

AGENDA ITEM IV – A

**YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2023**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (4:00 P.M.)

Present: Bains (Chair), Blaser, Buttacavoli, Fuhrer (Vice-Chair), Hudson and Shaw
Absent: Kirchner

II. Closed Session

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4:45 p.m. stating that direction had been given to the agency negotiator.

III. Public Business from the Floor

None.

IV. Consent Calendar

Director Blaser made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Bus Lease Agreement.

Martin stated that Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) operated by the Merced County Association of Governments has a short-term need for some highway coaches due to significantly delayed delivery of new buses. As a result, they have reached out to Yuba-Sutter Transit regarding the lease of up to three commuter buses for five months starting May 1st. The agenda packet included a draft lease agreement that has been reviewed by counsel. This same agreement was approved by YARTS on Monday, May 17th.

Director Hudson made a motion to authorize execution of the YARTS bus lease agreement as proposed. Director Flores seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Storer Transit Systems Contract Extension.

Martin stated that the current contract with Storer Transit Systems is set to expire on September 30, 2023, but the original four-year agreement includes two two-year extension options which allow for CPI-based cost adjustments of from 2 to 4 percent each year. To exercise any of the two options, Storer must be notified by May 1st for the new term to begin October 1, 2023. Martin noted that the maximum contractual obligation under the proposed extension would average approximately \$6.9 million annually, but that this figure is based upon the 95,000 service hours that were included in the original contract. The actual estimated cost per year,

however, will likely be closer to \$6.1 million based on the current operation of approximately 75,000 hours a year which is not expected to change over the next two years.

Martin stated that Storer has been a great partner over the last four years and that they have been extremely helpful through the pandemic to keep drivers unlike many other transit systems that continue to struggle to hire, train, and retain staff.

Director Fuhrer made a motion to authorize a conditional notice to extend the Storer Transit Systems contract pending Caltrans approval. Director Shaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement for 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA.

This item was not discussed.

D. Granite Construction Soil Transfer License Agreement.

Martin noted that Granite Construction, the general contractor for the Caltrans State Route 70 Binney Junction project, will soon be doing excavation work to build pump houses for the project resulting in the need to dispose of approximately 7,000 cubic yards of excess soil. Granite has requested permission to place and stabilize that soil at the future site of the NextGen Transit Facility at which point ownership would be transferred to Yuba-Sutter Transit for future use on that property.

Director Hudson made a motion to authorize execution of the soil transfer license agreement as proposed. Director Fuhrer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Federal Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Transition Plan Update.

Martin stated that the attached plan, which is required per the 2021 Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act, has already been submitted as part of a federal bus facilities grant application and is now being provided for information purposes. Any federal funds that are used for zero-emission vehicles must have a zero-emission transition plan and the attached version is simply an update of the 2022 plan that was prepared last year for the same purpose. The next step in this journey will be the adoption of a state mandated Zero-Emission Bus Roll Out Plan, which is due by July 1, 2023. That plan will be on the agenda for Board consideration at the June 15th meeting.

F. Discount Monthly Pass Program Grant Close-Out Report.

Martin stated that we are required to bring this information to our board per our FRAQMD grant which ended March 2023. Per the report in 2020 there was three months when passes were not being sold, since ridership had dropped due to COVID. In 2019 we sold 12,335 passes which we have not been near that number in the last three years.

The FRAQMD has been extended to March 2024 and the board agreed to support addition funds for the program to be extended until July 2024.

G. Project & Program Updates.

1. NextGen Transit Plan (Final Draft Plan Presentation & Adoption Consideration at the May 18th Meeting)

Martin stated that the final draft plan, which is now available on the project website, will be presented to the Board for adoption consideration at the May 18th meeting.

2. Next Generation Zero-Emission Bus Facility Project (Three Pending Grant Award Announcements)

Martin noted that we have three pending grant applications for a total of nearly \$30 million. Award announcements are expected by Monday, April 24th on the State TIRCP grant, by early May on the SACOG Regional Funding Round grant, and by June 28th on the federal bus facility grant application.

3. Executive Director Recruitment

Martin reminded the Board of the special meeting on Monday, May 1st for the interviewing of finalists for the Executive Director position.

VII. Correspondence / Information

None.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 AT 4:00 PM IN THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED.