



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA MEETING MINUTES*
OCTOBER 27, 2017 – 9:00 AM
CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE
CAPITOLA, CA 95010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Capitola City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA

The Board Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative offices at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California. *Minutes are "summary" minutes, not verbatim minutes. Audio recordings of Board meeting open sessions are available to the public upon request.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

1 CALL TO ORDER at 9:01 AM by Chair Dutra.

2 ROLL CALL: The following Directors were present, representing a quorum:

Director Ed Bottorff	City of Capitola
Director Cynthia Chase	City of Santa Cruz
Director Jimmy Dutra, Board Chair	City of Watsonville
Director Cynthia Mathews	City of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson, Board Vice Chair	County of Santa Cruz
Director Oscar Rios	City of Watsonville
Director Dan Rothwell	County of Santa Cruz
Director Mike Rotkin	County of Santa Cruz
Ex-Officio Director Larry Pageler	UC Santa Cruz

Ex-Officio Director McKee and Directors Hagen, Leopold and Lind were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Clifford
Julie Sherman

METRO CEO/General Manager
METRO General Counsel

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Angela Aitken, METRO	Sharky Jabag, SMART Local 23
Erron Alvey, METRO	Joan Jeffries, SEIU-SEA
Angelina Avila, METRO	Adrian Jimenez, ParaCruz
Donovan Castaneda, METRO	Jonn_ _____, METRO
Jolene Church, METRO	Debbie Kinslow, METRO
Miguel A. Duarte, METRO	Joshua Paz, METRO
Jesus M. Garcia,	Mana V. Sanchez
Ofelia Gomez, Senior & Disabled	Becky Steinbruner, Citizen
Advocate	Dan Stevenson, SMART, Local 23
Maria Hernandez	Katrina Totten, Ofelia Gomez
Thomas Hiltner, METRO	

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dutra introduced Carlos Landaverry and his Spanish Language interpretation services. He then announced that the meeting is being televised by Community Television of Santa Cruz County with technician, Mr. Lynn Dunton.

4 REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Julie Sherman, General Counsel, announced the item to be discussed as noted below.
There was no public comment.

5 RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:03AM

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators:	Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager Julie Sherman, General Counsel
Employee Organization:	UTU, Local 23

Director Rotkin departed at 9:20AM

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:52AM

7 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Julie Sherman, General Counsel, announced there were no reportable actions from the Closed Session.
There was no public comment.

8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Chair Dutra spoke to the recent landscaping improvements at the Watsonville Transit Center and thanked those involved. He invited the assembly to attend the first community meeting to discuss the mural project which will be held on November 20th at 6:00PM at Watsonville City Hall.
Hearing no further comments, Chair Dutra moved to the next agenda item.

9 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A number of the public spoke regarding a variety of issues:

A female who identified herself as a long time Santa Cruz resident and bus rider expressed discontent with limited postings of bus information, and other comments.

Becky Steinbruner provided the Clerk with a letter addressed to the Board regarding her concerns (see attached).

Marilyn Gehrig echoed some of Ms. Steinbruner's concerns as well as her appreciation to the Bus Operators.

Ms. Ofelia Gomez provided the Clerk with a letter addressed to the Board regarding her concerns (see attached).

Katrina Totten, Social worker advocate for Ms. Gomez, echoed Ms. Gomez's concerns (see attached).

A Greenway representative urged support for a variety of transportation issues throughout the county.

10 COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAC

Having none, Chair Dutra moved to the next item.

11 LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Having none, Chair Dutra moved to the next item.

12 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

13-01 ACCEPT AND FILE: PRELIMINARY CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2017

13-02 ACCEPT AND FILE: REVISED MINUTES OF THE SANTA CRUZ METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2017

13-03 ACCEPT AND FILE: MINUTES OF THE SANTA CRUZ METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

13-04 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UCSC FOR THE FUNDING OF THE ARTICULATED BUS PILOT PROJECT

13-05 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO APOLLO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY FOR ONBOARD BUS AND PARATRANSIT VEHICLE SECURITY SURVEILLANCE NOT TO EXCEED \$967,181

13-06 APPROVE: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY18 REVISED CAPITAL BUDGET

13-07 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED CY2017 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

13-08 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

13-09 APPROVE: REVISED METROBASE PHASE II (OPERATIONS BUILDING) LIFE OF PROJECT BUDGET

13-10 APPROVAL OF WAGE SURVEY RESULTS FOR ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

Board comments:

In response to Director Chase's questions pertaining to agenda items 13-06 and 13-09, CEO Clifford said he would schedule a meeting so that they could discuss further.

Public comment:

Juan Garcia, VMU President, Michael Rios, PSA President, and Mario Torres, Bus Operator, expressed their concerns regarding agenda item 13-04.

In response, Ciro Aguirre, COO, noted an articulated bus was brought in to allow the mechanics an opportunity to visually familiarize them with the bus and to formulate questions in advance of a meeting which he would be scheduling with SEIU to discuss issues and concerns. He added, a demonstration had been coordinated at the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) facility for UTU members and our Training Coordinator.

CEO Clifford informed the assembly that a Meet and Discuss with the union was organized over a month ago to inform and discuss some of the questions raised today. Additional lifts will be purchased. METRO believes strongly in training to handle the unique aspects of these buses.

Becky Steinbruner had several comments regarding the board meeting minutes.

Marilyn Gehrig expressed various concerns and recommended a public transportation system documentary entitled, "Taken For a Ride".

Katrina Totten expressed concern for the bicyclists near the articulated buses and inquired as to the testing undertaken.

Ex-Officio Director Pageler responded that METRO is proposing a six-month pilot test to prove METRO's capacity to improve and expand service to UCSC's growing enrollment. UCSC is paying the cost of the bus lease, and other equipment costs. He added an articulated bus was tested last February on a full student day. He did not observe any issues as he followed the bus along the route.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DIRECTOR BOTTORFF SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 7 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Dutra, Mathews, McPherson, Rios, & Rothwell). Directors Leopold, Lind, Hagen and Rotkin were absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

14 RECOGNITION OF MECHANIC AND OPERATOR (FIXED ROUTE & PARACRUZ) GRADUATES

Chair Dutra, announced the names of the graduates:

Fixed Route Operators: Angelina Avila, Xiomara Brioso, Donovan Castaneda, Miguel Duarte, Jesus Manuel Garcia Perez, Joshua Paz & Jose Fernando Luis Delgado

Paratransit Operators: Anthony Gilbert-Locatelli, Adrian Jimenez & Amanda Vevea

Mechanics: Edward Cummins & Juan Miguel Villarruel Tavarres

Those present expressed their appreciation and thanks for the opportunity.

Sharon Toline, Safety and Training Coordinator, spoke of the rewarding opportunity to train new Operators with tools to build a successful career as Operators.

April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent, commended the Operators for their successful completion of an accelerated training. She also thanked Ms. Toline for providing the cross training between Fixed Route and Paratransit.

15 INTRODUCTION OF JOLENE CHURCH, NEW HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

CEO Clifford introduced METRO's new HR Manager, Jolene Church, and provided a brief summary of her professional experience.

Ms. Church said she is happy for the opportunity to serve METRO.

There were no public comments.

16 ORAL STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – see presentation

Josh Shaw, Shaw Yoder and Antwih, provided commentary to the presentation (see attached), stressing the potential funding threats, and answered questions from the Board. He will provide the latest SB1 "tool kit" to CEO Clifford for dissemination to the Board Members and METRO staff to aid in educating the community.

Director McPherson departed at 11:10AM

The Board recessed for five minutes beginning at 11:15AM and reconvened at 11:20AM

17 ORAL FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chris Giglio, Capital Edge, noted the bipartisan bickering continues in Washington, DC, as evidenced by the minimal Congressional progress to date. There is hope that the FFY18 budget will be finalized by its December 8th due date. The proposed tax cut details have not yet been released. Congress needs to address the alternative fuel tax credit this year; it may continue to extend it on a year-to-year basis. An increase in the gas tax was mentioned recently by a high level White House staffer, however the press office hasn't acknowledged this.

Mr. Giglio will work with CEO Clifford to develop letters for our congressional delegation. He reminded the Board of the positive impact resulting from recent Board Member visits to DC. CEO Clifford noted the meetings and tours of METRO facilities by Jimmy Panetta's representative and Congresswoman Anna Eschoo.

The White House has been very public with asking entities to acknowledge any barriers to projects. The Department of Transportation Secretary appointed a regulatory task force to look into this.

There were no public comments.

18 ACCEPT AND FILE THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2017

Angela Aitken, Finance Manager, provided commentary to the presentation, which included updated slides pertaining to FY18 and FY19 Non-Controllable Budget Risks as of October 27, 2017. (See attached.)

She stressed the risks from a change in the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's (SCCRTC) allocation of 99313 population share money. If the allocation remains at 100%, as has been the case historically, METRO's budget will be balanced over the next five years. If the allocation is reduced, a \$2M plus risk exists to METRO starting this fiscal year. She will provide the risk information monthly.

Another huge risk could result if SB1 is overturned. METRO could be in a position to receive less STA funding than existed prior to the creation of SB1.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2017 AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR MATHEWS

SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 6 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Dutra, Mathews, Rios, & Rothwell). Directors Leopold, Lind, Hagen, McPherson and Rotkin were absent.

19 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EDSON FINANCIAL, MOTORCOACH BROKER REPRESENTING PAUL REVERE TRANSPORTATION, FOR THREE (3) FORTY FOOT NEW FLYER XCELSIOR BUSES

Ciro Aguirre, COO, provided background to the agenda item and accompanying slide show, noting he'd just returned from the East Coast where he saw the proposed equipment. The buses come with a full extended warranty and have only 6,000 miles resulting from testing and transporting them from the manufacturing plant. The lease to purchase agreement would not be finalized if we locate funding to purchase them outright.

CEO Clifford added this creative (lease to purchase) approach allows METRO to carve out funds over the next 72 months. The lease payments would be made from the capital reserve fund.

Board comments:

Director Mathews suggested METRO publicize the acquisition of these buses when received.

There were no public comments.

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MOTION: DIRECTOR MATHEWS

SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 6 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Dutra, Mathews, Rios, & Rothwell). Directors Leopold, Lind, McPherson, Hagen and Rotkin were absent.

Director Chase departed 12:01PM

20 CABRILLO BUS PASS PROGRAM ORAL UPDATE

Barrow Emerson, Planning and Development Manager, updated the assembly with details regarding Cabrillo's upcoming election. Voter turnout has been low historically; however, Cabrillo student activities have endorsed the latest ballot efforts.

Mr. Emerson will follow up with Director Rios regarding participation in the November 6th, 12 – 1PM Watsonville Campus Forum.

Mr. Emerson thanked the Campaign for Sensible Transportation for their involvement and support.

Mr. Emerson also noted that Cabrillo Administration has informed METRO that they may have a small shortfall on their payments for this school year (2017-2018), but less than estimated two months ago.

Eduardo Montesino, UTU representative, added a flyer is being developed and funded by the UTU to educate the students.

21 CEO ORAL REPORT

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, reminded the assembly that Measure D and SB1 are huge factors in METRO's balanced budget over the next five years. In April 2017, METRO advised the SCCRTC that we were planning to budget 100% of the County STA allocation to METRO. In May, the budget presented assumed 100% of the County STA would be allocated to METRO; and, in June the budget was adopted with this assumption. In September/October METRO was surprised to learn that the SCCRTC would propose that the County population share of STA (99313) would be issued in a call for projects.

A number of meetings have since occurred. METRO and the SCCRTC Ad Hoc Committee's latest proposal would permit us to phase out of the 100% allocation as follows:

FY18 and 2019: METRO would receive 100% of the 99313 population share

FY20 drop to 85% of the 99313 population share

FY21 80% of the 99313 population share

FY22 75% of the 99313 population share

CEO Clifford asked that the SCCRTC realize the potential devastation to METRO's budget with this huge loss of revenue. Every dollar less we receive is a dollar of deficit. This matter will be on the SCCRTC agenda in December.

Director Bottorff, who serves on the SCCRTC Commission, said the call for projects terminated October 23rd, which didn't leave enough review time to be placed on the November agenda so was postponed to December. He added that he's heard METRO was the sole entity who applied for projects that qualify for STA funding.

CEO Clifford will refresh the funding talking points for the Board members and provide the METRO SCCRTC Commissioners with information highlighting the potential impact to METRO that could result from this loss of funding.

There were no public comments.

22 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 AT 9:00 AM, AT THE WATSONVILLE CITY CHAMBERS, 275 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE, CA

Chair Dutra announced the next meeting as above.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dutra adjourned the meeting at 12:23PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye
Executive Assistant

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[REDACTED]
Aptos, CA 95003

October 27, 2017

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Metro Board of Directors

110 Vermon Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Metro Board of Directors,

I am asking that your Board issue an immediate STOP WORK ORDER on the County's relocation of Inbound #71 bus stop in Aptos Village. The site, currently under construction by ~~the~~ contractor John Madonna Construction (San Luis Obispo, Ca) has not received proper vetting by Metro SEIU representative, Mr. Eduardo Montesino for safety of CURRENT Bus stop specifications/design. Due to recent changes, still in progress by County Engineers, the new location access will not be ADA compliant, as was reported to the RTC Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee by Assistant Dept. of Public Works Director, Mr. Steve Wiesner. "Sidewalks, unlike ramps, do not have to meet ADA

requirements," he said. This bus stop relocation will install a 100' long ~~50'~~ 5% grade for the elderly and disabled to navigate when using the very busy #71 inbound Metro bus. Mr. Wiesner acknowledged "It will be a tight squeeze" and described the 7% and 8% ramp grades leading to the 100' long 5% access to the stop. The promised shelter is still under design. The bus will not be able to clear the traffic ^{lane.}

This relocation site is going to pose a safety hazard to Metro drivers, passengers and area cyclists and motorists. Please stop construction now and require Public works to ~~relocate~~ halt this relocation effort and design improvements at the existing inbound #71 Metro Aptos Village bus stop.

Please respond in writing.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner



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Tommy Jimmy Dutra



NOTE: OCT 27, 2017

Dear Jimmy Dutra and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors.

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The premise is that people with Walkers can be considered disabled.

In Watsonville, some concerns are:

The bus stop across from Ramsey park at Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street, by La Princesa market there is a sidewalk and ramp needed. The piece of sidewalk needs to be around 150 feet. The ramp behind the gas station is too far away. The reason is that the bus 69W on Main Street and the 91 Express don't stop by the Community Credit Union, Grocery Outlet, nor El Ranchito. If the 69W would stop at El Ranchito, it would help. The 91 and 61W could also stop at the 590 Auto Center Drive on Main st. where there is an existing bus stop, but buses are not allowed to stop. We ask you to consider strollers, wheelchairs, walkers and how people with ABA needs may have access to these zones.

*add 91 earlier
earlier 71 - (6:20 -*
Santa Cruz:

As a senior, and disabled student of Cabrillo College, making this many trips per week, I recommend that Metro prioritize the following services. Based on the new \$40/semester fee imposed on Cabrillo students, I recommend that more than one bus be assigned from Santa Cruz to the Dominican Hospital. As it stands, the 71 bus is the only one that goes to the Dominican Hospital. It needs to come earlier than 6:45am, at least at 6:20am, to be at the Dominican Hospital for the patients' early appointments. With the current schedule, the bus does not arrive at Dominican by 7:00am. If patients miss appointments, they are charged a late fee. ParaCruz is much too expensive for a long trip. It is important that the 71 bus come early on weekends because many people work early or have early appointments at the hospital on the weekends.

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~~9:00am~~ 8:30 AM

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Meeting November 15th, 2017

6:00pm – 8:00pm

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December 12th, 2017

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Dear Sir

My name is Robert Green as a disabled person I have to take the buses to my appointments and I need earlier buses to be on time . For safety reasons we need some extra ramps as te google maps and show

