



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE, BOARDROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Board Meeting**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Service Mix Study and Operational Analysis
- Fuel Cell Electric Transit Bus Purchase
- Solar Array and Battery Backup Systems
- Hiring Strategies and Employee Incentive Pay
- 2021 COVID-19 Transit Readiness Plan
- August 2021 Financial Position and Results of Operations
- Executive Session

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board members or the public to attend and participate at Board meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, Board members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Board Members

Cindy Parra, *Chair*

Rueben Pascual, *Vice-Chair*

Carlos Bello

Erika Dixon

Leasa Engel

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MISSION STATEMENT

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Public Participation and Accessibility Golden Empire Transit District Board of Directors' Meetings

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-29-20, which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board of Directors or the public in light of the COVID19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Golden Empire Transit District Board of Directors hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state and local health emergencies, and in light of the Governor's order, the following adjustments have been made:

- Board of Directors meetings will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Face coverings will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors in person under Public Comments.

If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors as follows:

- If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comments via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you comment pertains to.
- If you wish to make a general public comment not related to specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Comments may also be mailed to Clerk of the Board, 1830 Golden State Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.
- All public comment sent in by the above methods will be provided to all Board members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking any action on any matters and will be incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting.

Options for watching a meeting include:

- For telephone access only, request a viewing link via publiccomment@getbus.org. Requests must be received by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- For viewing via internet, a meeting link will be posted to the Golden Empire Transit District website at <https://www.getbus.org/board-meeting-zoom-link/> by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- Each meeting will have a unique link. The ZOOM video conference program is available for download to any internet-capable device (phone, tablet, or computer). For best results, follow the link and download the software program at least 15 minutes before the meeting.
- Attendees will be muted, but will be allowed to view what is presented at the meeting.
- Behavior contrary to best etiquette may cause the user to be removed from the meeting.



Participación Pública y Accesibilidad Reuniones de la Junta Directiva de Golden Empire Transit

El 17 de marzo de 2020, el gobernador Gavin Newsom emite la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20, que incluye una exención de las disposiciones de la Ley Brown que requieren la presencia física de la Junta Directiva o del público a la luz de la pandemia COVID-19. Basado en la orientación del Gobernador de California Oficina y Departamento de Salud Pública, así como el Oficial de Salud del Condado, con el fin de minimizar la posible propagación del virus COVID-19, la Junta Directiva del Golden Empire Transit por la presente notifica que, como resultado de la declaración de salud federal, estatal y local emergencias, y a la luz de la orden del Gobernador, se han realizado los siguientes ajustes:

- Las reuniones de la Junta Directiva tendrán acceso público limitado para mantener el distanciamiento social. Se requerirá cubrirse la cara para asistir a la reunión en persona.
- De acuerdo con la Orden Ejecutiva, los miembros de la Junta pueden elegir asistir a la reunión telefónicamente y participar en la reunión en la misma medida que si estuvieran físicamente presente.
- El público puede participar en la reunión y dirigirse personalmente a la Junta Directiva en comentarios públicos.

Si el público no desea atender en persona, puede participar en la reunión y dirigirse a la Junta Directiva de la siguiente manera:

- Si desea comentar sobre un tema específico de la agenda, envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico a publiccomment@getbus.org a más tardar a la 1:00 p.m. el día de la reunión. Por favor indique claramente a que tema de la agenda se refiere.
- Si desea hacer comentario público en general que no esté relacionado con un tema específico de la agenda, envíe su comentario por correo electrónico a publiccomment@getbus.org a más tardar a la 1:00 p.m. el día de la reunión.
- Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo a la Secretaria de la Junta Directiva, 1830 Golden State Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Por favor, especifique con que tema de la agenda se relaciona su comentario.
- Todos los comentarios públicos enviados por los métodos anteriores se proporcionarán a todos los miembros de la Junta y a los empleados correspondiente, para revisión y consideración de la Junta antes de tomar cualquier acción sobre cualquier asunto y se incorporara al acta oficial de la reunión del Directorio.

Las opciones para ver una reunión incluyen:

- Para acceso telefónico, solicite un enlace de visualización a través de publiccomment@getbus.org. Las solicitudes deben recibirse antes de la 1:00 p.m. el día de la reunión.
- Para verlo a través de Internet, se publicara un enlace de reunión en sitio [http://getubs.org/\[page\]](http://getubs.org/[page]) antes de la 1:00 p.m. el día de la reunión.
- Cada reunión tendrá un enlace único. El programa de videoconferencia ZOOM está disponible para descargar a cualquier dispositivo con acceso a Internet (teléfono, tableta o computadora). Para mejor resultados, siga el enlace y descargue el programa de software al menos 15 minutos antes reunión.
- Se silenciará a los asistentes, pero se les permitirá ver lo que se presenta en la reunión.
- El comportamiento contrario a la mejor etiqueta puede hacer que el usuario sea retirado de la reunión.

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September 21, 2021 – 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

All items listed under the Consent Agenda item are considered to be routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda items will be considered and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or Audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT

A. AGENDA

B. MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2021

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

**D. SERVICE MIX STUDY AND OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS –
(KING)**

That the Board awards a contract to IBI Group with Evan Brooks, Inc. & Michael Baker International in an amount not to exceed \$139,980.00.

**E. FUEL CELL ELECTRIC TRANSIT BUS PURCHASE –
(HONORATO)**

That the Board approves the purchase of five (5) Fuel Cell Electric Transit Buses from New Flyer in the amount of \$6,000,580.20 contingent upon the receipt of the HVIP voucher incentive.

**F. SOLAR ARRAY AND BATTERY BACKUP SYSTEMS –
(HONORATO)**

That the Board awards a contract to Valley Unique Electric in the amount of \$1,472,700.00 for the Solar Array and Battery Backup Systems.

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| 2. | PUBLIC COMMENT | RECEIVE |
| | This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring an opportunity to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda and over which it has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. Persons wishing to include their verbatim remarks in the official record shall submit same in writing. Members of the audience are asked to avoid engaging in any behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the record prior to making a presentation. | |
| 3. | HIRING STRATEGIES AND EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PAY – (KING) | APROVE |
| | That the Board approves sign on bonus pay for new hires, vaccination requirement for new hires and incentive pay for existing employees through December 31, 2021, with possible extension subject to the CEO’s discretion; and, direct staff to implement hiring relief drivers and contract employees per the labor agreement. | |
| 4. | 2021 COVID-19 TRANSIT READINESS PLAN – (PEREZ) | RECEIVE |
| | That the Board receives the report on the 2021 COVID-19 Transit Readiness Plan. | |
| 5. | AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES) | RECEIVE |
| | That the Board receives the Financial Reports for August 2021. | |
| 6. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS | |
| 7. | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS | |
| 8. | EXECUTIVE SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
[Government Code Section 54956.8]
Portion of APN 173-200-09
District Negotiator: Karen King
Negotiating with: John Ritchie, ASU & Associates | |
| 9. | ADJOURNMENT | |

Next Meetings

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

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