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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2025**

SUBJECT: MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 27, 2025.



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February 18, 2025

The Honorable Janice Hahn, Chair and
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Members
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-3-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project – Support for Alternatives 4 and 5, a Direct, On-Campus Station at UCLA, and a Seamless Connection to the D Line at the Westwood/UCLA Station

Dear Chair Hahn and Board Members:

On behalf of the City of Culver City, I am writing to express our strong support for Alternatives 4 and 5, the inclusion of a direct, on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a seamless connection to the Metro D Line (Purple) at Westwood/UCLA Station for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (STC). On February 10, 2025, the Culver City Council voted to support Alternatives 4 and 5 and a STC project that advances these objectives.

Commuters traveling between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, and onward to final destinations across the region, face chronic traffic and limited transit alternatives. Metro estimates that the current journey between the Van Nuys Metrolink station in the San Fernando Valley and the E Line (Expo) on the Westside takes over an hour and half via transit, with transit riders stuck in the same congestion as drivers. Driving is not much faster, averaging 40-90 minutes at peak. This negatively affects quality of life, harms regional air quality, and undermines statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (STC) promises to cut that journey to as little as 20 mins, a transformative change that could bring tens of thousands of Angelenos out of their cars and onto transit. It is essential that Metro leverages this once in a generation opportunity to ensure a better mobility future for the region. To maximize mobility benefits and ridership, the STC project needs to directly connect the most popular destinations between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. According to Metro's projections, which includes UCLA, a directly located station would be the busiest non-transfer station in the entire system. It also necessitates seamless connections with other transit lines to create a network that is fast and convenient for riders across the region. A seamless connection with the D Line (Purple) at Wilshire Blvd. is essential; it is projected to be the overall busiest station in the STC project and would serve as a key transfer point for the Metro system.

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Alternatives 4 and 5 are best suited to support these goals. They have the highest projected ridership and the shortest projected travel times when factoring in peak frequency. They include a direct, on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line (Purple) at Westwood/UCLA, both of which are projected to be the highest-ridership of all alternatives. They provide new rail transit service on Sepulveda Blvd. in the Valley, expanding access beyond existing planned service on Van Nuys Blvd. Additionally, Alternatives 4 and 5 terminate at the existing transit hub at Expo/Sepulveda, which is well served by Metro, Big Blue Bus, and Culver CityBus, furthering connections across the Westside and beyond.

We appreciate your ongoing leadership and respectfully urge you to support Alternatives 4 and 5, which include a direct, on-campus station at UCLA and a seamless connection to the D Line (Purple) at Westwood/UCLA Station, for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan O'Brien", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Dan O'Brien
Mayor

cc: Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Metro
The Honorable Members of the City Council
John M. Nachbar, City Manager
Diana Chang, Chief Transportation Officer

February 2025 RBM Public Comment – Item 33

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:28 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item #33 - Against - Feb 27 2025 BOD Meeting

Hello LA Metro. My name is [REDACTED] I'm a resident of Downey, and I take LA Metro buses and trains everyday to work. I'm against the installation of taller faregates as LA Metro will be spending millions of even more dollars trying to enforce fares, when LA Metro instead should be moving towards universal free fares.

Taller faregates are going to make it a burden for passive fare evaders that are low income that need to use the LA Metro because they have no choice. If it's too much of a burden, they may be forced to take buses instead of trains and thus this will lower the rail ridership numbers and make taking trains less safe because there's less people taking the trains (because less riders = less safety in numbers = less safety). All while the minority of those that are aggressive fare evaders will continue pushing/finding their way through to get into the train system anyway (already you can see videos of the BART tall faregates where fare evaders are still getting through anyway). Even this item's board report states that the WMATA taller faregates do not eliminate 100% of fare evaders.

Again, the better way to improve public safety and a better investment for LA Metro's money is to move towards free fareless and to stop spending millions more dollars on fare enforcement for fare revenue that only make up less than 2% of LA Metro's budget.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]



MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2025

10:00 AM

Board of Directors - Regular Board Meeting

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Janice Hahn, Chair

Fernando Dutra, 1st Vice Chair

Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, 2nd Vice Chair

Kathryn Barger

Karen Bass

James Butts

Lindsey Horvath

Holly J. Mitchell

Ara J. Najarian

Imelda Padilla

Tim Sandoval

Hilda Solis

Katy Yaroslavsky

Gloria Roberts, non-voting member

Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:06 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 23**, 24, and 25.