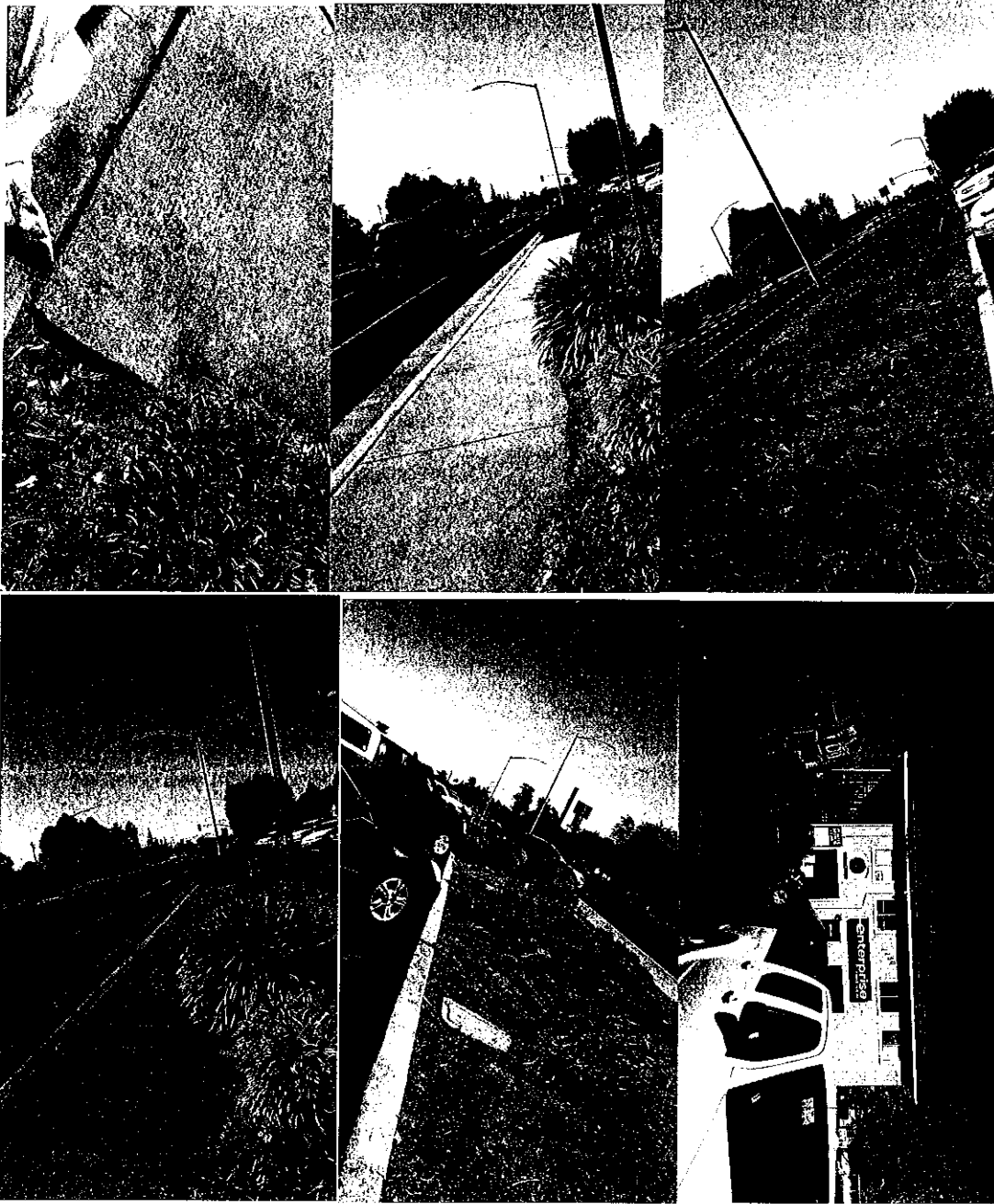
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Sincerely

Robert Green

Phone 831-226=2160 address 2500 Soquel dr. B-7

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W. Cronville market -
W. Cronville market (Behind Bus
Stop)

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Google

41st Ave

41st Ave



Windows search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a blue 'Directions' button with a white location pin icon.

YOUR IE SHARE

Mercy Housing, Inc. (National)

41st Ave - Google Maps

Santa Cruz METRO - Board Me...

Portal Integration


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*Mrs. Jones & Co.
Interleaf*

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Ofelia Gomez
Katrina Totten - 

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Legislative Advocacy

Association Management

2017 Legislative Wrap-up and SB 1 Transit Funding

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2017

Joshua W. Shaw

Partner

PROJECTED AT 10/27/17 METRO BOARD MEETING

Update from Sacramento

- Key transit-related bills
- Cap and Trade funding
- New transit & transportation funding (SB 1)

Key Bills

- **SB 1 (Beall and Frazier) *Transportation Funding***

Generates \$5.24 billion/year from various taxes and fees for the repair and maintenance of our state highways and local roads, improvement of our trade corridors, and support of public transit & active transportation.

~\$750 million a year **dedicated to transit.**

Transit eligible for more.

– **Signed by Governor Brown (April 28)**

Key Bills

- ***SCA 6 (Wiener) Local Transportation Measures:
Special Taxes: Voter Approval***

Would lower voter approval requirements from two-thirds to 55 percent for the imposition of special taxes used to provide funding for transportation purposes.

– In Senate Appropriations Committee

Key Bills

- **AB 398 (E. Garcia) *California Global Warming Solutions Act***

Extends the Cap and Trade program until December 30, 2030, while altering the program by establishing a price ceiling for auction allowances and limiting the use of carbon offsets.

Increased chances for **higher funding for transit funding programs.**

– **Signed by Governor Brown (July 25)**

Key Bills

- ***AB 673 (Chu) Public Transit Operators: Bus Procurements: Safety Considerations***

Require public transit operators, before the procurement of a new bus, to take into consideration safety recommendations offered by local labor representatives.

– **Signed by Governor Brown (July 24)**

Key Bills

- **AB 1113 (Bloom) *STA Long-Term Fix***

Amends the statutes governing the **State Transit Assistance program** to clarify several ambiguities in law that led to administrative changes made in 2016 by the State Controller's Office.

Restores statewide equity and regional balance.

METRO faced ~\$2-3 million/ year loss...

– **Signed by Governor Brown (July 21)**

Key Bills

- **ACA 5 (Frazier and Newman) *Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes: Restrictions on Expenditures***

Restricts the expenditure of revenues generated by the Transportation Improvement Fee and diesel sales tax increase, enacted in SB 1 (Beall and Frazier), to specified transportation purposes.

- **Chaptered by the Secretary of State [statewide vote = November, 2018]**

Cap and Trade Funding

- \$1.5 billion expenditure plan for 2017-18
- Includes \$180 million for Air Resources Board's Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project
 - **Minimum \$35 million for buses, including transit**
 - Also \$250 million for local air districts/ Carl Moyer Program; transit agencies eligible
- Commitment from several Legislators/ staff to **revisit dedicated transit funding in 2018-19** budget

Repeal of SB 1

- Two initiative referenda filed with Secretary of State:
 - Asm. Travis Allen, cleared for signature on July 1
 - *Would repeal all SB 1 enacted taxes and fees*
 - *Circulation Deadline: 01/08/18 | Signatures Required: 365,880*
 - *Allen sued DOJ over Title and Summary, won in court*
 - *No indication of paid signature gatherers*
 - CA House GOP delegation,
 - *Would require auto- & fuel-related taxes and fees passed after 1/1/17 to be approved by a majority vote of the people*
 - *Constitutional Amendment | Signatures Required: 585,407*
 - *DOJ has not yet issued Title and Summary*

