



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES*
FEBRUARY 12, 2021 – 10:30AM
MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE**

A regular meeting of the Capital Projects Standing Committee of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, February 12, 2021, via teleconference.

The Committee Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com. *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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1 **CALL TO ORDER** at 1:05PM by Director Pageler.

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

Director Bruce McPherson
Director Larry Pageler
Director Kristen Petersen

County of Santa Cruz
County of Santa Cruz
City of Capitola

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:

Margo Ross
John Urgo
Daniel Zaragoza

METRO COO
METRO Planning & Development Director
METRO Operations Mgr, Paratransit Div.

3 **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Having none, Director Pageler moved to the next agenda item.

4 **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Having none, Director Pageler moved to the next agenda item.

There was no public comment:

5 **RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING THE EXTENDED PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR PROTERRA ZERO EMISSIONS BUS PROJECT**

Margo Ross, COO, provided a short oral history of the project. CEO Clifford added further details to the timeline and the steps taken with Proterra throughout the project. METRO anticipates beginning the process with the Watsonville circulator in the fall of 2021.

Director Pageler asked if there were any concerns about a possible sunset date for the grant. COO Ross said, and Wondimu Mengistu, Grants/Legislative Analyst, verified that METRO anticipates no issues with the expenditure deadline for grants funding these buses.

CEO Clifford referred the assembly to Attachment B, noting that METRO's actions are being undertaken with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and provides an option for the utilization of hydrogen fuel cell buses. Between now and the end of CY2021, we will continue to investigate hydrogen fuel cell buses.

There were no public comments.

6 ORAL PACIFIC STATION UPDATE

John Urgo, Planning & Development Director, provided a brief oral update on the proposed facility configuration, meetings with the City of Santa Cruz, affordable housing grant options, etc. The grant deadline was extended to June and is focused on greenhouse emissions, which requires further investigation.

There was no public comment.

7 ORAL PARACRUZ UPDATE

Daniel Zaragoza, Operations Manager, Paratransit Division, provided a brief verbal update to the project to be located at the Soquel Park and Ride lot. We continue to work through design plans with the architect, vehicle travel strategies through the proposed parking lot, building location, support systems, landscaping, etc. Most environmental reports have been received; we anticipate receipt of the noise environmental report shortly. Work continues on the grant application. We continue to look forward to opening the new facility in fall 2022.

There will be a virtual community meeting next Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 6:00PM, to obtain community input. Danielle Glagola, Marketing, Communications and Customer Service Director, said a public meeting invite was mailed via USPS to residents living near the proposed building site. She will provide the meeting information to all of the board members.

There was no public comment.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Director Pageler adjourned the meeting at 1:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye

Executive Assistant