



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**8:30 AM**  
**John G. Britton Auditorium**  
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS**  
Chair Davis reported that all members were present with the exception of Director Perotte and Secretary Lemberger.
- 3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**  
Evelyn Orozco, Human Resources Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, October 13, 2023, at MTD's Administrative office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**  
The Board of Directors was asked to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of September 19, 2023.
- 5. CASH REPORT - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**  
The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from September 9, 2023 through September 22, 2023 and September 23, 2023 through October 6, 2023.  
Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously (4-0) with 1 abstention (Solorzano) and 2 absent (Lemberger, Perotte). The cash reports were approved 5-0 with 2 absent (Lemberger, Perotte).

**THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No public comments were made.
- 7. CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION BLUEPRINT GRANT PROJECT UPDATE – (INFORMATIONAL)**  
Ryan Gripp, Capital Projects Manager provided a presentation to update the Board on the

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California Energy Commission's (CEC) Blueprints for Medium Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure (GFO-20-601) planning grant awarded to MTD.

**8. MTD/SBCAG DUAL DESIGNATED RECIPIENT MOU – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)**

General Manager Estrada recommended that the Board approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the "Memorandum of the Understanding between Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for the Dual Designated Recipient Role for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Programs for the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area" with a term of October 1, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

Director Lapuz moved to approve the authorization of the memorandum. Director Solorzano seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) with 2 absent (Lemberger, Perotte).

**9. CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 125 TIRCP & ZETCP FUNDING– (INFORMATIONAL)**

Steve Maas, Grants and Compliance Manager provided the Board of Directors with an update on one-time California Senate Bill 125 (SBS125) funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP).

**10. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN – ATTACHMENT)**

Hillary Blackerby, Planning and Marketing Manager recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into a License Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara regarding Transit Signal Priority.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the authorization. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) with 2 absent (Lemberger, Perotte).

**11. RENEWAL OF STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Mary Gregg, Chief Operating Officer and Assistant General Manager recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to renew Staff health insurance policies for the plan year effective January 1, 2024. Insurance coverage under these policies are for MTD Staff employees not represented by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Director Solorzano moved to approve the authorization for renewal of Staff health insurance policies. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) with 2 absent (Lemberger, Perotte).

*Chair Davis recommended that the Board address item 12 "Recess to Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation" at end of the agenda. All Directors were in agreement with the change in agenda order.*

**12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

The Board met in closed session, pursuant to Government Codes § 54957 and § 54954.5(e), to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager.

No public comments regarding the Closed Session were made prior to recess.

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Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 9:55 AM.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:06 AM.

Chair Davis reported out of closed session that no action was taken on the item.

**13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – (INFORMATIONAL)**

General Manager Estrada provided an update on District activities.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)**

Chair Davis informed that the State Street Advisory Committee (SSAC) will hold a Meeting on October 23, 2023 to focus on mobility issues and the potential for shuttle service downtown.

Director Sarkar announced that on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 there will be a Central Coast Sustainability Summit taking place at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB).

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM.

Approved by the Board of Directors November 7, 2023

  
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Board of Directors, Chair