

There were no public comments.

Hearing nothing further, Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson moved to the next agenda item.

15 CEO ORAL REPORT

Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager, spoke to the following topics:

- Award of \$1.2 billion to the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) and how that will help develop the hydrogen infrastructure and reduce the cost of fuel with the production of green hydrogen.
- Three articulated buses from the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) have been put into service to ease overcrowding and pass-ups on the UCSC campus. Those buses are getting wrapped this weekend. Three additional articulated buses will be delivered today, and we are expecting three more buses in the coming weeks from MTS.
- Phase 2 of Reimagine METRO will require an additional twelve 40' buses. Riverside Transit Agency is willing to provide us with those buses, which are at their mid-point in life expectancy.
- Over the last week we've taken delivery of seven paratransit vans.
- Eduardo Montesino has been a fantastic ambassador in getting out and finding talent to bring into the agency.
- Ridership - fixed route is up 15% over last year; UCSC increased 30%; and Youth Cruz Free increased over 400%.
- AMBAG (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments) will be asking their Board to consider its staff's recommendation to award \$2 million to the Watsonville housing project.
- Soquel and Highway 1 project will provide about 60 housing units in conjunction with the ParaCruz facility.

There were no public comments.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 421 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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