

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

**MARCH 17, 2020
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello

Cindy Parra

Jim Baldwin

DIRECTOR ABSENT:

Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

Robert Williams

Steve Barnes

Ricardo Perez

Chris James

Deidre Brown

Victor Honorato

Amanda Villanueva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Natalia Woolfolk

Bob Snoddy

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Carlos Bello led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the consent agenda (Agenda, Minutes of February 18, 2020, Accounts Payable Check Disbursements, and Board of Directors' Standing Committee Assignments). (See Attachment A – Standing Committee Assignments.) The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND ADOPT UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS RESOLUTION

At the February 18, 2020 hearing, Chairman Cindy Parra opened the floor for public comment or written comments to be included in the official record for unmet transit needs. No public comment, either written or oral, was received. Ms. Parra closed the public hearing.

Therefore, staff has determined that there are no unmet transit needs that exist within the Bakersfield metropolitan area that are reasonable to meet.

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Unmet Transit Needs Resolution. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Authorization Resolution. The board adopts a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive officer or Ms. Sailes to obtain financial assistance from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) VOLKSWAGEN MITIGATION TRUST FOR ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Volkswagen Mitigation Trust for Zero Emission Transit Authorization Resolution. The board adopts a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or Ms. Sailes to obtain financial assistance from The California Air Resources Board. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION.

Ms. Sailes shared that GET will be requesting \$4,176,812 from the DOE. The funding will be used to purchase 10- All Electric Phoenix Motor cars Zero Emission Shuttle buses, 10 – Level III 50KW DC Fast chargers, and 1 MW Solar Panel with 1 MW Battery for Energy Storage.

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Competitive Funding Opportunity: Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Funding Opportunities Authorization Resolution. The Board adopts a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Department of Energy. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Competitive Funding Opportunity: Bus and Bus Facilities Program Authorization Resolution. The Board adopts a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or Ms. Sailes to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration, for grants under the Low- No Emission Program. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Competitive Funding Opportunity: Bus and Bus Facilities Program Authorization Resolution. The Board adopts a resolutions authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or Ms. Sailes to obtain Financial Assistance from FTA for the fiscal year of 2020. Applying for approximately \$454.6 million in fiscal year 2020 funds under the Grants for Buses and Buses Facilities Program. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

CNG PARATRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE RESOLUTION

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the CNG Paratransit Vehicle Purchase Resolution. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Director Jim Baldwin moved and Director Carlos Bello seconded to approve the Regulatory and Legislative Issues Resolution. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRELIMINARY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM

Mr. Barnes stated Medi-cal Transportation is expected to go into effect in May of 2020 with projections starting in July. He also stated the first delivery of the hydrogen fuel bus in 2020.

Director Carlos Bello moved and Director Jim Baldwin seconded to approve the Preliminary Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim. The resolution was adopted with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Engel) (Pascual). The motion carried unanimously.

Ryde Microtransit Pilot performance update

Director Bello inquired about the age breakdown of riders utilizing the service. Mr Perez referred to the survey taken to gauge rider uniqueness, he stated he could gather more details from

Transloc and email Director Bello. Director Parra inquired if the algorithm has improved to pick up more riders and increase efficiency. Mr. Perez response was, that it has been doing so.

Mr. Perez discussed with the Board the performance update of 2020. Ridership statements and other matters regarding Ryde. This was an informational item only.

FEBRUARY 2020 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Barnes discussed with the Board the February 2020 financial statements and other matters regarding District finances. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Parra expressed how Marketing and Staff in general were all very proactive in sending emails regarding COVID-19. Director Parra thanks all of The Districts Staff and Management for the handling of current events, and as we move forward wants everyone to stay safe.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS:

Mrs. King expressed management is meeting daily attempting to be transparent in the best interest of our employees. At this point and time only three (3) employees have called in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:28 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(b)] – ___ () Tort Claims; and returned to open session at 6:34 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the items referenced in the executive session on the agenda. No action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors