

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MARCH 19, 2019
5:30 PM**

**1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Baldwin

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeanie Hill

Steve Barnes

Candra Cheers

Deekay Fox

Chris James

Emery Rendes

Robert Williams

Denise Sailes

Ricardo Perez

Gustavo Rodriguez

Amanda Villanueva

Sharon Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy

Jianna Munoz

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Amanda Villanueva led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

Mr. James stated that GET has been encouraging the Maintenance Department Technicians to become ASE Transit Bus Certified. He introduced Gustavo Rodriguez, stating that Mr. Rodriguez is a "C" Mechanic who has worked for GET since 2014. Mr. Rodriguez was recognized for completing the necessary requirements to become an ASE Transit Bus Master Mechanic.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

This item was tabled until the April 16, 2019 Board meeting.

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS RESOLUTION

Director Bello moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04 – Unmet Transit Needs. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, Parra
ABSENT: Baldwin

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PRELIMINARY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the preliminary FY 2019-20 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Ms. Sailes commented that in order to obtain Federal Transit Administration financial assistance, a resolution needs to be adopted by the Board of Directors. Covered projects include the following:

5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants

- **Long Range IT Plan**
FTA funding - \$197,264
- **Passenger Bus Shelters**
FTA funding - \$88,000
- **Preventive Maintenance 2018-19**
FTA funding - \$6,313,772

5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Formula Program

- **Southwest Transit Center Design**
FTA funding - \$152,310

- **Downtown Transit Center Design**
FTA funding - \$152,310
- **Purchase Replacement Paratransit Buses**
FTA funding - \$600,000

Director Bello moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2018-2019. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | Bello, Engel, and Parra | NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | Baldwin | ABSTAIN: | None |

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Ms. Sailes commented that in order to obtain Federal Transit Administration financial assistance, a resolution needs to be adopted by the Board of Directors. Covered projects for FY 2019-20 include the following:

- **5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants**
 - **Preventive Maintenance 2019-20**
FTA funding - \$6,499,496

Director Bello moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2019-2020. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | Bello, Engel, and Parra | NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | Baldwin | ABSTAIN: | None |

FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Barnes reviewed the February 2019 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello commented that he attended the KEDC Economic Summit recently. He noticed that transportation issues were not really addressed or highlighted during the summit as he would have expected. He is also looking forward to the implementation of RYDE April 7th.

Director Parra commented that Bike Bakersfield is partnering with GET and Kern COG during the Bike to Work Week in May. If you tag Kern COG and GET with a picture on a bus, you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. Hill commented that Ms. King is in Washington, D.C. attending the APTA Legislative Conference. Ms. Hill stated that Ms. King shared that her visits with federal legislators' offices were very informative and productive. She spent nearly an hour with Trevor Smith in Congressman McCarthy's office and met with Jared Henderson in Congressman Cox's office. Ms. Deidre Brown, Chief Operating Officer, will begin on April 1, 2019. Ms. Deekay Fox, Marketing Manager, will be leaving GET and moving to Dallas at the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors