartments 95 Chestnut St. Santa Cruz | 66 | 62 | 62 | 190 | 1.12\% |
| Elizabeth Oaks Apartments 1440 Jose Ave. Santa Cruz | 53 | 66 | 68 | 187 | 1.10\% |

Number of rides for the month of April $2022=5,695$
Number of rides for the month of May $2022=5,574$
Number of rides for the month of June $2022=\mathbf{5 , 7 4 6}$

ParaCruz Operations Status Report

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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: John Urgo, Planning \& Development Director
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO SYSTEM RIDERSHIP REPORTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY22

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the METRO system ridership
report for the fourth quarter of FY22

## II. SUMMARY

- FY22 Q4 total ridership increased 173.9\% (+528,367) compared to FY21 Q4. However, FY22 Q4 ridership was 41.4\% ( $-588,318$ ) below FY19 Q4 (prepandemic) levels.
- Highway 17 (Hwy 17) ridership increased 99.1\% (+17,252) compared to FY21 Q4 and was 52.9\% $(-38,888)$ below FY19 Q4 levels.
- Non-student ridership increased $38.1 \%(+98,213)$ compared to FY21 Q4 and was 33.6\% $(-180,184)$ below FY19 Q4 levels.
- UCSC ridership increased $933.2 \%(+414,768)$ compared to FY21 Q4 and was 43.4\% ( $-352,820$ ) below FY19 Q4 levels.
- Cabrillo College ridership increased $859.1 \%(+15,386)$ compared to FY21 Q4 and was $76.3 \%(-55,314)$ below FY19 Q4 levels.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

This report contains ridership summaries and ridership by route for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) fixed route bus service for the Fourth quarter (Q4) of FY22, April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022. Quarterly ridership reports keep the Board of Directors (Board) apprised of METRO's ridership statistics and ridership trends:

- Attachment A shows system-wide and college student ridership statistics for Q4 of FY22 and makes year-over-year comparisons with ridership statistics.
- Attachment B shows the average ridership and pass/fare usage per route and system-wide.
- Attachment C shows the weekly ridership comparison for Q4 of FY22 and FY21.


## Total Fixed Route Ridership

Compared to the previous fiscal year's fourth quarter FY22 Q4 total fixed-route ridership increased substantially, with a $173.9 \%$ change year-over-year. METRO operates 23 local routes and one commuter route over the Highway 17 (Hwy 17). Hwy 17 ridership increased 99.1\% and Local ridership increased 178.5\%. Student Pass ridership, comprised of UCSC and Cabrillo riders, increased 930.4\%. UCSC and Cabrillo ridership grew 933.2\% and 859.1\%, respectively, while the remaining non-student ridership rose 38.1\%.
In the fourth quarter of FY22 there was $41.1 \%$ less total-fixed route ridership compared to Q4 of FY19. Compared to pre-COVID data, Hwy 17 ridership remained more depressed than did local route ridership. Hwy 17 boardings decreased 52.9\% compared to the same quarter in FY19, while Local ridership only dropped $40.8 \%$. Student pass ridership decreased $46.1 \%$ this quarter compared to Q4 of FY19, as UCSC and Cabrillo ridership returned to $56.6 \%$ and $23.7 \%$ of pre-COVID ridership levels, respectively. The remaining non-student ridership in FY22 Q4 was 33.6\% less compared to FY19 Q4.

In Q4 of FY21, shelter-in-place directives and carrying capacity restrictions continued to reduce overall ridership. UCSC and Cabrillo demand was also greatly diminished as both were still holding most classes remotely. Furthermore, telework was still widespread in Q4 of FY21, which contributed to non-student ridership reductions. As a result of this diminished ridership demand, METRO operated an average of $21.1 \%$ less vehicle revenue hours (VRH) in FY21 compared to the current service level in FY22.

In Q4 of FY22, there were no shelter-in-place directives or carrying capacity restrictions. UCSC and Cabrillo largely returned to in-person learning. Ridership demand increased as some non-student riders transitioned from telework to working at least part-time in the office. Operator shortages necessitated implementing $18.0 \%$ less weekday service compared to FY19 service. However, weekend service hours increased $2.0 \%$ for the same time-frame, as the postpandemic recovery of weekend ridership outpaced weekday ridership.

## Regular and Discount Passes \& Fares

Discount riders (i.e. older adults and people with disabilities) utilizing cash for boarding decreased $24.0 \%$ compared to the fourth quarter of FY21, while discount pass usage increased significantly, with a $171.2 \%$ rise in usage compared to FY21 Q4. Overall, discount ridership increased $24.8 \%$ in the fourth quarter of FY22.
Discount ridership was $11.0 \%$ of total fixed route ridership in Q4 of FY22. Compared to the fourth quarter of FY19, discount cash and pass usage decreased $28.0 \%$ and $52.6 \%$, respectively, and discount ridership overall was still down 43.8\%.

Q4 FY22 pass boardings for regular adults and all youth not associated with the student pass programs increased $72.7 \%$ compared to Q4 of FY21. Cash usage among this demographic increased 4.3\%. Overall, regular ridership increased $33.6 \%$ in the fourth quarter of FY22 compared to Q4 of FY21.
Regular ridership was 33.6\% of total fixed route ridership in Q4 of FY22. Compared to the fourth quarter of FY19, pass usage was down 18.3\% and cash usage declined by $38.6 \%$, and there was a $28.8 \%$ reduction in regular ridership overall.

## Weekly Ridership Growth

The weekly ridership growth pattern reflects the normal trend of Q4 ridership. The UCSC spring quarter begins in April and ends in June. By the middle of June, METRO ceases to operate the routes 22 and 15, which are exclusively UCSC "School Term" routes.

For the first nine weeks of the fourth quarter of FY22, weekly ridership was, on average, 226.1\% greater than year-over-year weekly ridership in FY21. The first full week of June was UCSC finals week and ridership only increased 145.4\% because fewer students were heading to campus for class. After the UCSC spring quarter ended on $6 / 9$, ridership only increased $39.0 \%$ in the final three weeks of the quarter, compared to the same time-frame in FY21.
Compared to FY19, ridership for the first nine weeks of Q4 FY22 was on average $38.7 \%$ less. For the first two weeks of June, ridership decreased $55.8 \%$ in relation to FY19 ridership for the same period, likely due to decreased UCSC ridership during finals week and after the end of the spring quarter. The final two weeks of FY22 Q4 ridership only decreased $41.7 \%$ compared to FY19 and the slight increase in ridership in FY22 is attributed to the start of the UCSC summer session on 6/20.

## Trip Ridership by Route

FY22 year-over-tear total ridership per trip increased 166.1\% compared to Q4 of FY21. While average weekday and weekend ridership per trip on all routes was similar, the average number of riders per trip was greater on the weekend than during the week. There were 20.7 average ridership per weekday trip compared to an average of 28.8 riders per trip on the weekends. The weekday route with the highest average passenger load per revenue trip was the route 18 UCSC via Main Gate-Mission with 56.5 riders per trip. The weekend route with the greatest passenger loads was the route 20 UCSC via Main Gate-Mission with an average of 85.9 riders per trip.

Compared to FY19, overall riders per trip was still down by 41.7\%. Weekday ridership was more depressed compared to weekend ridership. Weekday riders per trip was down 43.2\% but the average weekend riders per trip only declined by $33.0 \%$. The FY19 weekday route with the greatest trip loads was the weekdayonly route 15 with an average of 70 riders per trip. The weekend route with the
largest trip loads was the route 16, replaced with the route 18 in FY22, with 64 riders per trip.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report aligns with METRO's Service Quality and Delivery strategic priority.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

Revenue derived from passenger fares and passes was reflected in the FY22 operating budget. Farebox revenue this quarter increased 166.0\% compared to Q4 in FY21. Total pass usage also increased $90.3 \%$ this quarter compared to the fourth quarter of FY21. The COVID-19 pandemic fallout adversely affected actual passenger pass and fare usage for Q4 of FY22.
VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives to consider.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Quarterly System Ridership Summary for FY22 Q4
April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022
Attachment B: Quarterly Average Ridership by Route Report for FY22 Q4 April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Attachment C: Quarterly Ridership by Week for FY22 Q4 April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Prepared by: Cayla Hill, Planning Analyst

## IX. APPROVALS

John Urgo
Planning and Development Director

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager


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Attachment A
Quarterly System Ridership Summary

| Discounted Pass Usage (Senior/ Disabled) |  |  |  |  | Regular Pass Usage |  |  |  |  |
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| Total Pass Usage | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |  | Local Pass Usage | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |  |
|  | FY22 Q4 | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |  | FY22 Q4 | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 125, 748 | 77,693 | 48,055 | 61.9\% |
|  | 49,789 | 5,169 | 44,620 | 863.2\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Hwy 17 Pass Usage | 20,127 | 6,372 | 13,755 | 215.9\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total Pass Usage | 145,875 | 84,065 | 61,810 | 277.7\% |
| Discounted Cash Usage (Senior/ Disabled) |  |  |  |  | Regular Cash Usage |  |  |  |  |
|  | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |  | Local Single Cash Fare | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |  |
|  | FY22 Q4 | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |  | FY22 Q4 | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |
| Local Single Cash Fare | 39,436 | 52,875 | $(13,439)$ | -25.4\% |  | 105,643 | 104,000 | 1,643 | 1.6\% |
| Hwy 17 Single Cash Fare | 2,432 | 2,191 | 241 | 11.0\% | Hwy 17 Single Cash Fare | 12,605 | 8,333 | 4,272 | 51.3\% |
| Total Cash Usage | 41,868 | 55,066 | $(13,198)$ | -24.0\% | Total Cash Usage | 118,248 | 112,333 | 5,915 | 5.3\% |
| System Totals |  |  |  |  | Student Pass Totals |  |  |  |  |
|  | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |  | UCSC | FY22 Q4 | Quarterly Totals (Q4) |  |  |
|  | FY22 Q4 | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |  |  | FY21 Q4 | Difference | \%Change |
| Local Fixed Route | 797,534 | 286,395 | 511,139 | 178.5\% |  | 459, 212 | 44,444 | 414,768 | 933.2\% |
| Highway 17 Express | 34,635 | 17,407 | 17,228 | 99.0\% | Cabrillo | 17,177 | 1,791 | 15,386 | 859.1\% |
| System Total | 832,169 | 303,802 | 528,367 | 173.9\% | Student Total | 476,389 | 46,235 | 430,154 | 930.4\% |

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Quarterly Average Ridership by Route Report

| April 1, 2022-J une 30, 2022 |  | Average Weekday Ridership per Trip |  |  |  |  | Average Weekend Ridership per Trip |  |  |  |  |
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| Route | Corridor | Total Riders | UCSC <br> Riders \% | Cabrillo Riders \% | Discount <br> Fares and <br> Passes \% | Regular <br>  <br> Passes \% | Total Riders | UCSC <br> Riders \% | Cabrillo <br> Riders \% | Discount Fares and Passes \% | Regular Fares and Passes \% |
|  | UCSC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | UCSC via High St. | 38.6 | 94.0\% | 0.2\% | 1.2\% | 4.6\% | 40.0 | 95.0\% | 0.0\% | 1.6\% | 3.3\% |
| 15 | UCSC via Laurel West | 39.4 | 95.7\% | 0.1\% | 0.6\% | 3.6\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | UCSC via Main Gate-Mission | 56.5 | 92.0\% | 0.3\% | 1.1\% | 6.6\% | 70.5 | 95.4\% | 0.3\% | 1.0\% | 3.3\% |
| 19 | UCSC via Lower Bay | 45.1 | 91.8\% | 0.2\% | 2.3\% | 5.7\% | 84.5 | 93.9\% | 0.1\% | 2.2\% | 3.8\% |
| 20 | UCSC via West Side | 42.8 | 88.8\% | 0.3\% | 1.8\% | 9.1\% | 85.9 | 92.0\% | 0.3\% | 1.9\% | 5.8\% |
| 22 | UCSC/ Coastal Science Campus | 34.2 | 98.7\% | 0.0\% | 0.2\% | 1.0\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Intercity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35/ 35A | Santa Cruz/ Scotts Valley/ SLV | 10.6 | 6.3\% | 2.9\% | 19.4\% | 71.4\% | 17.5 | 4.5\% | 2.3\% | 25.6\% | 67.6\% |
| 69A | Capitola Road/ Watsonville | 17.6 | 3.4\% | 3.4\% | 26.1\% | 67.1\% | 23.2 | 13.3\% | 2.1\% | 25.3\% | 59.2\% |
| 69W | Cap. Road/ CRrillo/ Watsonville | 18.9 | 8.8\% | 8.8\% | 22.3\% | 60.2\% | 25.4 | 10.3\% | 2.7\% | 24.7\% | 62.3\% |
| 71 | Santa Cruz to Watsonville | 18.4 | 6.4\% | 6.4\% | 23.9\% | 63.2\% | 22.2 | 5.5\% | 2.3\% | 27.8\% | 64.3\% |
|  | N. County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | Davenport/ North Coast | 6.0 | 6.4\% | 1.0\% | 7.1\% | 85.4\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | Bonny Doon | 6.8 | 10.3\% | 2.9\% | 9.6\% | 77.2\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | Davenport/ Bonny Doon | 8.4 | 12.9\% | 1.6\% | 12.8\% | 72.8\% | 10.6 | 25.0\% | 2.3\% | 14.3\% | 58.4\% |
|  | Live Oak |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 66 | Live Oak via 17th | 9.4 | 12.8\% | 1.6\% | 27.3\% | 58.3\% | 11.2 | 16.6\% | 1.7\% | 31.9\% | 49.8\% |
| 68 | Like Oak via Broadway/ Portola | 7.1 | 22.0\% | 2.1\% | 23.1\% | 52.8\% | 10.1 | 26.7\% | 1.8\% | 23.4\% | 48.2\% |
|  | Local |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Harvey West/ Emeline | 8.1 | 9.2\% | 2.1\% | 40.4\% | 48.3\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | Rio Del Mar | 7.3 | 4.8\% | 21.6\% | 29.2\% | 44.4\% | 9.7 | 5.7\% | 10.7\% | 45.7\% | 37.9\% |
| 72 | Watsonville Hospital/ Pinto Lake | 8.2 | 0.8\% | 2.7\% | 30.5\% | 66.0\% | 5.5 | 1.8\% | 1.0\% | 36.6\% | 60.5\% |
| 745 | PVHS/ Watsonville Hospital | 10.2 | 0.1\% | 1.2\% | 9.5\% | 89.2\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75 | Green Valley Road | 8.7 | 0.7\% | 2.9\% | 36.4\% | 60.0\% | 8.5 | 0.9\% | 1.5\% | 37.4\% | 60.2\% |
| 79 | Paj aro/ East Lake | 3.7 | 0.6\% | 3.9\% | 36.7\% | 58.7\% | 4.1 | 4.2\% | 1.4\% | 41.6\% | 52.8\% |
| WC | Watsonville Circulator | 7.0 | - | - | - | 100.0\% | 8.1 | - | - | - | 100.0\% |
|  | Express |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 91X | Santa Cruz/ Watsonville Express | 9.1 | 8.9\% | 23.3\% | 19.5\% | 48.4\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hwy 17 | Hwy 17 Express | 13.2 | - | - | 10.1\% | 89.9\% | 17.0 | - | - | 6.7\% | 93.3\% |
|  | Avg. Ridership per Trip | 20.7 | 54.9\% | 2.3\% | 10.5\% | 32.3\% | 28.8 | 55.8\% | 1.0\% | 11.5\% | 31.7\% |

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DATE: August 26, 2022

FROM: Eddie Benson, Maintenance Manager

# SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $1^{\text {ST }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CLEAN ENERGY TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY $\$ 10,291,225$ FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS 

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors (Board) authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a first contract amendment with Clean Energy to increase the contract total by $\$ 10,291,225$ for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Natural Gas, thereby increasing the total contract authority from \$5,793,900 to \$16,085,125 for the period through July 31, 2027.

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a need for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).
- METRO has a contract with Clean Energy for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Natural Gas that was established five years ago and was due to expire on July 31, 2022, with one five-year renewal option.
- Clean Energy has performed its duties very well under this contract during these past five years; therefore, a contract amendment to extend the term for an additional 5-year period, with an increase to the not-to-exceed (NTE) total of $\$ 10,291,225$ is recommended.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO continues to have a need for Liquefied Natural Gas and Clean Energy to fuel our CNG powered transit fleet and vehicles. Santa Cruz METRO uses approximately $1,550,000$ gallons of LNG per year, which is converted to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) by METRO's fueling station.

METRO's contract for LNG was awarded to Clean Energy on August 1, 2017. At the June 23, 2017 Board Meeting, approval was received to execute the contract, which included the renewal option, with Clean Energy. The initial proposal in May 2017 for the NTE price for the 5-year extension was $\$ 5,793,900$. Fuel prices have increased significantly since 2017 resulting in a current NTE price of $\$ 10,291,225$ for the extension.

Staff recommends that METRO exercise option for the 5-year contract extension with Clean Energy, increasing the Contract Price by $\$ 10,291,225$ to a new NTE total of $\$ 16,085,125$. Staff further recommends that the Board authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a first contract amendment on behalf of METRO. Eddie Benson, Maintenance Manager, will continue to serve as the Contract Administrator and will ensure contract compliance.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This amendment would align with the following Strategic Priorities:

1. Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability
2. Service Quality and Delivery

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

This contract has a total NTE of $\$ 5,793,900$. Additional funds in an amount of $\$ 10,291,125$ are requested for approval at this time. The new contract total NTE would be $\$ 16,085,125$.

Funds to support this contract are included in the Fleet Maintenance FY23-FY24 Fuel \& Lube (acct 4100-504012) Operating Budgets, and planned for the FY25FY27 Operating Budgets.
VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A
VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: First Amendment to Contract No. 17-15 with Clean Energy

Prepared by: Carolee Curtin, Assistant Purchasing Manager

## IX. APPROVALS



Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

## SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 1ST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 17-15 FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

This First Amendment to Contract No. 17-15 for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Natural Gas is made effective August 1, 2022 between the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District ("Santa Cruz METRO"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and CLEAN ENERGY ("Contractor").

## 1. RECITALS

1.1 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor entered into a Contract for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Natural Gas ("Contract") on August 1, 2017.
1.2 The Contract is due to expire on July 31, 2022.
1.3 The Contract allows for amendment upon mutual written consent and provides Santa Cruz METRO the option to extend the term of the Contract for one (1) additional five (5) year term.
1.4 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor desire to amend the Contract to extend the term of the contract and increase the Contract total not-to-exceed amount.

Therefore, Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor amend the Contract as follows:
II. TERM

Article 3.02 is replaced in its entirety by the following:
The term of this Contract shall be from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2027.
Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor may extend the term of this Contract at any time for any reason upon mutual written consent.

## III. COMPENSATION

Article 4.01 is amended to add the following language:
As of August 1, 2022, Santa Cruz METRO shall compensate Contractor at the rates agreed upon and set forth in Contractor's proposal dated July 22, 2022, Attachment A to the First Amendment.

Under the terms of the First Amendment, the Contract total not-to-exceed amount is increased by $\$ 10,291,225.00$. The new Contract total not-to-exceed amount is $\$ 16,085,125.00$. This not-to-exceed amount is an authorization ceiling and does not constitute a guarantee or commitment on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO. Contractor understands and agrees that if it exceeds the maximum amount payable under this Contract, it does so at its own risk.

## Attachment A

## IV. REMAINING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All other provisions of the Contract that are not affected by this First Amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## V. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power to enter into and perform this First Amendment to the Contract and the person signing this First Amendment on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into it. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this First Amendment to the Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

Signed on $\qquad$

Santa Cruz METRO -
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN
TRANSIT DISTRICT
Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager

Contractor
CLEAN ENERGY
Mitchell W. Pratt
Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Secretary


Approved as to Form:
Julie Sherman, General Counsel


| LNG Fuel Index Price Per Gallon Formula |  |  |  |  |  |
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| \$ 0.628 + \$ 0.612 |  | \$0.0879 |  | \$1.3279 |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Fuet Supply Price } \\ & \begin{array}{l}\text { Southern California Border Index } \\ \text { as of July } 2022\end{array} & \text { Taxes (9.0\%) } & \text { LNG Fuet Price/Gal }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Year 1 8/1/2022 - $7 / 31 / 2023$ | Year 2 $8 / 1 / 2023-$ $7 / 31 / 2024$ | Year 3 <br> 8/1/2024- <br> 7/31/2025 | Year 4 8/1/2025 - $7 / 31 / 2026$ | Year 5 $8 / 1 / 2026-$ $7 / 31 / 2027$ |
| Average Gallons used per year | 1,550,000 | 1,550,000 | 1,550,000 | 1,550,000 | 1,550,000 |
| Total contract Price per year (LNG Fuel Price per Gallon $\underset{X}{ } \times 1,550,000)$ | \$2,058,245 | \$2,058,245 | \$2,058,245 | \$2,058,245 | \$2,058,245 |
| Total price of 5 year contract: | Add Total Contract Price for Years I through 5: |  |  |  | \$10,291,225 |

Value for SoCal Gas Monthly Border Index as of July 2022: $\quad \$ 7.225$ / MMBtu
Approximate Tank Trailer Capacity: approximately 10,000 LNG Gallons
*Beginning in year 2 of the Contract and on an annual basis, no later than 60 days before the start of a succeeding Contract year, Contractor may, upon written request, adjust prospectively its Fuel Supply Price. Increases in future Fuel Supply Price shall be limited, if requested, to the most recent Producer Price Index (PPI) for Commercial Machinery Repair and Maintenance (PCU811310811310), or up to a maximum of 4,0 percent escalation, whichever is lower. The effective date of the PPI adjustment, if any, will commence either (I) the first day of the second and/or subsequent year(s) of the Contract, or (2) the date of the Contractor's request, whichever event is later. Upon written approval by Santa Cruz METRO, the new PPI adjusted Fuel Supply Price shall remain in effect for the subsequent Contract year. If the Contractor does not submit a request at least 60 days before the start of the succeeding Contract year, the Contractor waives any PPI increase for that year.

# Attachment A <br>  

July 22, 2022

Joan Jeffries
Purchasing Manager
Santa Cruz METRO
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Re: Price Adjustment - Contract No. 17-15 LNG Supply

Dear Joan,
Clean Energy has reliably supplied high-quality LNG fuel to Metro for many years. Our current contract was awarded through a competitive bid in 2017 with a fixed contract price through July 2022. The contract has the option to extend for a new 5 year term but does not state pricing in this new term. Pricing is determined by the following formula, currently using the following values.

Fuel Supply Price + SoCal Border Index + Taxes = LNG Fuel Price per Gallon
Where:

- Fuel Supply Price $=\$ 0.4770$
- SoCal Border Index is the variable gas commodity price
- Taxes = 9.0\%

Our Fuel Supply Price includes our costs and overhead to liquify natural gas at our Boron LNG production plan and transport it by tanker trucks to your site. These costs have increased significantly since this contract was bid. The most relevant indicator of our increased production and delivery costs is a Producer Price Index set by the Bureau of Labor Statistics: PPI for Commercial Machinery Repair and Maintenance (PCU811310811310) found here https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PCU811310811310.

We request increasing our Fuel Supply Price by this index, from the time our contract began to present. These adjustment percentages were calculated using the index data in the attached excel sheet, which is also shown graphically in the chart below.

Changes in PPI for Commercial machinery repair and maintenance (PCU811310811310)

| Contract start <br> to June 2018 | Jun. 2018-19 | Jun. 2019-20 | Jun. 2020-21 | Jun. 2021-22 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1.56 \%$ | $4.07 \%$ | $4.43 \%$ | $4.10 \%$ | $14.60 \%$ |

# Clean Energy 

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| Producer Price Index by Industry: Commercial Machinery Repair and Maintenance{rcuss131081|310)
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## Clean Energy Requested Price Adiustment

Clean Energy would like to extend this LNG supply contract an additional 5 years. This will require adjusting our price to account for increased costs. Applying the above PPI adjustments to our Fuel Supply Price results in a new price of $\$ 0.628$ per LNG gallon for the first year of the extended contract term.

We request the contract also be amended to include an annual adjustment based on this PPI index starting in the second year of the contract term.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please let me know.
Sincerely,


Alphonse Anderson Account Manager, Western Transit Mobile: 949.266.1475
alphonse.anderson@cleanenergyfuels.com

# Clean Energy 

4675 MacArthur Court, Suite 800

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DATE: August 26, 2022

SANTA CRUZ METRO

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kristina Mihaylova, Finance Deputy Director
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEOIGENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $1^{\text {ST }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GARDAWORLD TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TOTAL BY \$368,646 FOR SECURE MOBILE VAULT SERVICING AND CURRENCY PROCESSING

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a First contract amendment with Gardaworld to increase the contract total by $\$ 368,646$ for Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing, thereby increasing the total contract authority from $\$ 368,646$ to $\$ 860,406$ for the period through August 31, 2025.

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a need for Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing at 1200B River Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a contract with Gardaworld for the Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing.
- This contract was established on September 1, 2017 and will expire on August 31, 2022 with options for renewal.
- Gardaworld has performed these duties satisfactorily the past 5 years, therefore, a contract amendment to extend the contract term for an additional 3 -year term with a Not-to-Exceed Price of $\$ 860,406$ for the 3 -year term is recommended.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO requires the services of a secure/armored vehicle to pick up its full currency bins after fare boxes are emptied into them, and under security open the bins and verify currency and coin content. The service provider then sends the funds directly to a designated bank.

METRO's contract for Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing was awarded to Gardaworld on September 1, 2017 as they were the lowest responsible bidder to RFP 17-04.

Staff recommends that METRO exercise the 3-year contract extension option with Gardaworld increasing the Contract Price by $\$ 368,646$ to a new Not-to-Exceed total price of $\$ 860,406$. Staff further recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a 1st contract amendment on behalf of METRO. Kristina Mihaylova, Finance Deputy Director, will continue to serve as the Contract Administrator and will ensure contract compliance.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This amendment would align with the following Strategic Priorities:

1. Safety First Culture
2. Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability
3. Service Quality and Delivery

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

This contract has a total not to exceed of $\$ 491,760$. Additional funds in an amount of $\$ 368,646$ are requested for approval at this time. The new contract total not to exceed would be $\$ 860,406$.

Funds to support this contract are included in the Finance FY23 to FY25 (acct 503012-1200) Operating Budget.
VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A
VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: First Amendment to Contract 17-04 Gardaworld

Prepared by: Carolee Curtin, Assistant Purchasing Manager

## IX. APPROVALS

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

## SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 17-04 FOR SECURE MOBILE VAULT SERVICING AND CURRENCY PROCESSING

This First Amendment to Contract No. 17-04 for Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing is made effective September 1, 2022 between the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District ("Santa Cruz METRO"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and GARDAWORLD Cash Services ("Contractor").

## I. RECITALS

1.1 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor entered into a Contract for Secure Mobile Vault Servicing and Currency Processing ("Contract") on September 1, 2017.
1.2 The Contract is due to expire on August 31, 2022.
1.3 The Contract allows for amendment upon mutual written consent and provides Santa Cruz METRO the option to extend the term of the Contract for one (1) additional three (3) year term and then one (1) additional two (2) year term under the same terms and conditions.
1.4 Santa Cruz METRO desires to amend the Contract to extend the Contract term.
1.5 Santa Cruz METRO desires to amend the Contract to increase the Contract total not-to-exceed amount for the additional term.
1.6 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor desire to amend the Contract to incorporate Exhibit D, Schedule A Pricing Detail dated September 1, 2022, which increases rates and charges in accordance with the Contract's provisions.

Therefore, Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor amend the Contract as follows:

## II. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

Article 2.01, Documents Incorporated in this Contract, is hereby amended to include the following document:

Exhibit D: Schedule A Pricing Detail effective September 1, 2022.

## III. TERM

Article 4.01 is replaced in its entirety by the following:
The term of this Contract shall be from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2025.

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At the option of Santa Cruz METRO, this Contract may be renewed for one (1) additional two (2) year term under the same terms and conditions.

## IV. COMPENSATION

Article 5.01 is amended to add the following language:
As of September 1, 2022, Santa Cruz METRO shall compensate Contractor at the rates agreed upon and set forth in Contractor's Schedule A dated September 1, 2022, Exhibit D to the 1st Amendment.

Under the terms of the First Amendment, the Contract total not-to-exceed amount is increased by $\$ 368,646.00$, thereby increasing the total contract price from $\$ 491,760.00$ to $\$ 860,406.00$.

This not-to-exceed amount of $\$ 860,406.00$ is an authorization ceiling and does not construe a guarantee or commitment on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO. Contractor understands and agrees that if it exceeds the maximum amount payable under this Contract, it does so at its own risk.

## V. REMAINING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All other provisions of the Contract that are not affected by this First Amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## VI. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power to enter into and perform this First Amendment to the Contract and the person signing this First Amendment on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into it. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this First Amendment to the Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

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First Amendment to Contract 17-04

Signed on $\qquad$

Santa Cruz METRO -
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN
TRANSIT DISTRICT
Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager

Contractor-
GARDAWORLD CASH SERVICES

Jennifer Frankel, SVP Finance (name), (title)


Approved as to Form:
Julie Sherman, General Counsel


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9/1/2022
Exhibit D Schedule A
Pricing Detail GARDAWORLD

TERMS
3 year term with an annual 3\% or CPI (Transportation) increase, whichever is greater 1 times weekly service

DATE: August 26, 2022

SANTA CRUZ
METRO

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager

## SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A $4^{\text {TH }}$ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH RI ENGINEERING AND INCREASE THE PROJECT VALUE BY $\$ 63,000$ FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE METRO MAINTENANCE FACILITY

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a $4^{\text {th }}$ contract amendment with RI Engineering for additional Phase 2 engineering services at the METRO Maintenance Facility in the amount of $\$ 48,000$, and add contingency funds in the amount of $\$ 15,000$, for a new contract value of $\$ 142,280$ and a new project value of $\$ 157,280$

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a contract with RI Engineering for Engineering Services regarding Security Hardening and Expanded Parking at the METRO Maintenance Yard.
- This contract was established on April 24, 2020.
- Santa Cruz METRO has a need for additional engineering support for Construction and Phase 2 Tasks at the Maintenance Yard.
- Additional funds in the amount of $\$ 48,000$ are required at this time, and staff is also requesting authority for a contingency of $\$ 15,000$ for construction support services.
- A contract amendment increasing the not-to-exceed (NTE) total is recommended, as well as an increase in the project authority for the contingency amount.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO established a contract with RI Engineering on April 24, 2020 for Engineering Services at the METRO Maintenance Yard with a contract NTE total of $\$ 49,550$.

In April 2022, additional work was required, which resulted in the following contract amendments:

- The First Amendment extended the period of performance to December 31, 2021 and added Phase 1 Construction Support for environmental and geotechnical work identified during the permitting process.
- Contract Price remained the same at $\$ 49,500$
- The Second Amendment, effective September 8, 2021, added Phase 2 Scope
- Contract Price increased by $\$ 44,730$ to $\$ 94,280$. This change was within the CEO/General Manager's signature authority.
- The Third Amendment, effective March 30, 2022, extended the period of performance to March 30, 2023 due to construction delays with Galeb Paving, the contractor selected to perform the Maintenance Yard Work to remove buildings and repair the sinkhole.
- Contract Price remained the same at $\$ 94,280$
- The Fourth Amendment is required for engineering work for additional Phase 2 tasks to accommodate articulated buses, modify the HVAC System and relocate ADA parking spaces. RI Engineering proposed $\$ 48,000$ for this additional work.
- Contract Price would increase by $\$ 48,000$ to 142,280
- The RI Engineering Proposal dated April 26, 2022 did not include a price for Phase 2 Task Construction Support. It is anticipated that construction support will be required within the next few months, so a contingency amount of $\$ 15,000$ is recommended to be authorized by the Board at this time.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a Fourth Amendment on behalf of METRO to increase the contract authority by $\$ 48,000$ for the additional engineering services, bringing the contract NTE total to $\$ 142,280$. Staff also recommends that the Board approve the addition of a $\$ 15,000$ contingency for construction support services, for a new Project NTE total of $\$ 157,280$.

RI Engineering will provide all services meeting all of METRO's specifications and requirements of the contract. Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager, will serve as the Contract Administrator and will ensure contract compliance.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This amendment would align with the following Strategic Priorities:

- Safety First Culture
- Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability
- Internal and External Technology
- State of Good Repair


## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

This contract has a current total not to exceed of $\$ 94,280$. Additional funds in an amount of $\$ 48,000$, plus a $\$ 15,000$ contingency, would bring the contract NTE total to $\$ 142,280$, and the project NTE total to $\$ 157,280$.

Funds to support this contract are included in the FY23 Capital Budget.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Do not issue $4^{\text {th }}$ Amendment is an alternative, but staff does not recommend this since the work needs to be performed.
VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Fourth Amendment to the Contract with RI Engineering

Prepared by: Carolee Curtin, Assistant Purchasing Manager

## IX. APPROVALS

Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager


Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT FOURTH AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 20-06 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AT METRO MAINTENANCE FACILITY

This Fourth Amendment to Contract No. 20-06 for Engineering Services at METRO Maintenance Facility is made effective August 26, 2022 between the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District ("Santa Cruz METRO"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and RI Engineering, Inc. ("Contractor").

## I. RECITALS

1.1 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor entered into a Contract for Engineering Services at METRO Maintenance ("Contract") on April 24, 2020.
1.2 The Contract is due to expire on March 30, 2023.
1.3 The Contract allows for amendment upon mutual written consent.
1.4 Santa Cruz METRO is electing to exercise the Phase 2 Optional Scope of Services at this time. Contractor has submitted a revised proposal for these Phase 2 Services.
1.5 Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor desire to amend the Contract to incorporate Contractor's revised proposal for Phase 2 Scope of Services, to increase the Contract total not-to-exceed amount, and to extend the term.

Therefore, Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor amend the Contract as follows:

## II. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

Article 2.1 is hereby amended to incorporate the following:
Attachment A: Revised Phase 2 Proposal dated April 26, 2022

## III. TERM

Article 4.1 is replaced in its entirety by the following:
The term of this Contract shall be from April 24, 2020 through December 31, 2023.
Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor may extend the term of this Contract at any time for any reason upon mutual written consent.

## IV. COMPENSATION

Article 5.1 is amended to add the following language:
Under the terms of the Fourth Amendment, the Contract total not-to-exceed amount is increased by $\$ 48,000$. The new Contract total not-to-exceed amount is $\$ 142,280$. This not-toexceed amount is an authorization ceiling and does not construe a guarantee or commitment

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on behalf of Santa Cruz METRO. Contractor understands and agrees that if it exceeds the maximum amount payable under this Contract, it does so at its own risk.

## V. REMAINING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All other provisions of the Contract that are not affected by this Fourth Amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## VI. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power to enter into and perform this Fourth Amendment to the Contract and the person signing this Fourth Amendment on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into it. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this Fourth Amendment to the Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

Signed on $\qquad$

# Santa Cruz METRO - <br> SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN <br> TRANSIT DISTRICT 

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

Contractor -
RI ENGINEERING, INC.
Richard Irish, President

Approved as to Form:
Julie Sherman, General Counsel


# Attachment A <br> Revised Phase 2 Proposal 

April 26, 2022
Sandi Woods, Project Manager
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Re: Proposal for the Metro Maintenance Facility Phase 2, 1217 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA, APN 008-013-07

Dear Sandi,
We are happy to provide this proposal for the design of the Metro Maintenance Facility Phase 2 improvements for your consideration. The improvements include modifications to the Maintenance Facility to accommodate articulating buses including: relocating the entrance to the facility, providing an automatic gate, modifying the HVAC system in Bay 11, and relocating ADA facilities as needed.

As part of our services, we will subcontract with Hanagan Land Surveying to provide a topographic survey, SEED Santa Cruz, Inc. to provide mechanical engineering design of the HVAC modifications, and Central Pacific Engineering, Inc. to provide an electrical engineering design for the new automatic entrance gate. We have included their estimate of work with this letter.

We have developed the following scope of work and fees:

| Phase 2 Task | Task Fee |
| :--- | ---: |
| Project Coordination | $\$ 4,650$ |
| Assess Utility Information | $\$ 950$ |
| Design of West Entrance Modifications to accommodate Articulating Buses | $\$ 8,320$ |
| Prepare Construction Estimate | $\$ 900$ |
| Submit for City Design Permit | $\$ 3,240$ |
| Bid Support | $\$ 2,850$ |
| Construction Support | TBD |
| Topographic Survey - Hanagan Land Surveying | $\$ 7,590$ |
| Bay 11 HVAC Modifications - SEED Santa Cruz, Inc. | $\$ 6,600$ |
| Automatic Gate Entrance Design - Central Pacific Engineering, Inc. | $\$ 12,900$ |
| Total Phase 2 Fees: | $\mathbf{\$ 4 8 , 0 0 0}$ |

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The above-mentioned scope of work includes tasks by RI Engineering, Inc. billed at the following hourly rates:

| Principal Engineer | $\$ 195 / \mathrm{hr}$ |
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| Senior Associate Engineer | $\$ 180 / \mathrm{hr}$ |
| Associate Engineer | $\$ 160 / \mathrm{hr}$ |
| Engineering Assistant | $\$ 145 / \mathrm{hr}$ |
| CAD Drafter | $\$ 115 / \mathrm{hr}$ |

This estimate is based on our determination of the work required to provide design services, project management, permit submittal and bid support for the Santa Cruz Metro Improvements - Phase 2. Should additional work be required we will contact you and get your approval prior to proceeding.

Should you desire or require any clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact me at richard@riengineering.com or (831) 425-3901.

Sincerely,
RI Engineering Inc.


Richard Irish, PE
Principal Engineer

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Dawn Crummié, Human Resources Director

| SUBJECT: FY23 RENEWAL OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION |  |
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|  | INSURANCE THROUGH PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, |
|  | AND MANAGEMENT (PRISM), FORMERLY KNOWN AS CALIFORNIA |
|  | STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXCESS INSURANCE |

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of excess workers' compensation insurance administered by Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management, formerly California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) carries excess workers' compensation insurance through Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM), formerly known as California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC EIA). Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant) is the broker that METRO is required to use when contracting services through PRISM.
- The final premium for excess workers' compensation insurance for FY23 is $\$ 181,528$. PRISM's final proposed premium was provided at the end of June.
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) authorize the payment to PRISM in the amount of the final premium proposed by PRISM for participation in the FY23 excess workers compensation insurance.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

On October 24, 2003, METRO joined CSAC, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed in 1979 by an assortment of California counties and public agencies for the sole purpose of finding cost-effective insurance solutions and risk management services for its members. Through CSAC, METRO established a contract with Alliant as broker for individual worker's compensation claims exceeding \$350,000.

CSAC changed its name over a year ago, and now goes by PRISM. Alliant is the only broker that members of the JPA can use when obtaining insurance through PRISM. (The JPA has a contract with Alliant for broker services, which is periodically evaluated and renewed.) Pursuant to Board direction, METRO continued to extend the contract every year with Alliant as broker for this insurance until a year ago. Alliant had waived its annual broker administration fee for two years in a row, and last year they notified METRO they would no longer be charging this fee going forward. Alliant also indicated that a contract with them was no longer necessary, as all of METRO's excess workers' compensation premium is paid directly to PRISM.

PRISM's final premium for FY23 is $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 1 , 5 2 8}$. This premium is based on METRO's estimated 2022/23 payroll and METRO's workers' compensation claim experience in past years.

PRISM's final premium proposals for the 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 fiscal years were $\$ 156,418, \$ 157,520, \$ 144,759$, and $\$ 175,613$ respectively. See Attachment B for a history of annual premiums.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the payment made to PRISM for the final FY23 premium amount: $\$ 181,528$. The FY20/21 payroll audit adjustment is ( $\$ 10,684$ ), so the final collectible is $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 0 , 8 4 4}$.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report aligns with the following Strategic Priorities:

- Safety First Culture
- Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability


## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

The final premium estimate has increased from last year's final premium estimate by $3 \%$.
Funds to support this contract are paid out of operating expenses from the G/L Account 502081, Workers' Compensation. Costs are billed to departments based on number of employees in the department.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None. METRO is legally obligated to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance to its employees, and pricing through PRISM is more favorable than what METRO could obtain on its own due to economies of scale.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2022/23 Final Premium Estimate from PRISM
Attachment B: History of Annual Premiums

Prepared by: Joan Jeffries, Purchasing Manager

## IX. APPROVALS

Dawn Crummié, Human Resources Director


Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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This third round of early estimates have been prepared to further aid you in budgeting for the 2022/23 fiscal year. At this time, updated estimates are being provided for all major programs. Since the January version: (1) The budget estimates have been updated with actuarial rates for the pooled layers; (2) The reinsurance rates were updated where we have proposals; and (3) We have incorporated more accurate administrative budget numbers. While the estimates are more refined from the previous version, they contain a range if there are still outstanding items specific to the program. The estimates are intended to be conservative; however, there may be a chance that final numbers will come in higher than the assumptions currently in place. For this reason we recommend continuing to budget toward the high end of the estimate range if one is provided.

If you are aware that you have had any substantial changes over the past 12 months, please contact Rebekah Winger and a better estimate can be developed for you.

Excess Workers' Compensation Program

| Premium |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20/21 Premium: | \$144,759 |  | 2020/21 Estimated Payroll: | \$23,009,445 |
| 21/22 Premium: | \$175,613 |  | 2021/22 Estimated Payroll: | \$24,754,995 |
| 22/23 Estimated Premium: | \$186,000 | to \$192,000 | 2022/23 Estimated Payroll: | \$23,755,671 |
| Payroll Audit: | $(\$ 10,684)$ |  |  |  |
| Estimated Collectible: | \$175,316 | to $\$ 181,316$ |  |  |

The EWC premium projections have been updated to reflect your entity's estimated 2022/23 payroll, as provided on your renewal application and your entity's losses based on the 6/30/21 evaluation date. Since the January estimate, we have updated the projected program administrative costs and updated the Pool Rates at an $85 \%$ confidence level. Reinsurance rates are still preliminary and assume a $5 \%$ to $40 \%$ increase for each member.

Pool rates have changed from last year as follows:

- County rates are up 10.56\%
- High Safety Rates are down .66\%
- Low Safety Rates are up 9.04\%
- School Rates are down 9.69\%

If you have directed us to apply the 2020/21 payroll audit to your 2022/23 premium, it has been included in the the total collection shown. If you have decided to handle the payroll audit outside of your renewal premium, the estimated premium shown is the estimated total collection.

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## Attachment B



History of METRO's Annual Costs for Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance through PRISM (formerly CSAC)

| Term | Final Premium Proposal | Alliant's Broker Fee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2017 / 18$ | $\$ 161,597$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $2018 / 19$ | $\$ 156,418$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $2019 / 20$ | $\$ 157,520$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $2020 / 21$ | $\$ 144,759$ | $-0-$ |
| $2021 / 22$ | $\$ 175,613$ | $-0-$ |
| $2022 / 23$ | $\$ 181,528$ | $-0-$ |

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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager

## SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR RECEIVING STATE ANDIOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board adopt a resolution designating the CEO/General Manager as
the authorized agent for receiving State and/or Federal assistance as required by the California Office of Emergency Services (CaIOES)

## II. SUMMARY

- On March 13, 2020, the President declared a nationwide emergency and on March 22, 2020, approved Major Declaration FEMA-4482-DR-CA (DR-4482) making Federal emergency aid available for the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) is eligible to apply for State and Federal disaster relief funding through the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
- CalOES requires the METRO Board of Directors (Board) to formally adopt a resolution designating a person or persons to service as METRO's Authorized Agent.
- A new resolution and a Form 130 must be submitted to designate a new CEO/General Manager as the authorized agent for receiving State and/or Federal assistance as required by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES Form 130).
- Staff recommends that the Board adopt a resolution designating the CEO/General Manager as the authorized agent for receiving State and/or Federal assistance as required by CalOES Form 130.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a nationwide emergency and on March 22, 2020, approved Major Declaration FEMA-4482-DR-CA (DR-4482) making Federal emergency aid available for the Coronavirus pandemic. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California because of the threat of COVID-19. Included in the Governor's 16 critical infrastructure sectors is the Transportation Systems Sector - Mass Transit and Passenger Rail. In response to these Emergency declarations, METRO has been providing fixed-
route and paratransit service during this health pandemic. On February 18, 2022, the President declared the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, and beginning March 1, 2020, must continue in effect beyond March 1, 2022.
METRO is eligible to apply for State and Federal disaster relief funding through CalOES. CalOES requires the METRO Board to formally adopt a resolution designating a person or persons to service as the agency's Authorized Agent (Attachment A: CalOES Form 130). The last Designation of METRO's Agent Resolution was authorized by the Board on April 24, 2020. A new resolution and a Form 130 must be submitted to designate the new CEO/General Manager as the authorized agent for receiving State and/or Federal assistance as required by the California Office of Emergency Services.
Attachment $A$ is the specific resolution form required by CalOES for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or State financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

CalOES allows the METRO Board to authorize individuals by title and name. The resolution is universal and effective for all open and future emergencies/disasters up to three years following the date of approval by the Board. Staff recommends that the Board adopt a resolution designating the CEO/General Manager as the Authorized Agent for receiving State and/or Federal assistance as required by the California Office of Emergency Services.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The actions taken in this report tie to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship and Accountability.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

Funding amount is currently unknown.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

## N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could choose not to designate an Authorized Agent, but this alternative would prevent METRO from receiving State and Federal disaster funding though CalOES.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies Form (CalOES Form 130)
Prepared by: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager

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## IX. APPROVALS

John Urgo, Planning and Development Director


Approved as to fiscal impact:
Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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Cal OES 130

# DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES 

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE $\frac{\text { Board of Directors }}{\text { (Governing Body) }}$ OF THE $\frac{\text { Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) }}{\text { (Name of Applicant) }}$ <br> THAT <br> | $\substack{\text { Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager } \\ \text { (Title of Authorized Agent) }}$ | or |
| :--- | :--- |
| (Titite of Authorized Agent) | OR | <br> (Title of Authorized Agent) <br> is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the $\frac{\text { Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) }}{\text { (Name of Applicant) }}$, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, this application and to file it with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

}

THAT the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) , a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, (Name of Applicant)
hereby authorizes its agent(s) to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required.

## Please check the appropriate box below:

This is a universal resolution and is effective for all open and future disasters up to three (3) years following the date of approval below. $\square$ This is a disaster specific resolution and is effective for only disaster number(s) $\qquad$

Passed and approved this $\qquad$ day of August
, 2022
(Name and Title of Governing Body Representative)
(Name and Title of Governing Body Representative)
(Name and Title of Governing Body Representative)

## CERTIFICATION

## I,

$\qquad$ , duly appointed and $\qquad$
$\underset{\text { (Tite) }}{\text { Board Chair }}$ of

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) , do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a (Name of Applicant)
Resolution passed and approved by the $\frac{\text { Board of Directors }}{\text { (Governing Body) }}$ of the $\frac{\text { Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) }}{\text { (Name of Applicant) }}$
on the 26 th
day of August $\qquad$ , $20 \underline{22 .}$

Board Chair

## Cal OES Form 130 Instructions


#### Abstract

A Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies is required of all Applicants to be eligible to receive funding. A new resolution must be submitted if a previously submitted Resolution is older than three (3) years from the last date of approval, is invalid or has not been submitted.


When completing the Cal OES Form 130, Applicants should fill in the blanks on page 1. The blanks are to be filled in as follows:

## Resolution Section:

Governing Body: This is the group responsible for appointing and approving the Authorized Agents.
Examples include: Board of Directors, City Council, Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, etc.
Name of Applicant: The public entity established under the laws of the State of California. Examples include: School District, Office of Education, City, County or Non-profit agency that has applied for the grant, such as: City of San Diego, Sacramento County, Burbank Unified School District, Napa County Office of Education, University Southern California.

Authorized Agent: These are the individuals that are authorized by the Governing Body to engage with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services regarding grants applied for by the Applicant. There are two ways of completing this section:

1. Titles Only: If the Governing Body so chooses, the titles of the Authorized Agents would be entered here, not their names. This allows the document to remain valid (for 3 years) if an Authorized Agent leaves the position and is replaced by another individual in the same title. If "Titles Only" is the chosen method, this document must be accompanied by a cover letter naming the Authorized Agents by name and title. This cover letter can be completed by any authorized person within the agency and does not require the Governing Body's signature.
2. Names and Titles: If the Governing Body so chooses, the names and titles of the Authorized Agents would be listed. A new Cal OES Form 130 will be required if any of the Authorized Agents are replaced, leave the position listed on the document or their title changes.

Governing Body Representative: These are the names and titles of the approving Board Members.
Examples include: Chairman of the Board, Director, Superintendent, etc. The names and titles cannot be one of the designated Authorized Agents, and a minimum of two or more approving board members need to be listed.

## Certification Section:

Name and Title: This is the individual that was in attendance and recorded the Resolution creation and approval.
Examples include: City Clerk, Secretary to the Board of Directors, County Clerk, etc. This person cannot be one of the designated Authorized Agents or Approving Board Member (if a person holds two positions such as City Manager and Secretary to the Board and the City Manager is to be listed as an Authorized Agent, then the same person holding the Secretary position would sign the document as Secretary to the Board (not City Manager) to eliminate "Self Certification."

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager

# SUBJECT: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CEOIGENERAL MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT TO SUBMIT A PROJECT LIST AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FUNDS 

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors adopt a resolution designating the CEO/General Manager as the Authorized Agent to submit a project list and to execute all agreements necessary to receive funds from the California State of Good Repair program.

## II. SUMMARY

- The California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) created a State of Good Repair (SGR) formula program for transit capital improvement projects.
- The State Controller's Office (SCO) apportions SGR funds to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) according to the formula established for apportionment of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.
- For FY22, the SCO apportioned $\$ 782,148$ to Santa Cruz County, $\$ 411,602$ to RTC and \$370,546 to METRO.
- The RTC can sub-allocated its apportionment to METRO as currently shown in RTC's amended FY23 Budget.
- METRO has committed its entire apportionment of FY23 SGR funds as well $100 \%$ ( $\$ 411,602$ ) of RTC's apportionment of FY23 SGR funds for bus replacements and/or for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities.
- The RTC will approve METRO's request to transfer METRO's entire SGR apportionment as well as its $100 \%$ of population-based SGR revenue to METRO for transit capital improvements.
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) adopt a resolution designating the CEO/General Manager as the Authorized Agent to submit an application and to execute all agreements and take all other actions, including
executing the Certifications and Assurances, necessary to receive the SGR funds.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 1, creating new taxes and fees to fund $\$ 50$ billion in transportation improvements across all transportation modes throughout the State of California. SB 1 established a new Transportation Improvement Fee on vehicle registrations to fund a new SGR transit capital improvement program. SGR funds are apportioned to counties statewide according to the existing formula in the STA program, which distributes $50 \%$ of the revenue to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies based upon county population (the $\S 99313$ share) and $50 \%$ to transit operators based upon their proportionate share of statewide transit revenue from fares and local taxes (the $\S 99314$ share).

The SCO apportions funds to eligible entities throughout the state based upon the revenue it anticipates collecting throughout the year from the Transportation Improvement Fee. For FY23, the SCO apportioned \$782,148 to Santa Cruz County, $\$ 411,602$ for the $\S 99313$ share to RTC and $\$ 370,546$ to METRO for the $\S 99314$ share. Both shares, however, are disbursed directly to the RTC, which is responsible for sub-allocating the §99314 SGR funds to METRO and for paying the §99313 SGR funds to METRO or to any other transit operator in the county.

METRO has already committed its entire anticipated FY23 apportionment, as well as 100\% of RTC's FY23 SGR funds for bus replacement projects. At its September 1, 2022 meeting, the RTC will approve METRO's request to transfer METRO's entire SGR apportionment as well as its $100 \%$ of population-based SGR revenue to METRO for transit capital improvements. METRO's highest capital improvement priority is to replace buses that have exceeded their useful lifespan. In FY18, a new METRO capital budget funding strategy was introduced that would result in an estimated $\$ 3 \mathrm{M}$ per year to be dedicated to the annual capital budget. The strategy of creating a "Bus Replacement Fund" establishes consistent annual transfers of SGR, STA-SB1 funds and Measure D funds to the capital budget to provide stable funding to purchase and/or provide required local match for fixedroute buses that have exceeded their useful life. METRO plans to use all of its FY23 SGR funds $(\$ 370,546)$ as well as $100 \%(\$ 411,602)$ of RTC's FY23 SGR funds for bus replacements and/or for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities.
Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution (Attachment A) to designate the CEO/General Manager as the Authorized Agent to submit a project list to Caltrans and to execute all agreements and take all other actions, including executing the Certifications and Assurances, necessary to receive the SGR funds.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The actions taken in this report tie to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship and Accountability.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

METRO would receive $\$ 782,148$ from Santa Cruz County's FY23 SGR apportionment to use for bus replacement projects and/or for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities for bus replacement projects. If METRO chooses not to use the funds to purchase or lease CNG replacement buses, METRO will reprogram the SGR funds as matching funds required for competitive grant opportunities.

The RTC would pay SGR funds to METRO quarterly as RTC receives them from the SCO. METRO must retain the SGR funds and interest earnings in a separate account until spent.

## VI. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives. METRO has already committed the anticipated SGR funds for bus replacements.

## VII. ATTACHMENTS

## Attachment A: Authorizing Resolution

Attachment B: Authorized Agent Form
Attachment C: Certifications and Assurances

Prepared by: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning \& Grants Program Manager

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## VIII. APPROVALS:

John Urgo, Planning and Development Director

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


# BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 

Resolution No.
On the Motion of Director: Duly Seconded by Director:
$\qquad$ The Following Resolution is Adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND DESIGNATING ALEX CLIFFORD, CEOIGENERAL MANAGER, AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT TO EXECUTE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, California Governor Brown enacted the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) on 4/28/2017 to provide $\$ 50$ billion for transportation investments throughout the State of California during the next decade; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 established the State of Good Repair program (SGR) funded by a Transportation Improvement Fee on motor vehicle registrations beginning 1/1/2018 for transit system capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 delegated SGR implementation to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and specified that the State Controller's Office (SCO) apportion SGR funds to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and to the eligible transit operators by the same formula used to distribute State Transit Assistance funds; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) is an eligible transit operator and will receive its SGR funds from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), to which the SCO disburses all of the SGR revenue for Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, METRO proposes to receive Santa Cruz County's entire population and revenue-based SGR apportionments from the RTC for transit capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, METRO authorizes submittal of the following project list to Caltrans for the FY23 SGR funds:

Project Name: Bus replacements
Total SGR Funds Requested: \$782,148

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RTC FY23 apportionment. \$411,602
METRO FY23 apportionment: \$370,546
Short Description: Use FY23 SGR funds to replace buses that have exceeded their useful lifespan.
Contributing Sponsor: RTC
-OR-
Project Name: For the required local match for competitive grant opportunities for bus replacement projects.
Total SGR Funds Requested: \$782,148
RTC FY23 apportionment. \$411,602
METRO FY23 apportionment. \$370,546
Short Description: Use FY23 SGR funds for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities for bus replacement projects.
Contributing Sponsor: RTC
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of METRO hereby agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for the SGR; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of METRO hereby authorizes Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, to establish an agreement with the RTC to transfer the County's population-based apportionment of FY23 SGR funds to METRO to use the funds for bus replacements and/or to pay the local match for competitive grant opportunities to purchase replacement buses; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors METRO hereby designates Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, or his designee, as the Authorized Agent to execute all actions necessary to receive funds from the SGR.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this $26^{\text {th }}$ Day of August 2022 by the following vote:
AYES: Directors -
NOES: Directors -
ABSTAIN: Directors -
ABSENT: Directors -

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## APPROVED

LARRY PAGELER, Board Chair

ATTEST
MICHAEL TREE CEO/General Manager

## APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JULIE SHERMAN
General Counsel

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# Division of Rail and Mass Transportation 

State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program
Authorized Agent Form

## Authorized Agent

The following individual(s) are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named Regional Entity/Transit Operator, and to take any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair funds provided by the California Department of Transportation, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation. This form is valid at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 until the end of the State of Good Repair Program. If there is a change in the authorized agent, the project sponsor must submit a new form. This form is required even when the authorized agent is the executive authority himself.
$\qquad$
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)
$\qquad$ OR
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)

AS THE CEO/General Manager
(Chief Executive Officer / Director / President / Secretary)

OF THE Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
(Name of County/City Organization)

Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager
(Print Name) (Title)
(Signature)

Approved this $26^{h}$ day of August, 2022

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# State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program 

## Recipient Certifications and Assurances

## Recipient: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Effective Date:
August 26, 2022 -

In order to receive State of Good Repair Program (SGR) funds from the California Department of Transportation (Department), recipients must agree to following terms and conditions:

## A. General

(1) The recipient agrees to abide by the State of Good Repair Guidelines as may be updated from time to time.
(2) The potential recipient must submit to the Department a State of Good Repair Program Project List annually, listing all projects proposed to be funded by the SGR program. The project list should include the estimated SGR share assigned to each project along with the total estimated cost of each project..
(3) The recipient must submit a signed Authorized Agent form designating the representative who can submit documents on behalf of the recipient and a copy of the board resolution authorizing the agent.

## B. Project Administration

(1) The recipient certifies that required environmental documentation will be completed prior to expending SGR funds. The recipient assures that each project approved for SGR funding comply with Public Resources Code § 21100 and § 21150.
(2) The recipient certifies that SGR funds will be used for transit purposes and SGR funded projects will be completed and remain in operation for the estimated useful lives of the assets or improvements.
(3) The recipient certifies that it has the legal, financial, and technical capacity to deliver the projects, including the safety and security aspects of each project.

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(4) The recipient certifies that there is no pending litigation, dispute, or negative audit findings related to any SGR project at the time an SGR project is submitted in the annual list.
(5) Recipient agrees to notify the Department immediately if litigation is filed or disputes arise after submission of the annual project list and to notify the Department of any negative audit findings related to any project using SGR funds.
(6) The recipient must maintain satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and/or facilities and will adequately maintain project equipment and/or facilities for the estimated useful life of each project.
(7) Any and all interest the recipient earns on SGR funds must be reported to the Department and may only be used on approved SGR projects or returned to the Department.
(8) The recipient must notify the Department of any proposed changes to an approved project list by submitting an amended project list.
(9) Funds will be expended in a timely manner.

## C. Reporting

(1) Per Public Utilities Code § 99312.1 (e) and (f), the recipient must submit the following SGR reports:
a. Annual Expenditure Reports within six months of the close of the fiscal year (by December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ ) of each year.
b. The annual audit required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA), to verify receipt and appropriate expenditure of SGR funds. A copy of the audit report must be submitted to the Department within six months of the close of each fiscal year in which SGR funds have been received or expended.

## D. Cost Principles

(1) The recipient agrees to comply with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
(2) The recipient agrees, and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors will be obligated to agree, that (a) Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of individual project cost items and (b) those parties shall

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comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
(3) Any project cost for which the recipient has received payment that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200, are subject to repayment by the recipient to the State of California (State). Should the recipient fail to reimburse moneys due to the State within thirty (30) days of demand, or within such other period as may be agreed in writing between the Parties hereto, the State is authorized to intercept and withhold future payments due the recipient from the State or any third-party source, including but not limited to, the State Treasurer and the State Controller.

## E. Record Retention

(1) The recipient agrees, and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate incurred project costs and matching funds by line item for the project. The accounting system of the recipient, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices. All accounting records and other supporting papers of the recipient, its contractors and subcontractors connected with SGR funding shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of final payment and shall be held open to inspection, copying, and audit by representatives of the State and the California State Auditor. Copies thereof will be furnished by the recipient, its contractors, and subcontractors upon receipt of any request made by the State or its agents. In conducting an audit of the costs claimed, the State will rely to the maximum extent possible on any prior audit of the recipient pursuant to the provisions of federal and State law. In the absence of such an audit, any acceptable audit work performed by the recipient's external and internal auditors may be relied upon and used by the State when planning and conducting additional audits.
(2) For the purpose of determining compliance with Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable, and other matters connected with the performance of the recipient's contracts with third parties pursuant to Government Code § 8546.7, the recipient, its contractors and subcontractors and the Department shall each maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts. All of the above referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire project period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment. The State, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of the State, shall each have access to any books, records, and documents that are pertinent to a

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project for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and the recipient shall furnish copies thereof if requested.
(3) The recipient, its contractors and subcontractors will permit access to all records of employment, employment advertisements, employment application forms, and other pertinent data and records by the State Fair Employment Practices and Housing Commission, or any other agency of the State of California designated by the State, for the purpose of any investigation to ascertain compliance with this document.

## F. Special Situations

(1) Recipient acknowledges that if a project list is not submitted timely, the recipient forfeits its apportionment for that fiscal year.
(2) Recipients with delinquent expenditure reports may risk future eligibility for future SGR funding.
(3) Recipient acknowledges that the Department shall have the right to perform an audit and/or request detailed project information of the recipient's SGR funded projects at the Department's discretion from SGR award through 3 years after the completion and final billing of any SGR funded project.. Recipient agrees to provide any requested project information.

I certify all of these conditions will be met.

## Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

BY:
Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Farmer, DBE Liaison Officer
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF METRO'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

## That the Board of Directors accept and file the Semi-Annual Report on the status of METRO's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

## II. SUMMARY

- As a recipient of federal funds, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) participates in the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program as specified in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 (49 CFR 26).
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires METRO to recalculate its DBE goal triennially and to report goal attainment semi-annually as a requirement to receive federal funds.
- METRO's FFY21-23 goal for DBE participation is $2.65 \%$ of all federally funded procurements with competitive contract bidding opportunities.
- A Semi-Annual report provided to the Board in concurrence with the FTA reporting schedule per METRO's DBE Policy.
- October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022, METRO's DBE attainment was $0.00 \%$ for contracts awarded, payments on ongoing contracts, and payments on completed contracts.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in 1980 to ensure that firms competing for federally funded contracts are not subject to unlawful discrimination. DBEs, as defined by the US Department of Transportation, are for-profit small business concerns where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least a $51 \%$ interest and also control management and daily business operations. African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific and Subcontinent Asian Americans, and women are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged. Other individuals can also qualify as socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis.

The FTA requires each qualified recipient of more than $\$ 250,000$ annually in federal funds to implement a DBE program, recalculate a DBE goal triennially, and report its goal attainment semi-annually, as specified by 49 CFR 26. METRO received approximately $\$ 48.1$ million from the FTA in FFY21 and, therefore, must maintain a DBE Program. The growth in federal funding, compared to previous fiscal years, is due to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provided METRO an additional $\$ 26$ million in FY21.

It is important to acknowledge the restrictions placed on DBE goal setting, attainment, and reporting:

- Only competitively biddable contracts with federal funding are counted in the procurement opportunities in which DBEs can participate.
- The majority of METRO's FTA funding is used to pay for internal labor costs and fringe benefits, and is not required to be monitored for the DBE program.
- Several large expenses have no competitive contract opportunities:
- Utilities, leases and rent payments, subscription services, membership costs, travel.
- Only certified DBEs can be included for setting goals and measuring attainment.
- Many businesses are owned by minorities and women, but not all of these owners register as DBEs in the statewide program.


## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

Filing and accepting the semi-annual report on the status of METRO's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program aligns with METRO's goal of Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability because failing to do so jeopardizes the receipt of federal funding.

## v. DBE STATUS

METRO's current DBE goal is $2.65 \%$ as seen in METRO's DBE semi-annual report for the period covering October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 provided as Attachment A. During this reporting period, METRO's DBE attainment for contracts awarded, payments on ongoing contracts, and payments on completed contracts is $0.00 \%$, $0.00 \%$, and $0.00 \%$, respectively. METRO did not award or close any large construction procurements with subcontracting opportunities for DBEs, during this reporting period. The majority of METRO's federal capital funds were obligated for smaller infrastructure projects, for which there were limited subcontracting opportunities for DBEs.

## VI. UPCOMING DBE OPPORTUNITIES

In the second half of FFY22, METRO will have approximately $\$ 1.3$ million in contract opportunities. $\$ 812 \mathrm{~K}$ will be spent on equipment for the Maintenance Facility and on buses. Al most $\$ 468 \mathrm{~K}$ will be spent on two construction procurements, which do allow for subcontracting opportunities with DBEs. METRO encourages prime contractors to subcontract portions of the work to facilitate participation by DBEs and other small businesses to assist METRO in meeting their DBE goal.

## VII. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

The DBE Program has direct expenses of less than $\$ 850$ for publishing ads and public hearing notices. Failure to update the goal and submit semi-annual reports would jeopardize METRO's receipt of over $\$ 48.1$ million in federal financial assistance in FFY22.

## VIII. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## IX. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives. Receiving the semi-annual report is a legal requirement connected to METRO receiving federal financial assistance and Staff is required to provide this information to inform the Board of this important program per METRO's DBE policy, Art. III § 3.304(G).

## X. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: June 1, 2022 DBE Semi-Annual Report
(October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022)
Prepared by: Cayla Hill, Planning Analyst

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XI. APPROVALS

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


## Attachment A



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# SUBJECT: FY23 RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY COVERAGE WITH QBE SPECIALITY INSURANCE CO 

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of property insurance coverage with Zurich American Insurance Company and the renewal of employment practices liability coverage with QBE Specialty Insurance Co.

## II. SUMMARY

- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) maintains property insurance on all its owned facilities and on leased facilities in accordance with lease agreements, as well as on building contents. In addition, METRO maintains employment practices liability (EPL) insurance that protects the District from financial consequences associated with a variety of employmentrelated lawsuits.
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of property insurance coverage with Zurich American Insurance Company for \$69,649 and the renewal of the employment practices liability (EPL) insurance coverage with QBE Specialty Insurance Co. for $\$ 69,849$.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

Marsh \& McLennan, METRO's insurance broker, has arranged for renewal of property insurance coverage with Zurich American Insurance Company and employment practices liability (EPL) coverage with QBE Specialty Insurance Co.

The property insurance coverage is all risk coverage; excluding earthquake, flood, and motor vehicles licensed for road use, and includes buildings and contents, and other equipment, with a $\$ 10,000$ deductible.

The Zurich American Insurance Company is rated A+ XV by A. M. Best. The "A+" is the superior or highest rating on the A.M. Best rating scale, and "XV" refers to financial size category (FSC) and is based on adjusted policyholders' surplus. "XV" translates to two billion or greater.

METRO carries separate policies for flood insurance for the Judy K. Souza Operations Building at 1200 "A" River Street and the Fueling and Service Building at 1200 "B" River Street.

METRO does not carry earthquake insurance.
Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of property insurance coverage with Zurich American Insurance Company for \$69,649.

The employment practices liability (EPL) insurance coverage protects METRO from financial consequences associated with a variety of employment-related lawsuits; excluding Criminal acts, Fiduciary liability, Asbestos, Bodily Injury or Property Damage; Law Enforcement Activities, Prior Knowledge and Notice, Pollution, and Violations of Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefits or Unemployment Compensation Law.

The QBE Specialty Insurance Company is rated A, XIV by A. M. Best.
Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of employment practices liability (EPL) with QBL Specialty Insurance for \$69,849. The annualized year-over-year increase is approximately $\$ 8 \mathrm{~K}$ or $12 \%$.The increase is due to overall market pressures (COVID-19 and expected wrongful termination/discrimination claims).

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Safety First Culture and Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

The following outlines the elements of the above recommendation:

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION: $\$ 139,498$ (\$69,649 - Property insurance and $\$ 69,849$ - EPL insurance). The premiums quoted may be changed slightly before the end the month, subject to final commission adjustments and applicable fees.
2. SOURCE OF FUNDING: FY23 Operating Budget
3. EXPENSE ACCOUNTS TO CHARGE: Ins. Property - 506011; EPL - 506021

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- Using an alternate insurance carrier is certainly an option but could negatively affect the cost, coupled with the fact that no other insurance companies bid on the renewal.
- METRO could self-insure, but does not currently have the cash reserves to support such a program.


## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

None.

Prepared By:

## IX. APPROVALS:

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, Chief Financial Officer


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


# Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District 

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING THE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT INDEMNITY POOL (CALTIP) BOARD AS THE DESIGNATED ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution designating the Safety, Security, and Risk Management Director as the Designated Alternate Representative to the CalTIP Board.

## II. SUMMARY

- Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's (METRO) casualty and liability insurance is provided through CalTIP, a self-insured pool of California transit operators.
- METRO is required to designate a representative and an alternate representative to the CaITIP Board of Directors (CalTIP Board).
- The CaITIP Board sets policy that affects many aspects of the District's risk management, operations and maintenance functions.
- Over the years, various executive officers have been designated by the METRO Board to sit on the CaITIP Board.
- Margo Ross, Chief Operations Officer, is currently the designated alternate representative. Staff is requesting that the Board designate Curtis Moses, Safety, Security and Risk Management Director, as the designated alternate representative.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO is a charter member of CaITIP, which was created in 1987 and was formed as a joint powers authority to be a viable and highly successful alternative to the commercial insurance market. CaITIP currently consists of over 30 transit districts.

The Finance Deputy Director served as METRO's CalTIP Director from 2009 to 2020. With the retirement of the Finance Deputy Director, Mr. Francis, then Safety, Security and Risk Management Director, was appointed as the Director. With the March 2021 retirement of Mr. Francis, Curtis Moses, the new Safety, Security and Risk Management Director was appointed as the CaITIP Director for METRO. In May 2022, Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, was appointed to act as the primary CalTIP Director. Staff is recommending Curtis Moses now serve as the designated alternate.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

This report pertains to METRO's Safety First Culture strategic priority.

## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

There are no additional financial impacts, as CalTIP reimburses METRO for all CalTIP related travel expenses.
VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- The CalTIP Board member position is a requirement of CaITIP membership. The Board could keep the current METRO assignments. However, this is not recommended because Curtis Moses has prior experience and background in serving on the CalTIP Board.


## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution Appointing Alternate Representative of the California Transit Indemnity Pool (CaITIP)

Prepared by: Donna Bauer, Executive Assistant

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## IX. APPROVALS

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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## Attachment A

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 

Resolution No.
On the Motion of Director:
Duly Seconded by Director:
The Following Resolution is Adopted:

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT APPOINTING THE SAFETY, SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AS ALTERNATE TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT INDEMNITY POOL (CALTIP) BOARD 

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, at its April 17, 1987 meeting, did hereby authorize participation by the District in the California Transit Indemnity (Insurance) Pool (CalTIP) beginning July 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board of Directors to approve the appointment of a Director of the California Transit Indemnity Pool; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Safety, Security and Risk Management Director is hereby appointed as Alternate to the California Transit Indemnity Pool to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this $26^{\text {th }}$ day of August 2022 by the following vote:
AYES: Directors -
NOES: Directors -

ABSTAIN: Directors -

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## ABSENT: Directors -

Approved:
Larry Pageler, Board Chair

Attest:
Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

Approved as to form:
Julie A. Sherman, General Counsel

DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Margo Ross, Chief Operations Officer

## SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE ELECTRIC BATTERY BUSES FROM GILLIG, LLC

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

## That the Board of Directors:

1) Authorize the utilization of the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract to purchase five Gillig electric buses (BEBs); and
2) Award a contract to Gillig, LLC for the purchase of the five Gillig BEBs in an amount not to exceed $\$ 5,656,924$; and
3) Authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute said contract with Gillig, LLC, in a form approved by legal counsel.

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) received funds from the 2016 Low or No Emission Program (Low-No) to replace three 40' 18-year-old diesel Suburban commuter buses with three higher passenger capacity Zero Emission (ZE) 45' over-the-road coaches for the Highway 17 Route and installation of 200kW inductive charging system.
- METRO also received funds from the Low Carbon Emission Operations Program (LCTOP) to procure one additional Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) to operate in the Watsonville service area.
- METRO was unable to find a manufacturer of ZE 45' over-the-road coaches that met the specifications necessary for METRO's goal of a minimum of two roundtrips before requiring additional charge.
- On November 10, 2021, Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) approved METRO's request to purchase four 40' ZEBs instead of three 45' ZE over-the-road coaches, and de-scope the in-ground inductive charges.
- Between 2017 and 2022, METRO tested various ZEBs on the Highway 17 nevertheless unable find a ZEB that meets its goal of a minimum of two roundtrips before requiring additional charge.
- METRO staff located purchase options from the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract to purchase five 40' Gillig BEBs.
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) authorize the use of the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract to purchase five 40' Gillig BEBs with 686 kWh battery capacity, award a contract to Gillig, LLC for the purchase of the five BEBs in an amount not to exceed $\$ 5,656,924$, and authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute the contract with Gillig, LLC utilizing the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO received funds from the 2016 FTA Low-No Program in the amount of $\$ 3,810,348$ ( $\$ 4,936,512$ total with Local Match) to replace three 40' 18-year-old diesel Suburban commuter buses with three higher passenger capacity ZE 45' over-the-road coaches for the Highway 17 Route and installation of 200kW inductive charging system. The grant was submitted in partnership with Build Your Dreams (BYD) for the buses, the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) for project management assistance and Momentum Dynamics for the inground inductive charger. METRO also received funds from the LCTOP to procure one additional ZEB to operate in the Watsonville service area.

At the time of the grant application, there were no ZE 45' over-the-road coaches available on the market. Subsequent demonstrations with a BYD 45' C10 and Motor Coach Industries (MCI) D45 CRT LE ZE 45' over-the-road coaches on the Highway 17 Route in regular commuter traffic failed to meet METRO's goal of a minimum of two roundtrips before requiring additional charge. Keeping the bus in service for more than one roundtrip is important because the Highway 17 route operates every 30-60 minutes for a span of 16 hours.

On June 29 and June 30, 2021, METRO tested a Proterra ZX5 40' BEB with 660 kWh of battery capacity on the Highway 17 corridor loaded with passengers and sandbags, representing the equivalent of a full load. The bus met METRO's goal of a minimum of two roundtrips before requiring additional charge. At its March 25, 2022 meeting, the Board authorized the CEO/General Manager to use the Clemson Area Transit Purchasing Cooperative contract for the purchase of four BEBs from Proterra, Inc. On August 10, 2022, however, for various business reasons, METRO and Proterra held a number of discussions regarding mutual termination of the METRO order for four Proterra BEBs. On August 10, 2022, METRO issued a notice of termination of said purchase order to Proterra.

On July 22, 2022, METRO tested a Gillig 40' BEB with 444 kWh of battery capacity on the Highway 17 corridor and the bus met METRO's goal of a minimum of two roundtrips before requiring additional charge. The proposed purchase of five Gillig 40' BEB with 686kwh battery capacity would exceed the necessary capacity along the route and provide a 32\% increase in on-board energy capacity.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the use of the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract to purchase five 40' Gillig BEBs with 686kwh battery capacity, award a contract to Gillig, LLC for the purchase of the five BEBs in an amount not to exceed $\$ 5,656,924$, and authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute the contract with Gillig, LLC utilizing the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Contract.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The actions taken in this report tie to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship, Accountability, and State of Good Repair:

- Service Quality and Delivery
- State of Good Repair


## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONSIIMPACT

Four Gillig, LLC 40' 686kwh Battery Electric Suburban Low Floor Plus (LFP) Buses - at a cost of $\$ 1,133,008$ per vehicle and one 40’X102" 686kwh Battery Electric LFP Bus-\$1,124,892, including taxes and delivery fee. This purchase doesn't include associated charging systems.

Funds to support the first four buses are available in the FY16 FTA Low-No grant in the amount of $\$ 3,146,656$, local match in the amount of $\$ 905,376$ from Bus Replacement Funds and the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) funding in the amount of $\$ 480,000$. Funds to support the fifth bus is available in the FY20 LCTOP grant in the amount of $\$ 969,394$, local match in the amount of $\$ 35,498$ from Bus Replacement Funds and the HVIP funding in the amount of $\$ 120,000$.

The table below outlines the matrix for grant funding allocations.

|  <br> \#23-0003 | FY16 FTA Low-No | FY20 LCTOP | MEASURE D | HVIP | Total Cost |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Four (4) Gillig 40' <br> Suburban LFP | $\$ 3,146,656$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 905,376$ | $\$ 480,000$ | $\$ 4,532,032$ |
| One (1) Gillig 40'LFP | $\$-$ | $\$ 969,394$ | $\$ 35,498$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 1,124,892$ |

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could direct the Purchasing Manager to conduct a standalone procurement for these Gillig, LLC 40 ' BEBs. This is not recommended as it would take approximately six months and would likely result in higher priced vehicles due to the small quantity that METRO would purchase.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Gillig Quote Sheet

Prepared by: Margo Ross, Chief Operations Officer
Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning \& Grants Program Manager

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## IX. APPROVALS

Margo Ross, COO

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


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August 17, 2022
Mr. Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
RE: PRICE QUOTE FOR FIVE (5) 40' BATTERY ELECTRIC LOW FLOOR PLUS BUSES or FIVE (5) 40' BATTERY ELECTRIC SUBURBAN LOW FLOOR PLUS BUSES.

Dear Mr. Tree,
Thank you for your interest to purchase five (5) 40' Battery Electric Low Floor Plus Buses or five (5) Battery Electric Suburban Low Floor Plus Buses using the State of Washington RFP \#2020 06719-01.

Attached you will find the Price Variance that would pertain to your next order. GILLIG is pleased to quote the following:

FIVE (5) 40'X102" BATTERY ELECTRIC LOW FLOOR PLUS BUS \$1,124,892.00 EA
FIVE(5) 40’X102" BATTERY ELECTRIC SUBURBAN BUS \$1,133,008.00EA
These prices are valid for 30 days. Prices include CA Sales Tax (9.25\% reduced to $5.3125 \%$ ) and a $1 \%$ Spares Budget. The production of your buses can be scheduled within 10-12 months from receipt of purchase order. To maintain this production schedule, we will require a firm purchase order within 30 days.

We thank you for this opportunity and appreciate your interest in GILLIG and our products. We certainly look forward to working with METRO again and in so doing, continuing to build our long-term partnership. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

## Sean Solis

Sean Solis
Regional Sales Manager
cc: William F. Fay, Jr.
Javier Hernandez, Jr.

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TO: $\quad$ Board of Directors
FROM: $\quad$ Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager

## SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STEAM CLEANERS LLC FOR INDUSTRIAL PARTS WASHER REPLACEMENTS

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a contract with Steam Cleaners LLC for two (2) Jenfab RD-3648 SS Industrial Parts Washer Replacements in an amount not to exceed 171,232.04.

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a need for Industrial Parts Washer Replacements for cleaning bus parts during maintenance services.
- A competitive procurement was conducted to solicit bids from qualified firms. Four (4) firms submitted bids for METRO's review.
- Staff has reviewed all submitted bids and is recommending that the Board of Directors authorize a contract with Steam Cleaners LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

METRO currently has three (3) Industrial Parts Washers, which were purchased in 2010 and are now in a state of disrepair. One of the parts washers can no longer be used and the other two are in very poor condition. METRO currently has budget to replace two of the parts washers. The replacement includes disposal of the replaced parts washers. The new parts washers will tie into the existing exhaust and fume systems and supply lines (water, electrical hard wiring, etc.).

On May 24, 2022, METRO legally advertised and distributed notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 23-01 to 168 firms, including 56 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), posted notice on its e-procurement portal and sent email notices to all GovDelivery subscribers. On June 30, 2022, bids were received and opened from four (4) firms. A list of firms and prices of the bids received are provided in Attachment A.

Purchasing staff has reviewed all submitted bids. Steam Cleaners LLC has been determined to be the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to all the requirements of the IFB.

The Price of the Industrial Parts Washer Replacements includes the following elements:

- 2 each Jenfab RD-3648 SS Parts Washers, Stainless Steel Construction
- Labor to remove 2 existing Parts Washers and install new Parts Washers (prevailing wages apply)
- Disposal Fees for 2 Parts Washers
- Delivery Fees for 2 Parts Washers

Lead time for the Parts Washers is 20 to 24 weeks once the order is placed.
Staff recommends that the Board of Directors award a contract to Steam Cleaners LLC, and authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a contract on behalf of METRO with Steam Cleaners LLC, for Purchase and Delivery of Quantity Two (2) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements in an amount not to exceed \$171,232.04. The contract would remain in force until the expiration of the industrial parts washer manufacturer's standard one (1) year warranty period.

Steam Cleaners LLC will provide all services meeting all METRO's specifications and requirements of the contract. Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager, will serve as the Contract Administrator and will ensure contract compliance.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The award of this contract would align with the following Strategic Priorities:

- Safety First Culture
- Service Quality and Delivery
- State of Good Repair


## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

The value of the contract is $\$ 171,232.04$. The required funding is available in the Capital Budget using FTA FY18 5339a and Capital Reserves.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- Not replacing the existing parts washers, which are in a state of disrepair, is an alternative, but staff does not recommend this since operational industrial parts washers are required to effectively clean bus parts during maintenance.


## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: List of Responding Firms
Attachment B: Contract with Steam Cleaners LLC

Prepared by: Carolee Curtin, Assistant Purchasing Manager

## IX. APPROVALS

Freddy Rocha, Facilities Maintenance Manager

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO


Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


## Attachment A



Bid Results for IFB No. 23-01

## Industrial Parts Washer Replacement Opened June 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM

| BIDDER | AMOUNT BID |
| :--- | :---: |
| Air \& Lube Systems | $\$ 306,034.23$ |
| Always Under Pressure | $\$ 290,016.23$ |
| J \& S Equipment | $\$ 256,848.06$ |
| Pacific Bay Equipment | $\$ 285,050.52$ |

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## Attachment B

## CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PARTS WASHER REPLACEMENT No. 23-01

THIS CONTRACT is made effective on September 1,2022 between the SANTA CRUZ
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ("Santa Cruz METRO"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and Steam Cleaners LLC ("Contractor").

