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Los Angeles, CA

Board Report

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 22, 2025**

SUBJECT: MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 24, 2025.



April 15, 2025

Metro Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Support for Arts District EIFD to Fund the Southeast Gateway Line Phase 2 Underground

Dear Metro Board of Directors,

I write to you today as the Executive Director of FASTLinkDTLA and the former Chairwoman and member of the California Transportation Commission. One of FASTLinkDTLA's important projects is DTLA Mobility for All – a coalition of organizations advocating for infrastructure investments that improve mobility for everyone by ensuring that our sidewalks, transit stations and curbs are universally accessible. FASTLinkDTLA is also a Transportation Management Organization (TMO) dedicated to enhancing DTLA's mobility, universal accessibility, livability, and economic prosperity.

Metro's large-scale infrastructure projects, and the methodology it uses to determine the manner of infrastructure it will deliver, greatly impacts Downtown's transit ridership and the community's willingness to reduce its use of personal vehicles in favor of transit use and active transportation.

Phase 2 of the Southeast Gateway Line is a prime example of methodology making a big impact. Since the line's inception, it was always planned to be built underground through Downtown Los Angeles. Going underground makes sense because of the current and future densities in Downtown, especially along the Alameda Corridor and the Arts District and Little Tokyo.

The newly approved DTLA 2040 Community Plan codifies the goal of increasing transit use by outlining Downtown's transit, housing, and economic development goals. Specific transportation goals include:

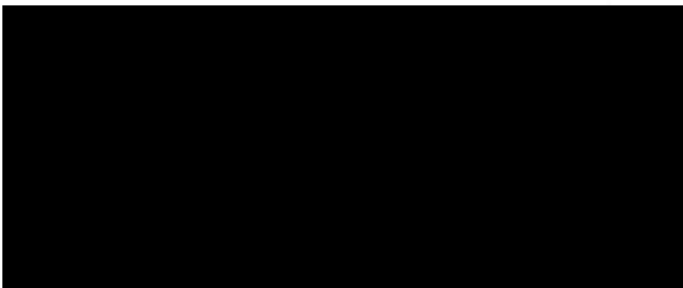
- Eliminating parking minimums to encourage more transit ridership
- Promoting transit, bicycle, and pedestrian-friendly environments
- Creating linkages between districts
- Fostering a world-class street and sidewalk network and public realm

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5120 Highland View Avenue, Eagle Rock, CA 90041
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Undergrounding Phase 2 of the Southeast Gateway Line will give Metro and Downtown Los Angeles communities the best opportunity to meet not only these transportation objectives, but our greater housing, economic development, and environmental objectives as well. It will foster interconnected systems of transit while creating space for economic development and multi-modal transit opportunities such as streetcars, buses, biking, and walking. Connectivity increases access to mobility, and mobility spurs economic growth. All of this will facilitate less reliance on cars, decreasing our city's greenhouse gas emissions, and deliver new transit stations that are universally accessible.

With the immense opportunity to simultaneously address multiple DTLA-wide and regional public policy goals, finding pathways to fund Phase 2 should be prioritized. I support Metro's consideration of a value capture tool to ensure the line is built underground, and help connect mobility projects that the communities Downtown and along the LA River such as the Arts District. Supporting projects include the Sixth Street Station envisioned next to the Sixth Street Viaduct, the Los Angeles River Bikeway, and the LA Streetcar. The Alameda Corridor and Arts District's large, underutilized parcels that have been re-zoned through the DTLA 2040 Community Plan are prime fiscal, legislative, and community conditions for a transformative Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) to fund undergrounding and supporting projects.

Undergrounding Phase 2 is the ideal path for DTLA's current and future universal mobility needs, and creating an EIFD to support the budget needed is timely. Please join FASTLinkDTLA in supporting this important opportunity to increase transit ridership regionally and enhance the community, transit accessibility and economy locally in Downtown Los Angeles.



CC: The Honorable Hilda Solis, LA County Supervisor and Metro Board Member
The Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor of Los Angeles and Metro Board Member
The Honorable Councilwoman Ysabel Jurado, Council District 14
Metro Board members

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March 27, 2025

The Honorable Chair Janice Hahn
Metro Board of Directors
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, Mailstop # 99-13-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Letter of Support for Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Project – Segment B

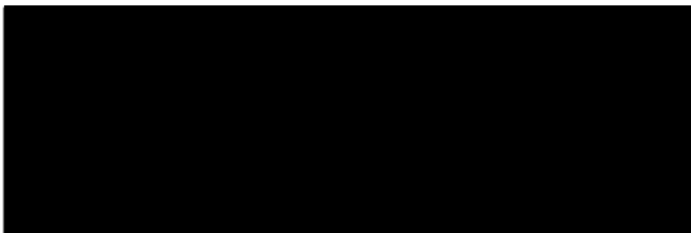
Dear Chair Hahn,

We appreciate the efforts that Metro, in coordination with the various cities and the County, are making to inform the community about the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Segment B Project to provide a safe pathway for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists via Randolph Street. The City of Bell has been involved in this important project for 2 years. It understands the important connections it will provide to the residents of Bell, Commerce, Huntington Park, and the Florence-Firestone community. Once fully built, the project will create a safe and continuous corridor for biking and walking, extending approximately 4 miles east along Randolph Street from the A Line Slauson Station to the Los Angeles River.

Please accept this letter of support for the Project. As you continue working with the various cities and making progress, please consider the opportunities and challenges related to design, safety, economic development, and employment in this region as it grows.

Thank you for your efforts and leadership on this important project.

Please contact Interim Public Works Director John Oskoui at joskoui@cityofbell.org with any questions.



cc: Metro Board of Directors



CITY OF COMMERCE

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Chair Janice Hahn
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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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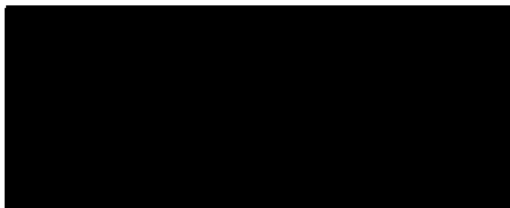
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Please accept this letter of support for the Project. As you continue working with the various cities, and continue making progress, please consider the opportunities and challenges related to design, safety, economic development and employment in this region as it continues to grow.

Thank you for your efforts and leadership on this important project.

Please contact Mohammad Mostahkami at mohammad.mostahkami@transtech.org, or at 949-402-5903 with any questions.



cc: Metro Board of Directors



MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 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
Ara J. Najarian
Imelda Padilla
Tim Sandoval
Hilda Solis
Katy Yaroslavsky
Gloria Roberts, non-voting member
Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:08 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVED Consent Calendar Items: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.

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

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

**Voting Deviations:*

Item 11 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB

Item 27 – the following Director was conflicted: KRB

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2025-0319

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 27, 2025.

3. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2025-0316

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

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

4. SUBJECT: REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2025-0317

RECEIVED report by the Chief Executive Officer.

FD	JDW	LH	IP	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HJM	KY	TS	JH
P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	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, A = ABSENT, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A/C = ABSENT/CONFLICT, P = PRESENT

6. SUBJECT: METRO ACTIVE TRANSPORT, TRANSIT AND FIRST/LAST MILE PROGRAM CYCLE 1 PROGRAMMING UPDATE 2024-1101

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. the programming of additional funding capacity in the amount of \$6,400,000 from the Measure M Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile program (MAT Program) to add funds to seven projects previously funded in MAT Cycle 1; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments for approved projects.