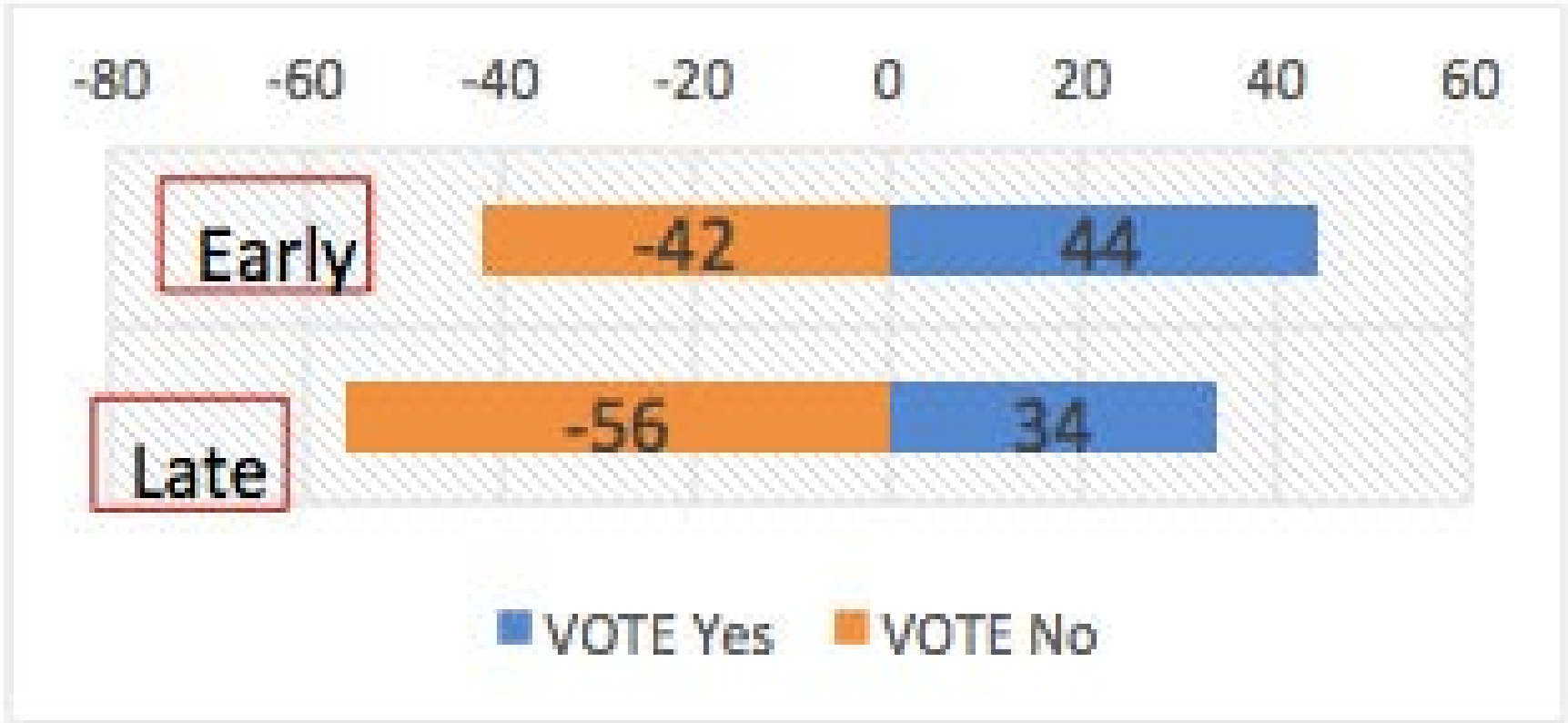
Repeal of SB 1 *(cont.)*

- House GOP initiative is *huge concern*
 - Supposed to drive voter turnout
 - Support from John Cox, GOP candidate for Governor
 - Likely backing by targeted CA GOP House members
 - Not just SB 1 repeal; all future auto- & fuel-related taxes subject to statewide vote of the people
- California Transit Association and Fix Our Roads Coalition, other stakeholders, responding
 - Dissuasion: House GOP members should stay out of it
 - Prepare the ground: Tell pro-SB 1 story statewide

Repeal SB 1: Turnout?

Republican Voters	Definitely vote	Probably vote	50/50	Probably not	Unsure
Without the gas tax	86%	9%	3%	2%	1%
With gas tax	86%	8%	3%	2%	0.3%

Repeal SB 1: Popular?



Repeal SB 1: What can you do?

- METRO – Document the benefits:
 - Discuss benefits of SB 1 funding at METRO Board meetings and in Board reports
 - Issue press releases and update your website
- Board Members – Get the word out:
 - Direct staff to do those first things!
 - Speak at community meetings
 - Educate business groups



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Legislative Advocacy

Association Management

2017 Legislative Wrap-up and SB 1 Transit Funding

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2017

Joshua W. Shaw

Partner

What's SB 1 (Beall & Frazier)?

- Comprehensive, multi-modal funding package
- New funds to:
 - Highways
 - Local streets & roads
 - Goods movement projects
 - Active transportation projects
 - **Public transportation projects & services**
- **Biggest infusion of new transit funding since 1971**
- Paired w/constitutional amendment; protects funds

Summary...

10-year funding projection

STATEWIDE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS (50%)	
Fix-it-First Highways	\$15 billion
Bridge and Culvert Repair	\$4 billion
Trade Corridor Investments	\$3 billion
Solutions for Congested Commute Corridors	\$2.5 billion
Parks Funding for Ag, Off-Highway Vehicle & Boating	\$800 million
STIP (State Share)	\$275 million
Freeway Service Patrol	\$250 million
California Public Universities Transportation Research	\$70 million
Local or Regional Investment Programs (50%)	
Fix-it-First Local Roads	\$15 billion
Transit Capital and Operations	\$7.5 billion
Local Partnership Funds	\$2 billion
Active Transportation Program Bicycle and Pedestrian Investments	\$1 billion
STIP (Local Share)	\$825 million
Local Planning Grants	\$250 million
TOTAL	\$52.4 billion

PROJECTED AT 10/27/17 METRO BOARD MEETING

Where's funding coming from?