## 1. RECITALS

### 1.1 Santa Cruz METRO's Primary Objective

Santa Cruz METRO is a public entity whose primary objective is providing public transportation and which has its principal office at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060.
1.2 Santa Cruz METRO's Need for Industrial Parts Washer Replacements

Santa Cruz METRO requires the purchase of two (2) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements to be used for standard purposes. In order to obtain said Industrial Parts Washer Replacements, Santa Cruz METRO issued an Invitation for Bids, dated $5 / 24 / 2022$, setting forth specifications for such Industrial Parts Washer Replacements. The Invitation for Bids is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

### 1.3 Contractor's Bid Form

Contractor is a supplier of Industrial Parts Washer Replacements desired by Santa Cruz METRO and whose principal place of business is 2492 Cabernet Ct , Napa, CA 94558. Pursuant to the Invitation for Bids issued by Santa Cruz METRO, Contractor submitted a bid for provision of said Industrial Parts Washer Replacements, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.
1.4 Selection of Contractor and Intent of Contract

On July 12, 2022, Santa Cruz METRO selected Contractor as the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder to provide said Industrial Parts Washer Replacements. The purpose of this Contract is to set forth the provisions of this procurement.

Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor agree as follows:

## 2. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

2.1 Documents Incorporated in This Contract

The documents listed below are attached to this Contract and by reference made a part hereof. This is an integrated Contract. This writing constitutes the final expression of the parties' Contract, and it is a complete and exclusive statement of the provisions of that Contract, except for written amendments, if any, made after the date of this Contract in accordance with Section 12.15 of the General Conditions of the Contract.

## a) Exhibit A

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's "Invitation for Bids" dated May 24, 2022, including Addenda 1 dated June 7, 2022 and Addenda 2 dated June 16, 2022 and Addenda 3 dated June 27, 2022.
b) Exhibit B (Bid Form)

Contractor's Bid Form to Santa Cruz METRO for Industrial Parts Washer Replacements, as accepted by Santa Cruz METRO.

### 2.2 Conflicts

Where in conflict, the provisions of this writing supersede those of the above-referenced documents, Exhibits A and B. Where in conflict, the provisions of Exhibit A supersede Exhibit B.

### 2.3 Recitals

The Recitals set forth in Article 1 are part of this Contract.

## 3. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

3.1 General

Contractor shall perform work under this Contract at such times to enable it to meet the time schedules specified in the Specifications Section of the IFB. The Contractor shall not be responsible for delays caused by force majeure events described in Section 3 of the General Conditions of the Contract.
3.2 Term

The term of this Contract commences on the execution of the Contract and shall remain in force until the expiration of the one-year warranty period after delivery and installation of the two (2) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements installed by the Contractor.

Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor may extend the term of this Contract at any time for any reason upon mutual written consent.

In the event that Santa Cruz METRO exercises its option for the delivery and installation of a third Industrial Parts Washer Replacement, the term will be extended to co-terminate with the one year warranty on said optional work.

## 4. SCOPE OF WORK

4.1 Contractor shall furnish Santa Cruz METRO all supervision, labor, equipment, supplies, material, freight, transportation, tools and other work and services as specified in and in full accordance with the Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 23-01 dated 05/24/2022 for up to three (3) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements.
4.2 Upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed, the Contractor will begin to provide the Work for two (2) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements. In its sole discretion, Santa Cruz METRO may exercise the option to purchase up to one (1) additional Industrial Parts Washer Replacement at the Unit Prices set forth in Exhibit B.

## 5. COMPENSATION

### 5.1 Terms of Payment

Following delivery and installation of two (2) Industrial Parts Washer Replacements, Santa Cruz METRO shall undertake a 30 -calendar-day period for inspection and testing of the complete unit. Santa Cruz METRO will notify the Contractor in writing within said thirty (30) calendar days as to whether the Industrial Parts Washer Replacement has been accepted.

If Santa Cruz METRO determines that the Industrial Parts Washer Replacement or its component parts are not in conformity with the specification requirements, or that there are defects or deficiencies in the materials and equipment, Santa Cruz METRO may reject the goods, or may notify the Contractor of such deficiencies or nonconformity in writing within the aforementioned thirty (30)-day period. The Contractor shall immediately correct or remedy any and all deficiencies or defects noted by Santa Cruz METRO at no cost to Santa Cruz METRO. The Contractor shall complete the necessary corrections within fifteen (15) days of Santa Cruz METRO's notification of deficiencies or nonconformity. At such time as the Contractor has made all necessary corrections to the satisfaction of Santa Cruz METRO, Santa Cruz METRO shall issue the Contractor a written notice of final acceptance. In the event Contractor fails to remedy the deficiencies, Santa Cruz METRO shall have the right to reject the equipment and terminate the Contract for breach. Alternatively, Santa Cruz METRO may cause the repair to be made by its own or other forces, whereupon the cost of the repair shall be deducted from sums otherwise due the Contractor.

The Santa Cruz METRO will undertake this inspection process for each Industrial Parts Washer Replacement.

Upon written acceptance, Santa Cruz METRO agrees to pay Contractor $\$ 85,616.02$ per Industrial Parts Washer Replacement as identified in the Bid Form, Exhibit B, for satisfactory completion of all Work under the terms and provisions of this Contract within thirty (30) days thereof. The maximum amount payable under this Contract will not exceed \$171,232.04. Contractor understands and agrees that if it exceeds the maximum amount payable under this Contract, it does so at its own risk.

### 5.2 Invoices

Contractor shall submit invoices referencing the purchase order number provided by Santa Cruz METRO. Contractor's invoices shall include detailed records showing items and quantities delivered and accepted by Santa Cruz METRO and related the unit prices. Expenses shall only be billed if allowed under the Contract.

Said invoice records shall be kept up-to-date at all times and shall be available for inspection by Santa Cruz METRO (or any grantor of Santa Cruz METRO, including, without limitation, any State or Federal agency providing project funding or reimbursement) at any time for any reason upon demand for not less than four (4) years after the date of expiration or termination of the Contract. Under penalty of law, Contractor represents that all amounts billed to Santa Cruz METRO are (1) actually incurred; (2) reasonable in amount; (3) related to this Contract; and (4) necessary for performance of the services. No expenses shall be paid by Santa Cruz METRO unless specifically allowed by this Contract.

## 6. NOTICES

All notices under this Contract shall be deemed duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, or three (3) days after posting if sent by registered mail, receipt requested, to a party hereto at the

## 23-01 Industrial Parts Washer Replacements Attachment B

address hereinunder set forth, or to such other address as a party may designate by notice pursuant hereto.

Santa Cruz METRO<br>Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District<br>110 Vernon Street<br>Santa Cruz, CA 95060<br>Attention: General Manager

CONTRACTOR
Steam Cleaners LLC
Pumps and Machinery
1630 Challenge Dr \#120
Concord, CA 94520
Attention: Charley Johnson, Managing Member

## 7. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

The rights and remedies of the Parties provided herein are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

## 8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

8.1 This Contract represents the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all such agreements entered into prior hereto are revoked and superseded by this Contract, and no representations, warranties, inducements or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth herein, or in other contemporaneous written agreements.
8.2 This Contract may not be changed, modified or rescinded except in writing, signed by all parties hereto, and any attempt at oral modification of this Contract shall be void and of no effect.

## 9. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND COUNTERPARTS

The parties agree that this Contract, agreements ancillary to this Contract, and related documents to be entered into this Contract will be considered executed when the signature of a party is delivered by facsimile or other electronic method by either of the parties, and each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Each party further agrees that this Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

## 10. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract and the person signing this Contract on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Contract. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

## 11. ATTORNEYS' FEES

If any legal proceeding should be instituted by either of the parties to enforce the terms of this Contract or to determine the rights of the parties under this Contract, the prevailing party in said proceeding will recover reasonable attorneys' fees, in addition to all court costs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

Signed on $8 / 11 / 22$

## Santa Cruz METRO - <br> SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager

Contractor -
Steam Cleaners LLC
Charles Johnson
Managing Member


Approved as to Form:
Julie A. Sherman, General Counsel


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DATE: August 26, 2022
TO: $\quad$ Board of Directors
FROM: John Urgo, Planning \& Development Director
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CALTRANS RELIABILITY STUDY NOT TO EXCEED \$324,185.04

## I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Caltrans Reliability Study in an amount not to exceed \$324,185.04 for a 2-year period.

## II. SUMMARY

- The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has a need for a study to evaluate traffic and travel conditions along the primary transit corridors connecting Watsonville and Santa Cruz in order to identify opportunities for pedestrian, bus stop and transit improvements to improve the convenience, accessibility and reliability of METRO's core service.
- A formal Request for Proposals (RFP) was conducted to solicit proposals from qualified firms. Three (3) firms submitted proposals for METRO's review.
- A three-member evaluation team composed of METRO staff and an outside consultant reviewed and evaluated the proposals, and is recommending an award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., the highest ranked firm.


## III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

In June 2021, METRO received notification from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) that it was a recipient of a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) to fund the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Inter-City Transit Speed and Reliability Study.

METRO's Board of Directors (Board) approved the restricted grant agreement to accept and use these grand funds at the August 27, 2021 Board Meeting.

On June 16, 2022, METRO legally advertised RFP No. 22-08 for a Caltrans Reliability Study, distributed notices via Bonfire (METRO's e-procurement portal) to 2,431 firms, including 1,220 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), and sent email notices to all GovDelivery subscribers. On July 21, 2022, proposals were received and opened from three (3) firms. A list of these firms is provided in

Attachment A. A three-member evaluation team composed of METRO staff and an outside consultant reviewed and evaluated the proposals.

The evaluation team used the following criteria as contained in the RFP:

| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
| :--- | :---: |
| Proposer's qualifications and recent experience | 30 |
| Understanding of and technical approach to Project requirements | 25 |
| Quality of relevant experience of Proposer's key staff | 20 |
| Experience with government agencies | 15 |
| References | 15 |
| Cost proposal | 45 |
|  | $\mathbf{1 5 0}$ |

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was determined to be the highest ranked firm whose proposal fulfills the requirements of the RFP, with costs that are fair and reasonable.

Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a two-year contract on behalf of METRO with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for a Caltrans Reliability Study in an amount not to exceed $\$ 324,185.04$. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. will provide all services meeting all METRO's specifications and requirements of the contract. John Urgo, Planning and Development Director, will serve as the Contract Administrator and will ensure contract compliance.

## IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The award of this contract would align with the following Strategic Priorities:

- Financial Stability, Stewardship \& Accountability
- Service Quality and Delivery
- Strategic Alliances and Community Outreach


## V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

METRO will fund $\$ 289,425$ of this Reliability Study using grant funds from the Caltrans FY21-22 STPG Program. This grant requires a local match defined as local match. The FY22 Operating and Capital Reserve Fund will cover this amount of $\$ 34,760.04$.

## VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

## VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None. The information gleaned from this Study will be critical to improve transit travel times and on-time performance for the disadvantaged communities in Watsonville, Santa Cruz and the unincorporated urban areas of the County. Without this study, operational costs could increase due to peak operational requirements as additional slack is added to schedules to provide some level of on-time performance.

## VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: List of Responding Firms
Attachment B: Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Note: A full copy of the Contract is available on request.

Prepared by: Carolee Curtin, Assistant Purchasing Manager

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## IX. APPROVALS

John Urgo
Planning and Development Director

Approved as to fiscal impact: Chuck Farmer, CFO

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager


## Attachment A



## Responding Firms for RFP No. 22-08

## Caltrans Reliability Study

Received by July 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM

| CDM Smith Inc. | San Francisco | CA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fehr \& Peers | San Jose | CA |
| Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | Capitola | CA |

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## Attachment B

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CALTRANS RELIABILITY STUDY (22-08)

THIS CONTRACT is made effective on August 26, 2022 between the SANTA CRUZ
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ("Santa Cruz METRO"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. ("Consultant").

## 1. RECITALS

1.1 Santa Cruz METRO's Primary Objective

Santa Cruz METRO is a public entity whose primary objective is providing public transportation and which has its principal office at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060.
1.2 Santa Cruz METRO's Need for Caltrans Reliability Study

Santa Cruz METRO has the need for Caltrans Reliability Study. In order to obtain these services, Santa Cruz METRO issued a Request for Proposals, dated 6/15/2022, setting forth specifications for such services. The Request for Proposals is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.
1.3 Consultant's Proposal

Consultant is a firm qualified to provide a Caltrans Reliability Study and whose principal place of business is Capitola, California. Pursuant to the Request for Proposals issued by Santa Cruz METRO, Consultant submitted a proposal for a Caltrans Reliability Study, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.
1.4 Selection of Consultant and Intent of Contract

On August 17, 2022, Santa Cruz METRO selected Consultant as the Proposer whose proposal was most advantageous to Santa Cruz METRO to provide the Caltrans Reliability Study described herein. This Contract is intended to fix the provisions of these services.

Santa Cruz METRO and Consultant agree as follows:

## 2. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

2.1 Documents Incorporated in this Contract

This Contract shall consist of the following documents, all of which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto.
A. This Contract, including Attachment A - RESTATED General Conditions to the Contract
B. Exhibit A

Santa Cruz METRO’s "Request for Proposals" dated 6/15/2022, including Addendum No. 1 dated July 6, 2022.

## B. Exhibit B (Consultant's Proposal)

Consultant's Proposal to Santa Cruz METRO for Caltrans Reliability Study, signed by Consultant and dated July 21, 2022.

### 2.2 Conflicts

In the event of conflict between or among the terms of the Contract Documents, the order of precedence will be the order of documents listed above, with the first-listed document having the highest precedence and the last-listed document having the lowest precedence.

### 2.3 Recitals

The Recitals set forth in Article 1 are part of this Contract.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 General

The terms below (or pronouns in place of them) have the following meaning in the Contract:
3.1. CONTRACT - The Contract consists of this document, the attachments incorporated herein in accordance with Article 2, and any written amendments made in accordance with Part IV, Section 12.15 of the General Conditions to the Contract.
3.1.2 CONSULTANT - The Proposer selected by Santa Cruz METRO for this project in accordance with the Request for Proposals issued 6/15/2022.
3.1.3 CONSULTANT'S STAFF - Employees of Consultant.
3.1.4 DAYS - Calendar days.
3.1.5 PROPOSER - Consultant whose proposal was accepted under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals issued 6/15/2022.
3.1.6 PROVISION - Any term, agreement, covenant, condition, clause, qualification, restriction, reservation, or other stipulation in the Contract that defines or otherwise controls, establishes, or limits the performance required or permitted by either party.
3.1.7 SCOPE OF WORK (OR "WORK") - The entire obligation under the Contract, including, without limitation, all labor, equipment, materials, supplies, transportation, services, and other work products and expenses, express or implied, in the Contract.

## 4. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

## $4.1 \quad$ Term

The term of this Contract will be for a period not to exceed two (2) years and shall commence upon the execution of the Contract by Santa Cruz METRO.

Upon satisfactory performance of services, Santa Cruz METRO may extend this agreement beyond the initial term when mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

## 5. COMPENSATION

### 5.1 Terms of Payment

Santa Cruz METRO shall compensate Consultant in an amount not to exceed the amounts/rates agreed upon by Santa Cruz METRO. Santa Cruz METRO shall reasonably determine whether work has been successfully performed for purposes of payment. Compensation shall be made within thirty (30) days of Santa Cruz METRO's written approval of Consultant's written invoice for said work.

The maximum compensation that Santa Cruz METRO has authorized to be expended for this Contract will not exceed $\$ \mathbf{3 2 4 , 1 8 5 . 0 4}$. Consultant understands and agrees that if it exceeds the maximum amount payable under this Contract, it does so at its own risk.

### 5.2 Invoices

Consultant shall submit invoices with a purchase order number provided by Santa Cruz METRO on a monthly basis. Consultant's invoices shall include detailed records showing actual time devoted, work accomplished, date work accomplished, personnel used, and amount billed per hour. Expenses shall only be billed if allowed under the Contract.

Said invoice records shall be kept up-to-date at all times and shall be available for inspection by Santa Cruz METRO (or any grantor of Santa Cruz METRO, including, without limitation, any State or Federal agency providing project funding or reimbursement) at any time for any reason upon demand for not less than four (4) years after the date of expiration or termination of the Contract. Under penalty of law, Consultant represents that all amounts billed to Santa Cruz METRO are (1) actually incurred; (2) reasonable in amount; (3) related to this Contract; and (4) necessary for performance of the project.

## 6. NOTICES

All notices under this Contract shall be deemed duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, or three (3) days after posting if sent by registered mail, receipt requested, to a party hereto at the address hereinunder set forth, or to such other address as a party may designate by notice pursuant hereto.

Santa Cruz METRO
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Attention: Michael Tree, CEO

## CONSULTANT

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
10 S. Almaden Blvd, Suite 1250
San Jose, CA 95113
Attention: Adam Dankberg, P.E., Vice President

## Attachment B

22-08 Caltrans Reliability Study
Attention: Adam Dankberg, P.E., Vice President

## 7. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND COUNTERPARTS

The parties agree that this Contract, agreements ancillary to this Contract, and related documents to be entered into this Contract will be considered executed when the signature of a party is delivered by facsimile or other electronic method by either of the parties, and each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Each party further agrees that this Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

## 8. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract and the person signing this Contract on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Contract. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

Signed on $\qquad$
Santa Cruz METRO -
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager

Consultant -
KIMLEY-HORN \& ASSOCIATES, INC.
Adam Dankberg, P.E., Vice President


Approved as to Form:
Julie A. Sherman, General Counsel


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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 

Resolution No.<br>On the Motion of Director:<br>Duly Seconded by Director:<br>The Following Resolution is Adopted:

# RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF HERBERT DEAN BROWN AS BUS OPERATOR FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was formed to provide public transportation to all of the residents of Santa Cruz County, and

WHEREAS, the provision of public transportation service requires a competent, dedicated workforce, and

WHEREAS, METRO, requiring an employee with expertise and dedication, appointed Herbert Dean Brown to serve in the position of Bus Operator, and

WHEREAS, Herbert Dean Brown served as a member of the Operations Department of METRO for the time period of December 19, 2006 to July 6, 2022, and

WHEREAS, provided METRO with dedicated service and commitment during the time of his employment, and

WHEREAS, Herbert Dean Brown served METRO with distinction, and
WHEREAS, the service provided to the residents of Santa Cruz County by Herbert Dean Brown resulted in reliable, quality public transportation being available in the most difficult of times, and

WHEREAS, during the time of Mr. Brown's service, METRO improved existing and built new operating facilities, converted the fleet to a CNG propulsion system, developed accessible bus stops, improved ridership, responded to adverse economic conditions, assumed direct operational responsibility for the Highway 17 Express service and the Amtrak Connector service, and assumed direct operational responsibility for the ParaCruz service, and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in Santa Cruz County was improved dramatically as a result of the exemplary service provided by Herbert Dean Brown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon his retirement as Bus Operator, the Board of Directors of METRO does hereby commend his efforts in advancing public transit service in Santa Cruz County and expresses sincere appreciation on behalf of itself, the METRO staff and all of the residents of Santa Cruz County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered into the official records of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this $26^{\text {th }}$ Day of August 2022 by the following vote:

## AYES: Directors -

NOES: Directors -

## ABSTAIN: Directors -

## ABSENT: Directors -

Approved:
Larry Pageler, Board Chair

Attest:
Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager

Approved as to form:
Julie Sherman, General Counsel

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT 

Resolution No.<br>On the Motion of Director:<br>Duly Seconded by Director:<br>The Following Resolution is Adopted:

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF JOHN THOMAS AS BUS OPERATOR FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was formed to provide public transportation to all of the residents of Santa Cruz County, and

WHEREAS, the provision of public transportation service requires a competent, dedicated workforce, and

WHEREAS, METRO, requiring an employee with expertise and dedication, appointed John Thomas to serve in the position of Bus Operator, and

WHEREAS, served as a member of the Operations Department of METRO for the time period of July 11, 2000 to July 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, John Thomas provided METRO with dedicated service and commitment during the time of his employment, and

WHEREAS, John Thomas served METRO with distinction, and
WHEREAS, the service provided to the residents of Santa Cruz County by John Thomas resulted in reliable, quality public transportation being available in the most difficult of times, and

WHEREAS, during the time of Mr. Thomas' service, METRO improved existing and built new operating facilities, converted the fleet to a CNG propulsion system, developed accessible bus stops, improved ridership, responded to adverse economic conditions, assumed direct operational responsibility for the Highway 17 Express service and the Amtrak Connector service, and assumed direct operational responsibility for the ParaCruz service, and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in Santa Cruz County was improved dramatically as a result of the exemplary service provided by John Thomas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon his retirement as Bus Operator, the Board of Directors of METRO does hereby commend his efforts in advancing public transit service in Santa Cruz County and expresses sincere appreciation on behalf of itself, the METRO staff and all of the residents of Santa Cruz County.

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## AYES: Directors -

NOES: Directors -

## ABSTAIN: Directors -

## ABSENT: Directors -

Approved:
Larry Pageler, Board Chair

Attest:
Michael Tree
CEO/General Manager

Approved as to form:
Julie Sherman, General Counsel

# VERBAL PRESENTATION 

## CEO ORAL REPORT / COVID-19 UPDATE

Michael Tree

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## NEWS CLIPS

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# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ARTICLES 

# Update on homelessness shows mixed results from county efforts 

Aug. 10, 2022
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—Santa Cruz County has reduced homelessness among families by $59 \%$ compared to 2019 , even as overall homelessness in the county increased by 6\%.

That's according to preliminary results of the county's biannual Point-In-Time (PIT) count released Aug. 5 by the Housing for Health Partnership.

Santa Cruz County's biannual PIT count, conducted on Feb. 28, provides an overview of homelessness over time in Santa Cruz County. The full 2022 report release is expected within two months.

The report also showed a 94\% decrease in unsheltered homelessness and a 61\% drop in the number of unsheltered youth.

The data shows that an estimated 2,299 people were experiencing homelessness at the time of the count, including 1,774 who were unsheltered, which is defined as living in a structure not made for habitation such as a vehicle.

While the numbers show a measure of success in the county's efforts to house its homeless residents, the report also came with some dark clouds.

According to the report, the number of homeless veterans more than doubled from 2019, when that number was 151. And the number of "chronically homeless" people rose sharply from 403 in 2019 to 921 this year.

Additionally, the data shows significant increases in the numbers of homeless people who suffer from substance use disorders and mental illness, with those numbers at 1,073 and 818 , respectively.

Homelessness among adults 25 and older was up $41 \%$.
In a report Tuesday to the Santa Cruz County Supervisors, Housing for Health Division Director Robert Ratner said homelessness has worsened since June 30, when the county disbanded its temporary Covid-19 shelter system.

# Santa Cruz County is the Second Least Affordable Place to Live in the Nation 

August 9, 2022
There are many things that Santa Cruz County residents can boast about, including the astounding natural beauty of the place they live and its proximity to the coast.

But there is one aspect that will likely not be found on a tourism brochure, and will likely come as no surprise to residents: The region is the second-least-affordable place to live in the nation.

That's according to "Out of Reach," an annual publication of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which shows the gap in every state between wages and housing costs.

According to the report, county residents need to make at least $\$ 60.35$ per hour to rent a two-bedroom apartment without spending $30 \%$ of their income. This number, known as the "housing wage," is higher only in San Francisco, where residents must earn $\$ 61.50$ per hour.

The statewide housing wage is $\$ 39.01$, according to the report, while nationwide it is $\$ 25.82$.

A closer look at the local data shows that the average wage for the more than 38,000 county residents who rent is $\$ 19.78$. With the fair-market rate for a two-bedroom apartment at $\$ 3,138$, those workers must work four full-time jobs to afford rent.

The report comes as the median monthly rent in the most populated cities has for the first time exceeded $\$ 2,000$, meaning that in only $9 \%$ of all U.S. counties can a full-time minimum-wage worker afford to rent even a one-bedroom home.

It also comes amid skyrocketing homelessness, rising inflation and gas prices, and a looming economic recession that financial experts say is imminent. The housing affordability issue, county officials say, was compounded in 2020 when the CZU fires damaged or destroyed more than 1,600 structures, displacing hundreds of people.

More recently, emergency rental assistance programs and eviction moratoriums put in place to help renters impacted by the pandemic have expired, while many renters face increases of $18 \%$ since last year.
"The local government and the community needs to embrace the idea that we're going to have more fights for affordable housing to be built," Lane says. "And not resist so many projects, because historically that's been one of the biggest challenges."

Rafa Sonnenfeld, director of legal advocacy for Santa Cruz YIMBY (Yes In My Backyard), says that attitude change is urgent, as roughly 10,545 locals do not have access to an affordable home in Santa Cruz County. As one of those renters, Sonnefeld says he has been waiting for a decade just to be put on a waitlist that has never opened.
"There just isn't enough housing, even when someone has a voucher," Sonnefeld says. "That's why Santa Cruz YIMBY advocates for housing for people of all income levels, from low-income to market rate."

Sonnefeld says that jurisdictions across the county are set over the next two years to update the housing elements of their general plans, with an increased capacity for housing in mind. In all, the county's four cities and the unincorporated county will have to change zoning regulations to allow nearly 13,000 homes to be potentially built by 2031. These alterations are required by the state under its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) program, which is implemented in eight year cycles.

While changing these regulations does not guarantee that more homes will be builtdozens of cities across the state have consistently failed to meet their RHNA (pronounced "ree-na") allocation-the adjustments are one of the few tools city officials have available to help promote housing construction.
"That's the most tangible way that jurisdictions in our county will be planning to provide more housing," Sonnefeld says. "Literally change the zoning and change the general plan to allow this kind of housing to be built."

He adds that jurisdictions should move forward with an eye on "substantially large" apartment projects, with housing for everyone from low-income people to families to young professionals.
"We need it all," he says.
Lane says the numbers mean that everyone must shift away from a business-as-usual approach to affordable housing.
"It's really about how this current situation is hurting people," he said. "It's hurting families. It's just causing so much strain on so many people individually, and right out of that comes the damage to the whole community when we have so many people struggling in it."

# Early passenger raill anallysis gets nod firom Santa Cruz RTC 

## BY PK HATTIS

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SANTA CRUZ >> After more than year of gridlock, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is ready to proceed with an early phase analysis for an electric passenger rail project within its transit corridor.

In a unanimous vote taken on Thursday morning, commissioners granted staff permission to solicit proposals for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for a 22 -mile electric passenger rail project along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The project line begins at Pajaro Junction in Watsonville and ends at Natural Bridges Drive in Santa Cruz. "This is a big project," said Senior Transportation Engineer Sarah Christensen during a presentation for the commission. "It's going to go through every jurisdiction in the county."

The project description includes converting the single track freight railroad to an electric passenger rail transit facility, new passing sidings, stations, maintenance, replacement or rehabilitation of infrastructure including bridges, culvert, track, signals, and design for remaining coastal rail trail segments 13 to 17, 19 and 20, spanning Rio Del Mar to Watsonville. The commission's executive director, Guy Preston, later clarified that the intention is to have a line with both freight and passenger rail capabilities.
"I've been in public life since ...1979," said Commission Mike Rotkin prior to the vote. "I can't think of a meeting I've been at where a more important decision has been made than the one in front of us today. And I mean that quite seriously."

Commission staff estimates the cost of preliminary documentation is $\$ 17$ million, which cannot be paid for entirely by the 2016 Measure D half-cent tax for transit projects. However, there is potential for a competitive grant opportunity through the State Rail Assistance Program, which staff expects will make a call for projects within the next year. It estimates a minimum $20 \%$ local match requirement for competitive grants, but programming requests were not needed for Thursday's decision.

Several commissioners that have shared hesitancy in pursuing passenger rail in previous meetings expressed their support for the motion, including Vice-Chair Manu Koenig.
"I don't believe we'll ever be able to create modern passenger rail service on an old single track freight line," said Koenig. "But I'm willing to be proven wrong ... the voters have made themselves very clear that they're not ready to leave the rail option behind. So I fully support this effort to get more information for voters about the type of service we'll be able to deliver, the amount of money it will take and the amount of time it will take to deliver a project."

In addition to releasing a request for proposal, Christensen said staff plans to engage in "early heavy lifting" efforts that include extensive public outreach, community and stakeholder input and coordination with local jurisdictions, to help refine the project scope.

More than a dozen members of the public took an early opportunity to share comments with the commission, including Mark Mesiti-Miller, co-Chair of the No Way Greenway Campaign. "I really appreciate staff's focus on proving project readiness," he said. "That is an essential component of this effort." Mesiti-Miller reminded the commission of the definitive defeat of the protrail Measure D initiative and encouraged staff to give ample time and opportunity for diverse stakeholder participation.

Director Preston underscored the importance of this initial step and the broad potential it carries. "It is going to show a commitment to funding the project, by coming forward with these initial steps," he said. "I heard comments about tying this to housing and transit oriented development and we included that in our scope of services because it's important in understanding what the ridership potential is and that would really then determine what your greenhouse gas savings would be by building a project of this nature."

Commission staff will release the request for proposal this month. It expects to make a selection in October and present an award contract recommendation to the commission in November.

## HOMELESSNESS

## City targets August camp closure



Santa Cruz city officials plan to begin closing the San Lorenzo Park Benchlands homeless encampment in several phases, beginning later this month, officials say. JESSICA A. YORK - SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL

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SANTA CRUZ >> "Late summer" is expected to arrive this month for hundreds of individuals living in a homeless encampment in San Lorenzo Park.

The planned July closure of the sanctioned encampment - located in the park for more than two years - was put on pause at the beginning of the summer due to the "Herculean lift" required of staffing and contractor support, City Manager Matt Huffaker said at the time. City spokesperson Elizabeth Smith said this week that the city expected to again begin taking strides toward that closure by mid- to late-August.
"The way that they're going to manage that is dividing the Benchlands into sections and
"And who doesn't like more tax base?"
Meanwhile, in the face of a national supply chain shortage, Santa Cruz crews and contractors are limited in their access to chainlink fencing needed to portion off the benchlands camp in phases, Smith said. She added that the city's likely first visible step in clearing the park will be to fence off the mostly unoccupied upper San Lorenzo Park for restoration, space which houses the park's duck pond, children's playground and lawn bowling area.
"There's damage all throughout the park, so it's going to be a full-scale restoration at the park," Smith said. "So, getting started on that part where there aren't people, that's where we're going to start the work. But, also, making sure that it's not repopulated at the top part of the park. We're committed to closure."

Another long-time camp occupant, Greg Benson, said he did not want to have to go through another winter such as the last one, where the lower end of the benchlands was flooded after a heavy rainstorm. Something, he said, had to be done.
"I just keep hoping that we can pull a rabbit out of the hat and find something that isn't just this year, but creates some sort of precedence that is a way to carry forward in the future. We're here, basically, because there wasn't anywhere else.


Heavy equipment is shown working the land for a new housing project on the 100 block on Miles Lane in Watsonville. - Tarmo Hannula/The Pajaronian

# Report: Santa CruzWatsonville is 2nd least affordable place to live in U.S. 

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Most families in the country, the report says, can afford to pay no more than $\$ 694$ monthly rent, while people who rely on federal Social Security Income can afford no more than \$252.

All of this comes as the median monthly rent in the most populated cities has for the first time exceeded $\$ 2,000$,

Report: Santa Cruz-Watsonville is 2nd least affordable place to live in... https://pajaronian.com/report-santa-cruz-watsonville-is-2nd-least-affo...
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YIMBY-an acronym for Yes In My Backyard - is a group that among other things supports new development.

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For information on affordable housing projects in Santa Cruz County, visit housingsantacruzcounty.com/affordablehousing. To see the report, visit nlihc.org/oor.

## The Pajaronian

## Rail-trail study gets RTC nod

August 4, 2022
SANTA CRUZ-The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on Thursday unanimously agreed to release a request for proposals (RFP) for an engineering study of the county's rail line, the first step in what will be a multiple-year project to establish a passenger rail system.

The study, estimated to cost $\$ 17$ million, will give the RTC a picture of what a light electric rail system would look like, including the number of stops and frequency of trips, as well as what it would take to get the 32 -mile system of track, trestles and bridges ready.

It would also include an environmental impact report for segments of the track between Rio del Mar Boulevard and Lee Road, and between Beach Street and the Pajaro Junction.

The study will cover the 22-mile stretch between Pajaro Junction in north Monterey County and Natural Bridges Drive in the City of Santa Cruz.

The cost of the study would be paid in part from the competitive State Rail Assistance Program, although that funding will likely require a $20 \%$ local match, said RTC Senior Transportation Engineer Sarah Christensen.

The move is the first major step since the landslide defeat in June of Measure D, the initiative that would have signaled to the RTC to end plans to create a rail/trail system, and required the county instead to focus on a trail-only model.

Christensen said that the study will allow the organization to do much of the "heavy lifting" in advance of beginning the rail project.
"We really want to focus on this first step," she said.
In 2021, the RTC identified electric passenger rail as the locally preferred alternative.
RTC officials have said it could cost as much as $\$ 60$ million to make the needed improvements on the track, even before a rail system can be considered.

Getting Capitola trestle operational is estimated to cost between $\$ 15$ and $\$ 30$ million, Christensen said.

Several people addressed the commission, most of them speaking in favor of the RFP.

## RTC to consider early passenger rail analysis

## Santa Cruz Sentinel

Aug. 2-In its first meeting following certification of the June Primary Election results and widespread rejection of the Measure D Greenway Initiative, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission will consider moving toward preliminary exploration of electric passenger rail along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.

Included in the committee's Thursday meeting agenda is a staff recommendation to release a request for proposal aiming to contract "preliminary engineering and environmental documentation" for a 22 -mile electric passenger rail project ranging from Watsonville to the City of Santa Cruz. Transportation staff say the recommendation comes after some commissioners voiced support for exploring implementation of electric rail in its previous June 16 meeting.
"This is our first meeting after that (June primary) vote and I assume that the supporters of getting rid of the train ... have been schooled and there'll be some openness to doing what the voters want," Commissioner Mike Rotkin told the Sentinel on Tuesday. "At this point, let's find out if it's feasible. I think we owe the public that."

The Greenway Initiative would have added language to the county's general plan favoring a multiuse trail in place of where the rail line currently sits. According to the county's election website, it was defeated by voters with 56,342 votes against or $73 \%$ and 20,616 in favor, or roughly $26.8 \%$.

Rotkin also expressed excitement for potential affordable housing opportunities that could result from the presence of a passenger rail line, where empty plots of land near train stops could potentially host new facilities. "It opens up incredible possibilities," he said.

Staff estimates that it will cost about $\$ 17$ million to complete the proposed early-phase engineering and environmental study, a total that cannot be funded entirely through the 2016 Measure D half-cent tax for transportation work. However, a 2021 study commissioned by the transportation commission revealed the State Rail Assistance program as the "most likely outside funding source to fund preconstruction phases of the project," as reiterated in the meeting agenda. The state program has not made a call for projects in four years, but according to the staff report, a local call is expected within the next year.
"The results of Measure D I think at least give the idea of electric train a second look," said Commissioner Randy Johnson, who has previously had reservations about the feasibility of passenger rail in Santa Cruz. Johnson said some of those reservations have persisted, sharing examples of statewide and other neighboring county rail projects that had high hopes, but failed to cross the finish line. "Often promises are made, but they are very, very seldom kept and so that's why I look a little bit askance at this."

Should the commission vote to move forward with the release of an funding proposal, staff would release it sometime in August, discuss local match programming in a subsequent meeting and return again, potentially as soon as November, to recommend an initial contract award for the study.

The commission will also consider an action in response to a recent court ruling that ordered Caltrans to revise a conceptual planning analysis for constructing a High Occupancy Vehicle lane along Highway 1. The transportation commission is the implementing agency for the project and estimates it will cost approximately $\$ 250,000$ to make the necessary analysis revisions.

If you go
What: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission meeting.
When: 9 a.m. Thursday.
Where: 701 Ocean St., room 525, Santa Cruz or on Zoom at us02web.zoom.us.

## Goodtimes

## After the Benchlands, What's Next for Homeless Solutions?

The City of Santa Cruz is gearing up to disband the Benchlands encampment in San Lorenzo Park, which has drawn controversy and criticism from all corners as its homeless population swelled over the last two years. But even as officials move to relocate the people who reside there, some big questions remain about the city's plan.

From homeless advocates to city officials to those who have lived in it, most agree that the encampment needs to be closed. But at the same time, some question whether the city has the infrastructure and services to support this closure, and if this move will truly help curb homelessness-or exacerbate an already volatile situation.

Perhaps the only thing generally agreed upon is that after the Benchlands encampment is closed, "people can expect homelessness to become a lot more visible," says Santa Cruz Free Guide Executive Director Evan Morrison.

Morrison has worked in the homeless sector for the past five years. In his current role, he is helping the city set up a safe parking area for RVs. He says it's likely that unhoused people will end up in neighborhoods, downtown and on benches-anywhere they can find a place to sleep. It's not ideal for them or other city residents, he says.
"If we're dispersing a giant encampment, you're more likely to see someone who's homeless while you're dropping your kid off at school," says Morrison. "Where can our homeless residents go, and be safe? We've never truly answered that question."

## Moving the Benchlands

Santa Cruz City Manager Matt Huffaker announced during a city council meeting in April that the closure of the Benchlands encampment would begin in earnest in July. But the city's new chief executive backtracked on those plans at a subsequent city council meeting, saying that the closure would happen in "late summer."

The city is still a few weeks out from starting to move people out of the Benchlands, as it waits to finalize a contract with the Salvation Army that will provide 60 additional shelter spaces at the National Guard Armory. The Armory will also be home to a city-funded 24-hour safe parking program for people who live in their cars.

Currently, the city has an outdoor camp at the Armory Overlook in DeLaveaga Park, where 65 to 75 tents are set up, and another outdoor program with 30 spaces at 1220 River St.

The plan, says Santa Cruz Deputy City Manager Lisa Murphy, is to slowly clear out sections of the Benchlands, ensuring that as they move through the encampment, there will be shelter spaces

Lemon, a woman in her early 30 s who asked to have her last name withheld, was hesitant to go to a shelter when she was previously homeless. She says she was concerned for her safety and afraid of having her personal belongings stolen, and was also just embarrassed to go to a shelter. When she decided to seek out a place at a shelter, she says she was grateful to have a roof over her head, but her experience wasn't all good.

Lemon lived in an individual room that she described as a large metal container shed without ventilation. In the summer, temperatures inside her room would become unbearably hot, so she would spend all day outside, while nights were ice cold.
"It's pretty miserable in the summer," Lemon says. "And despite it being a blessing to have it all, it's still not fit for human habitation ... especially [for] people with disabilities."

While some people working at the shelter were sympathetic to Lemon's situation, some treated her poorly, she says.
"It seems like [some of] the people who work there are very, very into the cause. And some of the people who work there almost have some sort of stigma or, like, hatred or prejudice against homeless people," she says.

Asked what the plan is for those who decide to not move to the new shelter, the city asserts that that is an individual decision and "not something the city can comment on."

In the weeks leading up to the clear-out, officials are working to count the people in the Benchlands, and will try to keep track of them so that case managers can connect them to services.

But officials acknowledge these plans might be temporary; the new shelter spaces and the staffing to move the encampment and provide services are being funded with a one-time, $\$ 14$ million state infusion. With the failure of the sales tax measure in June, which would have provided $\$ 80$ million in new funding for the city over the next decade, whether or not the city can see this plan through is still to be determined.
"The $\$ 14$ million has already been programmed out to help with a variety of services that are not one-time services, like the shelters, that are ongoing operations," Deputy City Manager Murphy says. "So without an ongoing stream of revenue to fund ongoing costs, we have a real problem."

## An 'Inhumane' Encampment

"The Wild West." "A crime haven." A "drug city."
These are just a few phrases Adams uses to describe the Benchlands encampment. He provides shower services there once a week, and also walks through the Benchlands nearly every day on his way to work.
"Even if, or when, folks get settled again, it's a crapshoot of whether or not service providers will be able to find them," says Morrison. This is why it's critical that the city identifies safe, overnight areas that homeless people can rely on for more than a year, he says.

Overall, Morrison says, the city and the community need to work together to help address homelessness if both want to keep people out of the streets and prevent another large-scale encampment. That means saying yes to affordable housing programs, it means education around temporary shelters in neighborhoods and providing services that aim to get people housed, in addition to offering people a safe place to sleep.
"What's missing? An overall community plan to end homelessness, what the steps are," says Morrison. "And then, we need to think, 'Does closing this encampment fit into that plan or not?"

## The Pajaronian <br> 3 affordable housing projects move forward

By: Tarmo Hannula

July 27, 2022


WATSONVILLE—Earth-moving equipment is carving up three lots off of Freedom Boulevard to make way for more than 200 affordable housing units set to be completed by nonprofit developers over the next two years.

MidPen Housing is leading projects on Miles and Atkinson lanes that combined will produce 152 units, while Eden Housing is moving forward with a 53-unit development at the corner of Freedom Boulevard and Atkinson Lane. Both MidPen and Eden are nonprofit developers with years of experience in the field and several affordable housing complexes throughout Watsonville and the greater Central Coast.

The land at 139-161 Miles Lane and 201 Kimberly Lane is being redeveloped to make way for a 72 -unit affordable housing project. Approved by Watsonville City Council in 2020, the joint project between MidPen Housing and Encompass Community Services will spread out over a 4.7-acre grassy lot. The completion date is slated for spring 2024.

MidPen will construct five 3-story apartment buildings and one 2-story community center with a manager's unit. Two separate buildings will be used by Encompass as inpatient and outpatient facilities. Plans call for 16 studio apartments (\$644-1,288) as well as 19 1-bedroom (\$644-1380), 18 2-bedroom (\$490-1319) and 19 3-bedroom ( $\$ 828-2,134$ ) units.

MidPen's other development is reshaping the land at 78 Atkinson Lane to make way for an 80-unit affordable housing complex between Atkinson Lane and Brewington Avenue.

The project, part of a multiphase development plan approved some two decades ago, will feature three 3 -story buildings, an open gathering space and 137 parking spaces.

It is the second phase of the Pippin Orchards development. The first phase was completed at 56 Atkinson Lane in 2019. Like that project, every unit of the new development will be deed-restricted under the county's affordable housing policies. Of the 80 units, 39 of them will be deed-restricted to farmworker families, 37 would be filled through vouchers from the county's Housing Authority and all of them would be listed between $30-60 \%$ of the area's median income.

## Lookout Santa Cruz

Lookout Update: UCSC receives $\$ 89$ million from state toward Kresge College renewal project, housing

By: Hillary Ojeda
Source: Lookout Santa Cruz
July 22, 2022

UC Santa Cruz is getting closer to adding much needed on-campus student housing.

With Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature, the 2022-23 California budget allocates $\$ 89$ million toward housing at UCSC. Specifically, the funding will go toward the ongoing construction of the Kresge College renewal project.

Once completed, the project will add 600 more beds to the 50 -year-old residential college than what it originally offered. In total, the college will have housing for about 970 undergrads.
"This is wonderful news for our students and for our efforts to boost our stock of oncampus student housing," Chancellor Cynthia Larive said earlier this month. "I am grateful for the state investment. Student housing is such a critical need for our campus, and this project helps us advance our efforts to house more students on campus while supporting their educational success."

The funding will support the university's goal of alleviating the growing pressures of the housing crisis in Santa Cruz County. While the university provides housing for more than half of its undergraduates - among the highest percentage in the UC system its students still reported experiencing homelessness at higher rates, exacerbated by Santa Cruz's sky-high affordability issues. In the most recent academic year, about 9,300 students lived on campus.

Recognizing the challenges, the university aims to provide housing for $100 \%$ of new fulltime students above 19,500 students. Currently, the university's enrollment sits at about 18,500.

Construction on the Kresge College renewal project began shortly after it was approved by the University of California Board of Regents in March 2019. Part will be completed during the upcoming academic year, while the entire project is now expected to be completed in 2025.

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Looking to start a new summer gig? Here are ten roles recently posted to our Santa Cruz County job board.

1. Administrative Specialist at Central California Alliance for Health
2. Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (CAHM) - Adjunct Instructor at Cabrillo College
3. Event Coordinator for Open Streets Santa Cruz with Bike Santa Cruz County
4. Education \& Events Manager at Lookout Santa Cruz
5. Behavioral Health Program Manager at The County of Santa Cruz
6. Web Development Project Manager at Digital Nest
7. Bus Operator (Driver) at Santa Cruz METRO
8. Director of Finance and Human Resources at Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay
9. Financial Puzzle Solver at Roofscreen MFG, INC.
10. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at The County of Santa Cruz


## UCSC Summer Rum Time Changes

Santa Cruz METRO Transit District sent this bulletin at 07/22/2022 07:00 AM PDT
Effective Friday, July 22, 2022
METRO is making service adjustments on the weekday and weekend UCSC routes to more accurately reflect the current ridership demand and traffic levels. The weekday and weekend schedules on the route(s) 10 and 18 have been modified. The route 19 and 20 weekday schedules have been modified, but the weekend schedules remain the same.

The modified schedules for these routes are posted at every stop on the route(s) 10, 18, 19, 20.
ParaCruz service will not be impacted by these changes to fixed route service.

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## Caltrans Must Revise Highway 1 Impact Report After Court Ruling

## Plans for auxiliary lanes and a bicycle and pedestrian over-crossing are still on track

By PK Hattis |
July 18, 2022
SANTA CRUZ - The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and California Transportation Commission (Caltrans) will pause plans for a High Occupancy Vehicle lane after a recent court ruling ordered Caltrans to revise a report completed more than three years ago.
The challenge came from the Campaign for Sustainable Transportation and the Sierra Club and was in response to the Highway 1 Tier I/Tier II Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment that was prepared collaboratively between the two transportation commissions and certified in 2019. The Tier I level for highway corridor projects are classified on the Santa Cruz transportation commission's website as "planning-level" while Tier II efforts are "project-level." In essence, Tier I planning for the highway corridor is built over time through a series of incremental Tier II projects.
The ruling, which came from the Superior Court of California, was in favor of a challenge to a Tier I conceptual planning analysis for High Occupancy Vehicle lanes along the Highway 1 corridor. Challenges against Tier II projects including an expansion of auxiliary lanes and creation of a bicycle and pedestrian over-crossing at Chanticleer Avenue, were rejected, according to a media release from the Santa Cruz transportation commission.
"What I'm hoping is that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will seize the opportunity to reexamine their course of action," Chair of the Campaign for Sustainable Transportation Rick Longinotti told the Sentinel. "Instead of addressing congestion by expanding highways, we need to address it by offering people alternatives to being stuck in traffic."
Longinotti argues that the relief provided through auxiliary lanes will be short lived and that the congestion issue is better addressed by establishing a firm "bus-only" lane on the shoulder of the highway. According to the Santa Cruz commission, the High Occupancy Vehicle lane project has a baseline funding year of 2035, but current plans create a shared passage for buses through a combination of auxiliary and bus-on-shoulder lanes.

A media release from the Santa Cruz commission states that Caltrans must recirculate to the public a focused draft Environmental Impact Report that address three areas of the Tier I highway project: The 2035 baseline year for the High Occupancy Vehicle Lane, updates to the Tier I project description, and a study of the health effects for Mobile Source Air Toxins (MSATs) resulting from the project. According to the release, Caltrans and Santa Cruz commission staff plan to address the court's order and publicly recirculate an updated analysis in the coming months.

Mike Rotkin, a commissioner on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, told the Sentinel that the 2016 Measure D funding overwhelmingly approved by voters calls for highway expansion efforts that shouldn't be ignored. Still, he acknowledge the gap between the Campaign for Sustainable Transportation, which wants the current investment program abandoned, and the commission's staff that plan to move forward and rewrite the impact report.
"I suspect the RTC will support the latter-the staff recommendation," he said.

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## Route 35 - Big Basin State Park Weekend Service Starts July 23

Santa Cruz METRO Transit District sent this bulletin at 07/18/2022 02:10 PM PDT
Starting Saturday, July 23 Route 35 weekend service to Big Basin State Park will commence due to the reopening of the park.

The 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekend departures from Santa Cruz Metro Center will continue past Country Club to serve Big Basin State Park starting on July 23 and operates weekends through September $11^{\text {th }}$.

To view the full schedule, please visit https://www.scmtd.com/en/routes/schedule/202240/35/we_ob
Please note that visitors planning to visit Big Basin State Park by car can only visit by purchasing a prepaid parking reservation ( $\$ 8$; only 45 available per day, and must be reserved one day in advance), but no entrance fee or reservation is required for visitors who arrive by bus.

For additional information visit https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=540.


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7/17/2022

Tune in to this episode of the What to Be Show to hear from Dawn Crummié. Dawn has over 25 years of experience in Human Resources in both the public and private sectors. Her vast experience includes employee relations, recruitment, compensation, benefits, affirmative action, and Worker's Compensation.

Dawn currently serves as Santa Cruz METRO's HR Director and temporarily served as Interim CEO for the agency from January 2022 -April 2022, where she was the first female to hold the CEO title. She has been with the agency for 3.5 years. Prior to METRO Dawn served in the private sector at Cal Steam/Ferguson Enterprises as the HR Manager/Asset Manager for 15 years. Previous to that, she served as a Staffing Supervisor at Nelson Staffing handling all recruitment for 2.5 years.

Dawn holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources as well as a certificate in Transit Management from the University of the Pacific.

# Lookout Santa Cruz <br> Construction well underway on new student housing at UC Santa Cruz 

Presented By UC Santa Cruz

Scott Hernandez-Jason / UC Santa Cruz
July 6, 2022
Committed to advancing student success, UC Santa Cruz leaders are confronting the ongoing housing crisis by providing immediate support programs for students while building new residential buildings to significantly increase the number of students who can live on campus.


In the decade ahead, UC Santa Cruz plans to move forward on a bold and ambitious path that will continue to increase the amount of housing for current and future students. There are two major projects already approved-one under construction and the other overcoming legal challenges in the courts-that will allow more current students to live on campus. UC Santa Cruz is also in the midst of creating a 10 -year housing plan with a project ladder that at all times has projects in the planning, proposal or construction stage. This will allow UCSC to move on to another project if one is delayed and continuously deliver beds to meet its goals.

These bold future plans will build on the campus's longstanding commitment to providing an on-campus residential experience for students. The campus currently provides housing for more than half of its undergraduates. While this is one of the highest percentages in the UC system, leaders say it is not high enough. Campus efforts to build more on-campus housing continue in earnest.

> 19 | "Santa Cruz faces urgent housing challenges, and oncampus student housing is a critical need for our campus. We are compelled to seize every opportunity to increase the amount of student housing we offer."
> - Cynthia Larive, UC Santa Cruz Chancellor

## A long-term focus on housing

In fall 2021, the UC Board of Regents unanimously approved UCSC's 2021 Long Range Development, which is a blueprint for future physical development on campus, painting in broad strokes how the main campus and Westside Research Park might develop over the next two decades. The plan identifies where students, staff and faculty could be housed, where new spaces for learning and research could be created, and what land should be off-limits to construction.

The plan respects the original vision for UC Santa Cruz and was shaped by substantial feedback from community partners. Highlights of the plan include:

- Utilizing a compact footprint for learning, research and housing spaces.
- Proposing sites for up to four new residential colleges, advancing our distinctive residential college-system structure.
- Expands housing for 100 percent of new full-time student enrollment above 19,500. UCSC is currently at about 18,500 students.
- Providing housing for up to 25 percent of new employees, based on demand.

Like for many organizations in Santa Cruz County, Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Lori Kletzer said the lack of housing availability and its cost makes it difficult to recruit and retain employees and that the campus must mitigate its impacts in order to achieve its long-term goals.

With insights and recommendations from an Employee Housing Advisory Workgroup, the campus is developing a plan that will help to provide more housing and housing support for faculty and staff including a staged plan to regularly develop, plan, design and build more employee housing.

UC Santa Cruz anticipates holding its enrollment steady as possible until more housing comes online. Housing is a critical component of student success, and UC Santa Cruz remains focused on ensuring students are poised to have a meaningful college experience that will position them for long-term personal and professional success.

# The Pajaronian <br> METRO offers employment incentives to address staffing 'crisis' 

By: Staff Report
July 6, 2022


SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) has introduced a number of new incentives aimed at attracting qualified bus operators to address an "unprecedented crisis in staffing levels" in public transportation.

Thanks to a recent contract extension between METRO and the three unions representing the agency, new operators will have a starting salary of $\$ 23.75$, versus the previous rate of $\$ 19.97$-or the "trainee rate" that was put on pause via a pilot program

Additionally, METRO will continue to offer a $5 \%$ yearly salary increase for the next six years.

The incentives are available to new hires through July 13. Previous driving experience is not required, as METRO will provide all training in-house.
"We are living in a time when public transportation is facing an unprecedented crisis in staffing levels," said Brandon Freeman of SMART Local 0023, the union representing the bus operators. "All through the state, agencies are finding themselves short on people and becoming increasingly more overtime reliant. Here in Santa Cruz, under the direction of our new CEO, Michael Tree, SMART Local 0023 and HR Director, Dawn Crummié, have been empowered to implement new and creative solutions to attract new operators."

Over the past few recruitment cycles, METRO has received an underwhelming number of applicants and is trying to backfill vacant operator positions so that it can maintain its current service levels with minimal impact on riders.

Crummié said in a press release that METRO is facing the same challenges recruiting operators as their sister agencies.

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## Santa Cruz METRO Launches New Recruitment Incentives to Attract Bus Operator Applicants Including an Increase in Starting Salary \& Hiring Bonus

Santa Cruz, CA (Wednesday, July 6, 2022) - The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) is introducing a variety of new incentives to attract qualified Bus Operators in the agency's latest recruitment, which opened June $13^{\text {th }}$ and runs until July 13th.
"We are living in a time when public transportation is facing an unprecedented crisis in staffing levels. All through the state, agencies are finding themselves short on people and becoming increasingly more overtime reliant," said Brandon Freeman, SMART Local 0023. "Here in Santa Cruz, under the direction of our new CEO, Michael Tree, SMART Local 0023 and HR Director, Dawn Crummié, have been empowered to implement new and creative solutions to attract new operators."

In May 2022, the METRO Board of Directors approved contract extensions for all three Union's representing METRO. Along with this extension is a pilot program with SMART Local 0023 that eliminates the trainee rate and increases the starting salary rate for new Bus Operators from the original Step 1 rate to Step 2. Now new Operators will have a starting salary of $\$ 23.75$ versus the previous rate of $\$ 19.97$. Additionally, METRO will continue to offer a $5 \%$ yearly salary increase for the next six years on an 8-Step progression period.
"At METRO we are facing the same challenges with recruiting Bus Operators as our sister transit agencies," said Dawn Crummié, METRO HR Director. "We are striving to create new ideas to recruit and retain talent. One such idea is a pilot program that temporarily eliminates our Step 1 training wage so that new operator's salaries start 5\% higher. Additionally, in lieu of negotiating the SMART Local 0023 contract this year, we have agreed with the union on a oneyear increase of $3.5 \%$. This along with temporarily eliminating the training wage, has increased the starting wage in total by $8.5 \%$. This is equal to a total compensation, of $\$ 94,863$ ( $\$ 51,126$ in wages $\& \$ 43,737$ in benefits), in year one alone."

Another incentive METRO is offering is a $\$ 4,000$ hiring bonus to all new Operators that will be paid out in three installments, $\$ 500$ after completing training, $\$ 1,500$ after completing probation, and $\$ 2,000$ one-year after completing probation, in aims of attracting new talent. Furthermore, to increase the pool of talent METRO has also implemented an Employee Referral Incentive Program for current employees in the amount of $\$ 2,000$ if they refer a Bus Operator candidate to the position, which will be paid out over a two-year period.
"By offering a higher starting wage, industry leading benefits and rich incentives such as a \$4,000 hiring bonus, every effort is being made to bring on new operators. A new referral program is the latest step in turning all current staff into recruitment agents and I think this really shows the commitment we have at METRO and within SMART Local 0023 to our community. We understand how critical public transportation is to our county and we are taking every possible step to maintain the highest levels of service possible." - Brandon Freeman, SMART Local 0023

Over the past few recruitment cycles METRO has received an underwhelming amount of applicants and is trying to backfill vacant Operator positions so it can maintain its' current service levels with minimal impact to riders. The agency is hoping that these new incentives will be the key to attracting more talent.

To be a qualified candidate, applicants must possess strong customer service skills and interact with the public. Previous driving experience is not required as METRO will provide all training in-house.

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## Opening date finally relleased for Big Basin Redwoods two years after devastating willdfire

By Wesley Severson - Published on July 01, 2022.


Bay Area wildlife lovers are teeming with excitement after hearing that fire-ravaged Big Basin Redwoods State Park, California's oldest state park, will finally open back up to the public on July 22nd - and the reservations books opened today. $97 \%$ of the park in the Santa Cruz Mountains was burned up during the 86,000-acre CZU Lightning Complex Fire which was sparked by lightning strikes in mid-August of 2020. The park's infrastructure, including the historic village buildings, the amphitheater, and campgrounds, were destroyed along with the park's wooden bridges and powerlines.

Even though much of the rebuilding is still underway at Big Basin, officials have been able to open 18 miles of trails, including the Redwood Loop, where many of the famed 300 -foot-tall old-growth redwoods sit near the former park headquarters. Almost all the redwood trees were scorched by the wildfire but are still alive. "The devastation of the CZU Fire reminded all of us how beloved and special this park is to generations of visitors. While it will not look like the same Big Basin visitors remember, we hope visitors will enjoy making new memories during this pivotal time for the park," Bonny Hawley with Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks told SnowBrains.


The portion that will reopen represents just a fraction of the 18,000-acre park. California State Parks and the group Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks have been working non-stop over the past two years to remove all the dead trees that could potentially cause injuries. Officials hope to open even more access to the park this fall. "It's been a remarkable recovery. There is significant regrowth in almost all of the redwoods. They have green sprouts. There are douglas fir trees that have died in the forest that have been removed, and lots of shrubs and flowering plants that are coming back. The landscape is recovering well," State Parks spokesperson Chris Spohrer told the Mercury News.

Big Basin Officials are only allowing 45 cars to be inside the park at one time when it opens on July 22nd. Starting on July 1st, the park will begin using a new system to take reservations from people who want to drive in. You can make reservations up to 60 days in advance by going to www.cognitoforms.com/FSCSP1/BigBasinParking or by calling (831)338-8867. Parking costs $\$ 6$, and there's a $\$ 2$ reservation fee. You don't need a reservation if you plan to ride your bike into the park or if you plan to use the public bus provided by Santa Cruz Metro Transit.

# The Pajaronian Spirit of Watsonville parade to return in full force 

By Johanna Miller
June 24, 2022


After a two-year hiatus, the Spirit of Watsonville Fourth of July Parade will finally be returning to the Pajaro Valley.

Parade goers can expect all the usual favorites, from the mayor riding in a vintage convertible, new and antique fire engines, nonprofit and community groups, local businesses, car clubs, folklorico dance groups, marching bands, equestrian groups and more.

Other highlights will include one of Metro Santa Cruz's new electric buses on display, marchers dressed as LED robots, and this year's Grand Marshall, Girlz Squad.
"We're excited to return to celebrate the Fourth of July with the beloved Spirit of Watsonville neighborhood parade," said Jessica Beebe, recreation supervisor at the City of Watsonville. "We hope everyone will turn out."

This year's theme is "Stars on Main Street," inviting participants to demonstrate their creativity and talent with their outfits, floats and displays.

Beebe said that groups have been especially dedicated this year.
"The community is just thrilled to be part of this again," she said. "They're ready to go. It's been wonderful. We've had a really good response. People are just thrilled to be able to get out there, show their patriotism and support the community."

Beebe highlighted and thanked the 2022 sponsors, including Driscoll's Inc., Chevrolet of Watsonville and the Pajaronian.
"We're super grateful for everyone who has made it possible for us to bring this favorite event back to the community," she said.

This year's Grand Marshall, Girlz Squad, is a community organizing group led by Barbie Gomez. The group volunteers, raises money for nonprofits and donates to various causes through social media.

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## By Michael Balsams, Eric Tucker and Eric Tucker and

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Jeffrey Clark, then-assistant attorney general for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, speaks during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington. Federal agents have searched the Virginia
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## MTI: Changing patterns of violence pose new challenges for public transport

Aug. 18, 2022- The Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) released the findings from a new study, Changing Patterns of Violence Pose New Challenges for Public Transport. It found that countries with advanced economies (Group 1) account for a growing percentage of incidents worldwide, with the United States taking the lead in the total number of incidents and number of fatalities in those countries.

The report's authors, Brian Michael Jenkins and Bruce R. Butterworth, say that while developing countries (Group 2), especially in South Asia, continue to account for most of the attacks with the highest number of fatalities, advanced economies are seeing a surge in low-level attacks carried out by lone attackers.

By analyzing data from 5,611 attacks against all public surface transport targets that occurred worldwide between January 1970 and July 2022, they observed a growing problem of violence against passengers and staff on passenger trains and at train stations, buses and bus stations, rail infrastructure and operating and security staff. They not only included explosives and incendiaries, but physical attacks-stabbings, shootings, arson, unarmed physical assaults and other acts of random violence.
"Our analysis indicates a fundamental shift in the threat facing public surface transportation. At the beginning of the decade the people responsible for security were worried about suicide attackers, particularly those motivated by Jihadist ideologies and bent upon causing mass casualties, with large scale bombings as well as the possibility of chemical or biological attacks. However, controls on explosives and precursor chemicals have been strengthened, especially in economically advanced countries," Jenkins said.