7. SUBJECT: LONG BEACH-EAST LOS ANGELES CORRIDOR MOBILITY INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATE 2024-1108

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVING:

- 1. AMENDING the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to reflect the Board selection of "No Build" for the I-710 South Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), the project's new name of the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (LB-ELA CMIP), and its transition to a comprehensive multimodal program of infrastructure projects and services;
 - 2. PROGRAMMING up to \$3,000,000 in Measure R Highway Capital Funds through the LB-ELA CMIP to replace \$3,000,000 originally identified through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program for the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Drayage Truck Charging Depot Project; and
 - 3. PROGRAMMING \$9,000,000 in Measure R Highway Capital Funds through the LB-ELA CMIP for the Shoemaker Bridge/Shoreline Drive Project;
- B. the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement(s) with the local jurisdictions; and
 - C. RECEIVING AND FILING the status report on the LB-ELA CMIP.

8. SUBJECT: CAP-AND-TRADE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) 2025-0028

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Resolution that:

- A. AUTHORIZES the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to claim a total of \$53,221,812 in California Cap-and-Trade proceeds accumulated in State Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 disbursed through LCTOP, and to use \$48,761,092 for A Line operations, as enhanced by the opening of the Regional Connector, and \$4,460,720 for Special Event Supplementary Bus Service;
- B. CERTIFIES that Metro will comply with LCTOP certification, assurances, and the authorized agent requirements; and
- C. AUTHORIZES the CEO or their designee to execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

9. SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL (STP-L) ANNUAL APPORTIONMENTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES 2025-0235

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. the reallocation of \$25.74 million of Proposition C discretionary funds from the Access Services (Access) budget to fulfill unprogrammed STP-L funding program balances; and
- B. the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to execute STP-L balance fulfillment agreements with local agencies, allowing them to receive their unprogrammed STP-L balances using available non-federal Metro funds.

11. SUBJECT: LINK UNION STATION PROJECT 2025-0094

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed price Contract No. PS120069000 to Flatiron West, Inc., for Phase 1 Preconstruction Services for the Link Union Station Phase A Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Project, in the amount of \$7,000,000, subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s) if any.

16. SUBJECT: PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C SHORT-TERM BORROWING PROGRAMS **2025-0109**

ADOPTED:

- A. a resolution that authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and/or other Designated Officers to renew and/or replace the existing direct-pay letter of credit ("LOC") with respect to the Proposition A ("Prop A") short-term borrowing program; and
- B. a resolution that authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and/or other Designated Officers to renew and/or replace the existing direct purchase revolving credit facility with respect to the Proposition C ("Prop C") short-term borrowing program.

FD	JDW	LH	IP	HS	JB	KB	KRB	AJN	HJM	KY	TS	JH
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A/C	Y	A	Y	Y	Y

17. SUBJECT: LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA FOR VIA PRINCESSA PARK PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE UNDERCROSSING **2025-0112**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee, to execute a 45 year license agreement commencing May 1, 2025, with the City of Santa Clarita ("City") for a portion of real property located on parcel numbered (APN) 2864-003-901 ("Property"), for a one-time administrative fee of \$1,500 ("License").

18. SUBJECT: PROPERTY INSURANCE PROGRAM **2025-0190**

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and purchase All Risk Property and Boiler and Machinery insurance policies for all Metro properties at a not-to-exceed premium of \$11 million for the 12-month period of May 10, 2025, through May 10, 2026.

21. SUBJECT: FY2026 COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING CALENDAR **2025-0063**
RECEIVED AND FILED the FY2026 Committee and Board Meeting Calendar.

24. SUBJECT: METRO TRANSIT OPERATIONS DOWNTOWN HUB **2025-0131**

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR establishing a Life-of-Project (LOP) budget of \$102.0 million for the Metro Transit Operations Downtown Hub, a coordinated relocation and expansion of several existing Metro offices and training locations to one or more new locations in the downtown Los Angeles area.

