

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

**MAY 18, 2021  
5:30 PM**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Carlos Bello  
Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Steve Barnes  
Robert Williams  
Victor Honorato  
Sharon Pierce

Deidre Brown  
Candra Cheers  
Janet Sanders  
Melissa Ash

Jeanie Hill  
Chris James  
Ricardo Perez  
Amanda Villanueva

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michael Harless

Bob Snoddy

Temecia Ricks

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll was taken and all Directors were present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Pascual moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, Parra, and Pascual  
ABSENT: None

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Adrian Tanguma submitted the following comment on May 17, 2021 through GET’s Customer Service line: Mr. Tanguma states that customers should not have to pay full price for passes, since the buses are not running full time. He said they should only have to pay a portion of the pass price since there is only a portion of the service offered. He stated that he will be at tomorrow’s Board meeting to address this issue with the Board of Directors. (See Exhibit 1)

Michael Harless commented that the northbound bus stop at East Brundage Lane and Union Avenue needs to be repaired. It is not ADA compliant in that walkers or wheelchairs cannot get to the bus stop. He also asked that the district return to full service at night.

Temecia Ricks shared that she is concerned about riders who are on dialysis and whether they have access to rides. She stated that GET riders are frustrated with no night service. Weekend night service would be great, but weekday night service is essential.

**SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (SRTP)**

Director Engel moved and Director Pascual seconded a motion to adopt the FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and authorize staff to submit the Plan to Kern COG. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Bello, Engel, Parra, and Pascual	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

**APRIL 2021 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Barnes reviewed the April 2021 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

**FY 2021-22 DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS**

Mr. Barnes stated that the Administration and Finance Committee met to review the proposed FY 2021-22 budget and capital program. The proposed budget with recommended changes will be brought back to the Board for a public hearing on June 15, 2021. This was an informational item only.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Bello asked that staff provide periodic updates on employment staffing efforts for operations and maintenance.

Director Parra asked Directors to let her know how they felt about in person Board meeting attendance.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS**

Ms. King commented that she spoke with Garth Fernandez with the California High Speed Rail Authority and that there are no great words on engaging soon. The CHSRA is still waiting for the Legislature to approve additional funding. The Governor's May Budget Revise was released on Friday. There are several pieces that may affect funding for transit state-wide. The Governor is expected to lift restrictions on June 15<sup>th</sup>. However, TSA will still require masks be worn on buses until September. Masks will still be required in the office as not many employees are fully vaccinated.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors

# Service Desk Report

# Exhibit 1

**Report Number:** 011040  
**Report Taken By:** 09457 - dangoncervantes  
**Report Taken On:** 5/17/2021  
**At:** 3:42:33 PM  
**Incident Date:** 5/17/2021  
**Incident Time:** 3:38:00 PM

### Comments:

Adrian states that customers should not have to pay full price for passes, since the buses are not running full time. He said they should only have to pay a portion of the pass price since there is only a portion of the service offered. He stated he will be at tomorrow's Board meeting to address this issue with the Board of Directors.

**Employee Desc:** N/A

**Location Code:**                      **Notification First Sent** 5/17/2021                      **Conclusion:** V  
**Route:** ALL                      **Bus Number:**                      **Bus Direction:**  
**Report Method:** I                      **Response Requested:** V                      **Report Type:** C

### Location:

#### Report Codes Description

1MCSV	Miscellaneous-Service Issue
1MNGR	Manager Review

#### Data Description

#### Other Field Data

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