The authors are quick to warn that large-scale attacks such as Madrid (2004) and Mumbai (2008) should not be dismissed as a potential threat and that bombings continue to constitute more than 55 percent of all attacks on public surface transportation in developing countries - particularly in South Asia.

However, in economically advanced countries, security planners now face a more complicated and insidious threat in the form of increasing attacks by individual criminals, persons described as mentally disturbed, or, in many cases, unknown attackers. The violence is increasingly random and carried out by lone individuals who can make potentially lethal bombs, which very often do not work. At the same time, there has been an increase in incidents of sabotage by anarchists and environmental extremists.

## Mass Transit

## FTA announces recipients of more than $\$ 1.6$ billion in funding for clean transit

Aug. 16, 2022-
A total of $\$ 1.66$ billion was awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to 48 states and territories, supporting 150 bus fleets and facilities throughout the United States to invest in cleaner transportation, reduce pollution and meet the Biden-Harris Administration's goal of net zero emissions by 2050.
"With today's awards, we're helping communities across America - in cities, suburbs and rural areas alike - purchase more than 1,800 new buses, and most of them are zero-emission," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Funded through President [Joe] Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this announcement means more good jobs for people across the country, cleaner air in our communities and more affordable and reliable options to help people get to where they need to go."

The funding was provided through the FTA's Buses and Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission (Low-No) Vehicle programs and will support the purchase of more than 1,800 bus vehicles in urban, suburban, rural and tribal communities. Of those vehicles, more than 1,100 qualify as zero emission, nearly doubling the number of zero-emission buses currently on the road. Additionally, for the first time, five percent of this year's Low-No funding will be used to train transit workers on how to maintain and operate new clean bus technology.
"The grants we're announcing include 74 projects that provide support to train workers in operating and maintaining buses powered with this new technology," said FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez during a press call announcing the grant recipients. "For example, Omnitrans will receive funding to buy as many as four new fuel cell battery electric buses. They're going to build the hydrogen refueling station and they're going to launch a comprehensive workforce development program, including training and a new apprenticeship program in partnership with San Bernadino Valley College."

Grants range from $\$ 150,000$ to $\$ 160$ million. Other examples of projects include:

- The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will receive $\$ 104.1$ million to buy approximately 160 battery-electric buses to replace older compressed natural gas buses, as well as charging equipment. The project will improve safety, air quality and reliability for residents and visitors to the Los Angeles metropolitan area.
- The Memphis Area Transit Authority will receive $\$ 54$ million to build an operations and maintenance facility. The facility, which will be in Memphis, will


## Mass Transit

## FL: People lose the strangest things on Pinellas County buses

Aug. 16, 2022-
Every morning, before she unlocks the lobby at the bus headquarters, Tiara Holmes heads toward the parking lot where the fleet gets cleaned out.

There, inside a glass door, a white locker looms 10 feet tall: Lost and Found.
Holmes unlatches the padlock - and starts poring through pieces of people's lives.
A wallet. Two cell phones.
Someone's identity, someone's lifeline.
Something wrapped in a napkin.
"I'm not going to touch that," she mutters.
A small Target bag. A green duffel.
"Not until I get gloves."
A high-heeled, leopard print boot, left. A brown leather loafer, the same size, right.
"I try not to wonder too much," Holmes says on this Tuesday in August, standing the shoes side by side.
"But sometimes..."

You ride the bus, in Florida, because you have to. Because without a car, or driver's license, or the money for an app like Uber, it's often the only way to get to work, doctors' appointments, the grocery. To see the beach, for some. To cool off in air conditioning, for people without it.

Everything you carry, you cradle in your lap, hold beside you.
Yet so much gets left behind.
Some things you'd expect: umbrellas, sunglasses, lunch boxes, leftovers.
some seat in the summer heat, then leaked into the locker all weekend. "I still can't eat chicken," she says.

This morning, the women find a gold-tinted necklace in the Target bag, with its receipt. A gift? An indulgence?

A pair of green slides. A three-pack of Hanes boxer briefs, unopened. A pair of bleached board shorts, inside out. Did someone peel those off on the bus?

From the battered green duffel, Holmes extracts worn sweatpants, two T-shirts, men's briefs, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush, a rusty razor and "some very stank shoes."

No ID.
"This person must be homeless," Kester says, shaking her head. "A lot of times, it's everything they own."

Bikes also nag at the women. In a cage beside the depot, 22 wait.
Someone rode that to the stop, loaded it onto the bus, got off and - what? - forgot it? How did they get home? Do they know they can come get it?

Only 40 percent of lost bikes are claimed, Rank says. The rest get donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
"This one is so sad. It's been here awhile," says Kester, looking over a battered blue Schwinn with a moldy tent and tarp tethered to the handlebars.
"Somebody didn't just lose their transportation here. They lost their home."
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The women enjoy playing detective, matching items to IDs, seeing people's relief.
One man cried when Holmes found the program from his brother's funeral. Two tourists wrote Kester thank you notes for returning their wallets.
"We get a lot of repeat customers," she says. "I call them my friends."
"You know," Holmes tells Kester as they walk back to the lobby, "that lady got her teeth back today."

The most important items, Holmes locks behind her desk.

## "Gracias! Gracias!"

Holmes sits back behind her desk, scrolls through a long spreadsheet and types: Returned.

## Mass Transit

## Aug 12, 22

## Santa Clara VTA chips away at operator shortage

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) welcomed 20 new bus operators who recently graduated from an intensive nine-week program and are ready to help fill a chronic shortage of operators at the authority.

The graduation took place Aug. 10, 2022, at Santa Clara VTA's Chaboya Bus Division.
Santa Clara VTA says it has recently augmented efforts to recruit drivers, increasing the number of training classes offered to fill driver shortages that affect the level of transit service the authority can provide. The agency is chipping away at the shortage, with 70 vacancies in November 2021 reduced to 40 vacancies currently.

The new graduates are also participating in an 18-month apprenticeship program which allows them to earn 18 college credits from Mission College as they work.

Five of the new bus operator graduates have plans to enter Santa Clara VTA's Light Rail Operator training program, a job that is also experiencing a shortage of operators.

## Mass Transit

# Biden Administration awards $\$ 49.2$ million for innovative technology grants to improve mobility and travel on America's highways, transit systems 

Aug. 11, 2022-
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) together awarded $\$ 49.2$ million in innovative technology grants to improve mobility and multimodal connections for people who travel on the nation's highway and transit systems.

Grants can be applied to technologies ranging from systems that detect and prevent wrong-way crashes to advanced technology to improve trucking operations and terminal operator activities at a port. A full list of recipients is included on FHWA's website.
"With these grants, the Biden-Harris Administration is helping communities deliver modern transportation systems that connect people to where they want to go more affordably, efficiently and safely," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "We're pleased to support these innovative solutions that will improve driving and public transit for Americans in urban, suburban and rural areas alike."

The FHWA awarded $\$ 45.2$ million in Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grants to 10 projects using advanced intelligent transportation systems (ITS) technologies that improve mobility and safety, reduce congestion and support underserved communities.

The FTA awarded $\$ 4$ million in Enhancing Mobility Innovation (EMI) grants to nine transit agencies and organizations in six states and the District of Columbia to improve access and mobility for transit riders.

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## APTA Passenger Transport Express

August 5, 2022

## APTA Discusses Industry Priorities with New Santa Cruz Metro CEO



APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas met with Michael Tree, the new chief executive officer of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro), Santa Cruz County, CA, at the APTA offices July 29 to discuss efforts to increase ridership, reduce emissions and promote affordable housing. Also attending was Wondimu Mengistu, Metro's capital planning \& grants program manager.
The Metro representatives also discussed a successful strategy that was put in place to increase the agency's workforce as ridership is expected to increase when students return to the University of California, Santa Cruz campus this fall.

Tree joined Metro in April of this year and came to the agency with more than 27 years of experience in public transportation and city management. Most recently, he served as CEO concurrently for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority in California.


Muni bus driver Brendan Bartholomew in San Francisco in July.Photographer: David Paul Morris/Bloomberg

## Diary of a Pandemic Bus Driver

Amid unmasked riders and simmering tensions, a San Francisco bus operator recounts the personal toll of rolling through the Covid-19 crisis.

## Brendan Bartholomew

July 29, 2022, 6:04 AM PDT
During two years of driving city buses in San Francisco during the pandemic, I went from being a jovial raconteur on wheels to a zealous enforcer of correct mask usage.

With an elderly parent under my care at home, I was diligent about wearing protective gear and uncompromising about riders who didn't; to protect myself and my passengers from Covid-19, I made every effort to ensure everyone complied with the CDC's rules mandating face coverings on all public transportation. For my efforts, I was rewarded with daily insults and occasional threats of violence.

So when a federal judge struck down the national mask mandate for public transportation in April, my reaction was complicated: On one hand, I embraced my role as mask enforcer. But the moment that burden was lifted from my shoulders was also an enormous relief.

To explain why, I must begin with the early days of the pandemic.
When the crisis began, I had been with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency also known as "Muni" - for almost three years. This was my first bus-driving job. With its 10hour workdays, abuse from passengers, and constant collision hazards, it was the most challenging position I'd ever held. When people asked if I liked my job, I often invoked the old Peace Corps tagline: It was indeed "the toughest job you'll ever love."


A passenger boards Bartholomew's bus in July. Photographer: David Paul Morris/Bloomberg

In mid-March 2020, San Francisco Mayor London Breed announced a stay-at-home order. The first days of the lockdown were surreal. With virtually no cars on the road and very few passengers, it was the easiest driving I'd ever done, yet not without stress: Every day brought fresh news about mounting death tolls, and there was always the possibility the next person to board my bus would be the one who infected me.

Still, I was surprised when one of my closest friends said, "Please stop going to work."

The idea of not going to work was contrary to SFMTA culture, and I needed this job, desperately. I had a mother at home suffering from dementia, and my paycheck was crucial to my ability to take care of her. But the agency had given us additional sick hours and promised that workers staying home for Covid-related reasons would not be subject to discipline.

So I took some time off, assuming I could wait out the worst of the outbreak. I wound up staying home for two months. When I came back to work in mid-May 2020, I returned to a drastically altered transit environment.

To prevent overcrowding, $80 \%$ of SFMTA's bus routes had been suspended, along with all light rail and cable car service. The somewhat counterintuitive idea was that the 17 remaining "core service routes" would run at far higher frequencies, so wait times would be reduced and passengers would be able to practice social distancing.

The agency asked us to try to limit the number of passengers on our buses. A standard 40 -foot bus was expected to carry no more than 20 people at a time.

Our passengers only sometimes complied with these limits. We had large, laminated "DROP OFF ONLY" signs we would display inside our windshields when we were at capacity, but preventing people from rushing onto a full bus while we were dropping somebody off was often impossible.

Sometimes as I approached a stop, I would use my external loudspeaker to say, in what I hoped was a commanding voice, "Drop off only! This bus is full! Do not get on this bus!"


A sign informing passengers about SFMTA service cuts in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.
Photographer: David Paul Morris/Bloomberg
Using our new headway management system, I could tell passengers exactly how many minutes it would take for the next bus to arrive. But even if I told them the next bus was coming in less than three minutes, they'd still desperately try to board.

As unnerving as those situations could be, the conflicts with mask refusers were far worse.
In calling them "mask refusers," I'm being specific with my language. Terms like "anti-masker" imply being part of a movement. But few of the people I dealt with appeared to be motivated by politics or ideology; it was simply a matter of convenience and comfort.

Many would wear their mask when boarding the bus, and then, as soon as they were seated, expose their mouth and nose. They behaved as if wearing a mask were akin to presenting an ID when entering a nightclub - once they'd gained admittance, they could put it away. Or they were counting on the driver to not notice, not care, or not be willing to do the hard work of confronting them.

Some drivers were diligent about this; others felt, reasonably, that the job was hard enough. "I just pretend I don't see nothing and keep driving," one of my coworkers told me.

After a Twitter user photographed an unmasked rider and tweeted the image at my employer, noting the bus driver was ignoring the violation, SFMTA replied that it wasn't requiring operators to enforce the mask mandate. I assume this was for our own safety: Research has found a strong connection between fare disputes and operator assaults.

So I didn't have to enforce mask use. Yet I had to. Prior to the pandemic, I'd read too many posts on social media from passengers of various transit systems who'd been sexually harassed, subjected to hate speech, threatened, or otherwise made to feel unsafe while riding the bus, and "the driver did nothing."

I had long ago resolved to never be that kind of driver. Now that a deadly disease was in the mix, my responsibility was clear. My passengers were often afraid to confront an unmasked scofflaw, but I was duty-bound to do so.
"I have a mask!" some riders would insist as they boarded. Some would then take a seat, expecting to ride unmasked. "I'm just going two blocks," some would say, or "I'm just going to the top of the hill." Others might try to spend the next five minutes searching their belongings for a mask. Every one of these experiences was a minefield, because I never knew how an unmasked passenger might react when I refused to let them have their way.

For other mask refusers, I was a proxy for every authority figure who'd ever oppressed them.
On one occasion, a man boarded the 9 San Bruno with a McDonald's meal and drink, sat down, and pulled his mask down to his chin. I told him he would have to keep his mouth and nose covered and he replied, "I'm going to eat!" He only grudgingly complied after I told him I would not move the bus if he didn't keep his mask on; for the remainder of the trip, he harangued me with insults. "The white man gave you a job," he told me, "and now you think you're somebody."

I realized this man was one of the many passengers who inexplicably mistook me for Asian. I am white, but passengers occasionally looked at my masked face and concluded otherwise. Sometimes those passengers were Chinese grandmothers who asked me questions in Cantonese and were surprised by my lack of comprehension. More often, they were people who disliked Asian-Americans and were enraged I was telling them to wear a mask.
"You people started this disease and brought it over here," one woman muttered after I asked her to put her mask on.

On another night, a passenger involved in a mask dispute said he hoped I crashed and repeatedly called me a "Chino cochino." When I got home, I entered that phrase in Google Translate and learned it meant "Chinese pig."

Operators who really were Asian-American obviously had it far worse than me. In July 2020, one of my coworkers confronted three youth who'd boarded his bus without masks. They spat on him and yelled anti-Asian slurs as they beat him, breaking one of his fingers. In April 2021 the San Francisco Examiner reported an uptick in violence against Asian and Pacific Islander
passengers and bus drivers, describing the phenomenon as "part of San Francisco's own iteration of a nationwide trend of xenophobia and racism against these communities that wrongfully blames them for the Covid-19 pandemic."

For other mask refusers, I was a proxy for every authority figure who'd ever oppressed them. "Imagine being such a company man," a drunk passenger once remarked to his girlfriend, whom I'd spoken to because she'd refused to keep her mask on. The couple stayed on my now-parked 9 San Bruno bus for an exhausting 40 minutes, filming and verbally abusing me. They only left the coach after the police arrived.


Passengers on Bartholomew's bus in July. Photographer: David Paul Morris/Bloomberg

This man's comment summed up the disconnect between mask refusers and me. It never occurred to him I might be afraid for my life. It never entered his mind I might have an elderly mother at home who could die alone in an ICU if I brought the virus home to her. For him, the mask rule was just an arbitrary thing, enforced by low-level public servants, for no reason relevant to him.

Passengers sometimes alerted me when somebody was riding without a mask, but only rarely took it upon themselves to confront those individuals. On one such occasion, I was driving the 54 Felton toward the hills above Hunter's Point when a woman yelled, "Operator, this man just took his mask off to cough!"

When I told the man he would have to get off the bus, he replied in a gravelly voice, "I'm just trying to get home."

This incensed another passenger, who said, "You don't stay up here. You don't even know which bus you're on!"

Which might have been true. The man appeared to be homeless, one of the many San Franciscans who ride our buses in circles without specific destinations. For these victims of our city's ongoing humanitarian crisis, the early pandemic messaging that "Muni is for essential trips only" was meaningless.

Things escalated - in trying to eject this passenger from my bus, the man confronting him touched his body. I put in a priority call to a supervisor: "My passenger is putting his hands on the guy!" Finally, he left the coach. As with many similar confrontations, the potential for violence stopped just short of being realized.

Some of this wasn't new: There have always been passengers who would cause problems and dehumanize bus drivers. Pre-pandemic, this was just part of the job, and I rarely lost my cool. But at a time when transit workers around the country and at my agency had died, it felt different to deal with unmasked passengers who presumed to decide for me how much risk I should be exposed to.

These new tensions around driving the bus are not unique to San Francisco. In cities across the US, transit agencies are struggling to retain their workers or hire new ones. In a new report, "Bus Operators in Crisis," the public transportation advocacy group Transit Center says that workplace stress and safety fears are contributing to the labor crunch: Even before the pandemic, assaults against operators were on the rise.

Adding the risk of Covid to this mix only sharpened my anxieties. Why wouldn't I feel rage toward people who were helping the virus spread? Why shouldn't I judge someone who was jeopardizing my life?

Sometimes, I could not disguise these feelings.
"Do you understand you're showing a complete lack of respect to everybody around you?" I found myself saying to a man on the 19 Polk who kept pulling his mask down. In these situations, all I could do was refuse to move the bus until the person put their mask back on. Since he kept removing his mask, I kept stopping, slowing the coach's progress as it traveled through the tony Upper Polk district toward the Tenderloin.

As I kept stopping the bus, and as my voice changed in pitch and volume, I lost the crowd's goodwill. Other riders began to heckle me. "Come on, just drive the bus," one said.

In failing to manage my emotions, I made the situation worse, eliciting from this passenger empty threats of violence, which he increasingly voiced as the situation unfolded.

Just a day earlier, I'd had a similar exchange with another passenger on the same route. That time, after the person's refusals to keep his mouth and nose covered, I set my parking brake and turned around in my seat. "I'm sorry, am I being unreasonable?" I practically yelled. "No, no, I get it - my life doesn't matter to you, and neither do the lives of the other people on this bus."

Twice in two days I'd made a spectacle of myself, escalating conflicts that could have been handled differently.

After the second incident, I called in sick.
"Every operator has their breaking point," my union representative told me. She assured me she could fight any resulting disciplinary charge, in case somebody called 311 to complain about my little tantrum. But it wasn't discipline I was worried about. It was the possibility an assistant superintendent who had a high opinion of my work ethic might be shocked to see a different, darker side of me.

The pandemic ground on. Vaccines arrived; San Francisco and its neighboring cities "reopened." Social distancing requirements were eliminated, and SFMTA began to restore most of its previously suspended routes and services. Each bus trip still required me to make split-second decisions about unmasked passengers. I didn't always get it right, but I persevered, enforcing mask use with the same righteous vigor I always had, despite the toll it took on me.

When, in April 2022, I heard that a U.S. district judge had overturned the CDC's mask mandate for public transportation, my first reaction was relief. Wow, I thought, The next time I drive the bus, I won't have to say one word to anybody about wearing a mask.

It wasn't just that I wouldn't have to enforce mask use - it was that I'd lost the authority to do so. What would that be like?

It turned out to be pretty sweet.


My first day back on the job was a revelation. When people were queued up to enter the back door, I didn't have to watch them like a hawk, scanning for unmasked passengers. And once aboard, I didn't have to check the inside mirror to verify whether they were keeping their masks on, or repeatedly halt the bus and lay down the law.

People would no longer hate me for enforcing mask compliance; I would no longer be in a position to judge them. I chose to let go of the sense of rage and injustice I'd so often felt over the previous two years. Now I could get back to the business of just enjoying my passengers.

One regular passenger is a good example. Every time he boarded, I'd remind him to pull his mask up over his nose. And every time we got to his stop, I would realize he'd been riding the whole time with his mask down around his chin. Once, another passenger had complained he didn't feel safe because I "allowed people to ride like that."

Worst of all, this man always chose the seat directly behind mine - so he could hide from my inside mirror, I'd figured. But with the mandate over, I realized this guy had probably picked that seat because it was the least disruptive place he could park the baby stroller in which his dog rode.

Before the pandemic, this passenger had always been chatty, and now that I was freed from policing his mask use, I could engage him in conversation again. I learned his name and his dog's name, and that his dog enjoyed eating yogurt. I got his opinions about various social issues. One night, we talked about our mutual affection for the original "Battlestar Galactica"
television series from 1978. (There is no more direct path to my heart than letting me know you grew up with the same cheesy sci-fi franchises I watched as a child.)

I don't know why my new friend was so unwilling to keep his mask on; maybe his life history or day-to-day experiences just caused him to focus on other things than me.

But now I don't need to ask him, just as I never again need to visit judgement upon a maskless passenger. The virus is still out there, but I did my part. Now I'm free. And I'm just going to enjoy my crazy job and keep those wheels turning.
-Brendan Bartholomew is a writer and bus operator for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. He tweets at @,BrenBartholomew.


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