- SB 1 draws on **several existing** funding sources:
 - Gasoline excise tax increase
 - Setting floor on gas excise tax adjustments
 - Diesel excise tax increase
 - **Diesel sales tax increase**
- SB 1 introduces **two new** funding sources:
 - **Value-based fee on vehicles**
 - Fee on zero-emission vehicles
- SB 1 also includes **loan repayments**

How's transit funding distributed?

- Diesel sales tax increase (est. \$300 million/yr.):
 - 7/8 to **State Transit Assistance (STA) program**
 - 1/8 to **intercity & commuter rail operators**
- Transportation Improvement Fee (est. \$1.5 billion/yr.):
 - \$350 million to Public Transportation Account
 - 70% to **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)**
 - 30% to **STA program** for maintenance, rehab & capital
 - \$250 million to the Congested Corridor Program
 - Projects part of a “comprehensive corridor plan,” including **transit projects**
- \$706 million loan repayment (one-time):
 - \$236 million to **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**



State Transit Assistance Program

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total STA \$	\$266	\$586	\$660
% Increase Above 2016-17		120%	148%

Million\$

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total TIRCP \$	\$39	\$480	\$483
% Increase Above Prior Year		1131%	1%

Million\$

Is the new money protected?

- Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 (Frazier and Newman) protects new SB 1 revenues from future borrowing/ shifting to non-transportation purposes
 - Also protects existing diesel sales tax revenue (STA program)
- ACA 5 before voters June, 2018
- Required a 2/3 vote to pass Legislature
 - On the ballot, ACA 5 needs only a simple majority to pass

**FY18 & FY19
Non-Controllable Budget Risks
as of October 27, 2017**

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<u>Cabrillo College Risk</u> <u>Cabrillo Operating Revenue</u>	FY18 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017	FY19 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017
<u>Operating Budget:</u>		
<u>Contract with Cabrillo</u>	(\$200K)	(\$450K) Pending Student Vote

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FY18 & FY19
Non-Controllable Budget Risks

<u>RTC Risk</u> <u>Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)</u> Population Share (PUC 99313) <u>TDA-STA-SGR Revenue</u>	FY18 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017	FY19 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017
<p><u>Operating Budget:</u> <u>TDA-STA:</u> 100% of the Population Share (PUC 99313) is at risk due to the RTC Board reprogramming these funds to other County projects</p>	(\$1,690K)	(\$1,951K)
<p><u>Capital Budget:</u> <u>TDA-STA-SGR (Capital):</u> 100% of the Population Share (PUC 99313) is at risk due to the RTC Board reprogramming these funds to other County projects</p>	(\$369K)	(\$369K)
<u>TOTAL RTC Operating and Capital Budget Risk:</u>	<u>(\$2,059K)</u>	<u>(\$2,320K)</u>

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<u>SB1 Repeal Risk</u> <u>Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)</u> NEW TDA-STA PUC 99313 & 99314 <u>NEW TDA-STA-SGR Revenue</u>	FY18 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017	FY19 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017
Operating Budget: <u>TDA-STA-SB1</u> : 100% of the SB1 is at risk due to potential voter repeal	(\$1,230K)	(\$1,766K)
Capital Budget: <u>TDA-STA-SGR (Capital)</u> : 100% is at risk due to potential voter repeal	(\$737K)	(\$737K)
<u>TOTAL SB1 Repeal Operating and Capital Budget Risk:</u>	<u>(\$1,967K)</u>	<u>(\$2,503K)</u>

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<u>Worst Case Non-Controllable Risk</u>	FY18 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017	FY19 Budget Adopted 06/23/2017
<u>Operating Budget:</u>		
<u>Contract with Cabrillo</u>	(\$200K)	(\$450K) Pending Student Vote
<u>TDA-STA-SB1: TDA-STA:</u> 100% of the Population Share (PUC 99313) is at risk due to the RTC Board reprogramming these funds to other County projects AND 100% of the SB1 is at risk due to potential voter repeal	(\$2,305K)	(\$2,834K)
<u>Total Operating Budget:</u>	<u>(\$2,505K)</u>	<u>(\$3,284K)</u>
<u>Capital Budget:</u>		
<u>TDA-STA-SGR (Capital):</u> 100% is at risk due to potential voter repeal	(\$737K)	(\$737K)
<u>TOTAL Worst Case Operating and Capital Budget Risk:</u>	<u>(\$3,242K)</u>	<u>(\$4,021K)</u>