**Item required 2/3 vote of the Full Board.

Consent Calendar items were approved by one motion; no items were held by a Director for discussion and/or separate action.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Voting Deviations:*

Item 7 – the following Directors were conflicted: KRB and IP

Item 7 – the following Director voted no: LH

Item 11 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB

Item 17 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2025-0146

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 23, 2025.

3. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2025-0143

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

4. SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2025-0145

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

KB = K. Barger	FD = F. Dutra	IP = I. Padilla	KY = K. Yaroslavsky
KRB = K.R. Bass	JH = J. Hahn	AJN = A.J. Najarian	
JB = J. Butts	LH = L. Horvath	TS = T. Sandoval	
JDW = J. Dupont Walker	HJM = H.J. Mitchell	HS = H. Solis	

LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

7. SUBJECT: SR 57/60 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

2024-1085

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. EXECUTE Modification No. 1 to Project Identification No. MM500201 with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for the SR-57/60 Interchange Improvement Project (Project) in the amount of \$13,344,233.05, increasing the contract value from \$29,525,000 to \$42,869,233.05 construction management services;
- B. EXECUTE Modification No. 5 to Contract No. AE51890001 with WKE, Inc. for the Project in the amount of \$3,037,366, increasing the contract value from \$29,213,933 to \$32,251,299 for design services during construction and extend the period of performance from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2029; and
- C. APPROVE a reduction in the retention amount withheld in the Funding Agreement with SGVCOG from 10% to 5% to be consistent with other grantees awarded similar funding amounts and at this stage of construction.

8. SUBJECT: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2024-1140

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the amendments to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

9. SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE - LAS VIRGENES/MALIBU SUBREGION

2024-1162

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVING:

- 1. programming an additional \$8,904,127 of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Transit, and Tech Program, including inter-program borrowing of \$4,531,812 from the Measure M MSP Highway Efficiency Program;
 - 2. programming an additional \$15,221,093 within the capacity of Measure M MSP Highway Efficiency Program; and
- B. the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments for approved projects.

10. SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE PROJECT **2024-1100**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. INCREASE the Board approved Preconstruction Budget for the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project (Project) by \$608,095,000 from \$879,731,000 to \$1,487,826,000; and
- B. NEGOTIATE and EXECUTE all project-related agreements and modifications to existing contracts within the authorized Preconstruction Budget.

11. SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE PROJECT - ADVANCED WORKS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR PHASE 1 **2025-0007**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. AWARD Contract No. PS119518000 to Flatiron-Herzog, a SGL Joint Venture, for the Southeast Gateway Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (Project) Advanced Works Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Phase 1 in the amount of \$10,543,240 for Preconstruction Services, subject to the resolution of properly submitted protest(s), if any;
- B. ESTABLISH a Preconstruction Budget for the Project in an amount of \$997,750,195; and
- C. NEGOTIATE and EXECUTE all project-related agreements and modifications within the authorized Preconstruction Budget.

14. SUBJECT: COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR METRO CAPITAL PROJECTS MOTION **2025-0149**

APPROVED AS AMENDED MOTION by Directors Dutra, Najarian, Barger, Butts and Solis to direct the CEO to ~~incorporate~~ develop a standardized cost-benefit analysis framework, using USDOT analysis or a comparable methodology, for all Metro capital projects to help inform ~~the agency's~~ a more data-driven and transparent decision-making process ~~for projects Metro advances~~. This cost-benefit analysis framework should also include national economic impact data and a comparison to the cost-benefit analysis methodology currently used by Metro and required by State and Federal for significant grant opportunities. An update on this analysis framework shall be presented as part of the Annual Program Evaluation brought to the Board in 2025.

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HORVATH AMENDMENT: Direct the CEO to incorporate the project evaluation criteria approved by the Board in October 2023 and being applied to Metro’s Short Range Transportation Plan Update, into the framework of a standardized cost-benefit analysis.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

17. SUBJECT: RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES 2024-1083

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price Contract No. PS126876000 to Marsh USA LLC for insurance brokerage services in the amount of \$1,503,513 for the five-year base term, and \$601,405 for each of the two, two-year options, for a total amount of \$2,706,323, effective March 1, 2025, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

23. SUBJECT: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS 2024-1074

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to solicit competitive negotiations Request for Proposals (RFPs), pursuant to Public Utilities Code (PUC) §130242 and Metro’s procurement policies and procedures for operations and maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

24. SUBJECT: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POLICY 2025-0005

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Metro Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Policy.