25. SUBJECT: VANPOOL VEHICLE SUPPLIER BENCH CONTRACT

2025-0142

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to award firm-fixed unit price Vanpool Vehicle Supplier Bench Contract Nos. PS125899000 to Airport Van Rental, Inc. (AVR) and PS125899001 to Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company of Los Angeles (Enterprise), in the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$57,188,760 for the six-year base period and \$27,234,168 for the first, two-year option, and \$30,741,000 for the second, two-year option, for a combined NTE amount of \$115,163,928, effective July 1, 2025, subject to the resolution of properly submitted protest(s) if any; and
- B. EXECUTING individual contract modifications within the Board approved contract modification authority.

26. SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION 49: EXPANDING THE LIFE PROGRAM THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

2024-1120

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. RECEIVING AND FILING an update on the Low Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) Program in response to Board Motion 49, Expanding the LIFE Program Through Technology Motion; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute all agreements, contract awards, including contract modifications, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for software development and/or integration to expand the LIFE Program Through Technology.

27. SUBJECT: BUS ENGINEERING/ACQUISITION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT

2025-0033

AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract Modification No. 3 to increase the total authorized funding for Contract No. PS81062000, to Williams Sale Partnership (WSP) USA, Inc. for as-needed professional consultant support services that will be utilized for Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) and charger engineering/acquisition, program management, as well as technical support services, in the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$8,897,431.55, increasing the Contract total NTE amount from \$10,930,917.43 to \$19,828,348.98.

**28. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
SERVICE COUNCIL**

2025-0204

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR nominee for membership on Metro's San Gabriel Valley Service Council.

**32.1.SUBJECT: EMBRACING AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY IN
TRANSPORTATION MOTION**

2025-0328

APPROVED Motion by Mitchell, Yaroslavsky, Dupont-Walker, Butts, Sandoval, and Padilla that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Develop and administer a survey no later than September 2025 that solicits feedback from individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, including their families and caregivers, on how they ride public transit and ways to improve their transit experience. The survey should also solicit feedback from those who do not use public transit to understand barriers and opportunities. The survey should be developed and administered in consultation with key stakeholder groups that directly represent or work with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, such as the Special Needs Network, The Wiley Center, and Aging and Disability Transportation Network.
- B. Based on the survey, identify gaps, opportunities, and recommendations on changes or additions to policy, programming, and operational capital infrastructure that can be implemented in the short-, medium-, and long-term, and respective funding required. Recommendations may include modeling existing programs such as the On the Move Rider Program that increases awareness and confidence in public transportation for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Report back on the survey results and recommendations by November 2025.

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

**33. SUBJECT: EXTEND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
APPOINTMENT**

2025-0329

EXTENDED the appointment of Stephanie Wiggins as the Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority at an annual starting salary of \$510,806.94, for an additional four-year term, with an effective date of June 1, 2025, plus one, one-year option exercisable at the discretion of the Board.

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

34. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION**2025-0330****A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**
Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)

1. Shoghig Zaven Bardekjian, et al. v. LACMTA, Case No. 22STCV26174

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$300,000.

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

2. Jose Mejia-Morales v. LACMTA, Case No. 23STCV00350

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

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

3. Richard Rayner, et al. v. LACMTA, Case No. 19STCV11651

APPROVED settlement in the amount of \$1,750,000.

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

4. Jobs To Move America v. LACMTA, Case No. 24STCP02977

No report.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Government Code 54956.9(d)(4)

Initiation of Litigation (Two cases)

No report.

C. Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Cristian Leiva, Dawn

Jackson-Perkins

Employee Organizations: AFSCME, SMART, Teamsters

No report.

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D. Conference with Real Estate Negotiator – Government Code 54956.8

Property: 500 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Agency Negotiator: Holly Rockwell, SEO; and John Beck, Manager

Negotiating Party: Gregg Hall, Managing Director Steelwave

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

No report.

ADJOURNED AT 1:37 P.M.

Prepared by: Mandy Cheung
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration



Collette Langston, Board Clerk