25. SUBJECT: ADDRESSING RIDER FEEDBACK FROM TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MOTION 2025-0132

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Motion by Hahn, Sandoval and Dupont-Walker that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back in 90 days on how Metro is addressing, promoting and/or improving the following initiatives which were received as community feedback at the telephone town hall:

- A. Increased lighting throughout the system;
- B. Cleanliness on buses and trains;
- C. Timely elevator maintenance;

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D. Expansion of and interaction with small businesses and disadvantaged enterprises, including outreach to small businesses and disadvantaged businesses enterprises;

E. Metro’s Bike Share program; and

F. Metro’s Free and Reduced programs.

29. SUBJECT: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATIONS AT DIVISIONS 2, 8, 9, & 15 **2024-0193**

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate, Contract No. OP125246000 to Clean Energy, for the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) services of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations at Divisions 2, 8, 9, and 15, for a Not-To-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$6,150,097 for the three-year base period, and \$2,036,432 for the first one-year option term and \$2,036,432 for the second one-year option term, for a combined NTE amount of \$10,222,962, effective March 1, 2025, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

31. SUBJECT: KINKYSHARYO P3010 LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE BALL BEARING SLEWING RING ASSEMBLY **2024-1143**

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to award a 48-month firm fixed price Contract No. OP125304000 to Jamaica Bearings, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,691,769.20 for the purchase of Ball Bearing Slewing Ring Assemblies in support of the P3010 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) fleet, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

32. SUBJECT: I-710 INTEGRATED CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

2024-1129

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to award a 48-month, firm-fixed-price Contract No. AE52227000 to Jacobs Project Management Co. for Construction Management Support Services (CMSS) for the Interstate 710 Integrated Corridor Management (I-710 ICM) Project in the amount of \$5,521,039, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

33. SUBJECT: FAREGATE RETROFIT (PHASE 2) - UPGRADE EXISTING GATED STATIONS WITH TALLER GATES

2024-1126

AUTHORIZED the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. ESTABLISH a Life-of-Project (LOP) budget for an amount not-to-exceed \$15.3 million for the implementation of taller faregates at 11 additional stations to provide safety, and security, and enhance access control;
- B. AMEND the FY25 budget to add three (3) Non-Contract Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to manage the gating analyses and implementation of taller gates across the 11 additional stations and expansion of taller gates across the Metro Rail system and new stations from new rail lines and transition into operations and maintenance; and
- C. AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, and contract modifications associated with the increased LOP budget.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

38. SUBJECT: WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEMS PILOT FINDINGS

2024-1124

RECEIVED AND FILED the Weapons Detection System Proof-of-Concept Pilot Findings.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P

39. SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF WEAPONS DETECTION PILOT MOTION

2025-0164

APPROVED Motion by Directors Hahn, Barger, Solis, Bass, Dutra and Butts to direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Extend and expand the deployment of the “pillar-type” weapons detection system pilot for 12 months to additional key high-traffic transit stations to gather additional data on effectiveness, false positives, staffing needs, and any impacts to passenger experience;
- B. Conduct a 12-month pilot of weapons detection technology aboard a minimum of (2) Metro buses;
- C. Provide a quarterly report on the requirements, feasibility, and timeline for upgrading Metro’s video and camera system, to include the integration of brandished firearm detection analytics. This report should outline the infrastructure needs, estimated costs, and privacy considerations to ensure alignment with the agency’s broader safety and security goals; and
- D. Report back to the Board in June 2025, and on an as-needed basis, with findings and recommendations from the continued pilots.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	ABS	Y	Y	Y	Y

40. SUBJECT: ADOPT PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF NEW TRANSIT COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

2025-0059

AUTHORIZED the Board of Directors for the Public Transportation Services Corporation to amend the contract with the California Public Employee’s Retirement System (CalPERS) to implement a Safety Police Pension Plan for sworn officers hired for the new Transit Community Public Safety Department (TCPSD).

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)(1)

1. Cameron Yale v. LACMTA, LASC Case No. 21STCV41653

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$500,000.

FD	JDW	LH	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HM	KY	TS	IP	JH
Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)(2)

Significant Exposure to Litigation (one case)

No Report.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - G.C. 54956.9(d)(4)

Initiation of Litigation (one case)

No Report.

D. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Government Code 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Cristian Leiva and Dawn Jackson-Perkins

Employee Organizations: AFSCME, SMART and Teamsters

No Report.

ADJOURNED AT 2:11 P.M.

Prepared by: Jennifer Avelar
Sr. Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



Collette Langston, Board Clerk