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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**3449 Santa Anita Avenue
3rd Floor Council Conference Room
El Monte, CA 91731**

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| | 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call | Chair | Action | |
| | 2. | Approve March 9, 2023 Minutes | Chair | Action | 4-6 |
| | 3. | General Public Comment | Chair/Public | Information | |
| | 4. | Executive Director's Report | Andre Colaiace | Information | |
| | 5. | FY 2024 Draft Budget | Hector Rodriguez | Presentation | |
| | 6. | Travel Mode Survey Results | Eric Haack & Great Blue Research | Presentation | |
| | 7. | Operations Report | Faustino Salvador | Presentation | |
| | 8. | New Business Raised Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda | Members | Possible Action | |

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**ITEM 2
TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

TPAC Chair Diane Amaya called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

TPAC members and alternates in attendance: Fayma Ishaq (METRO), Esteban Rodriguez (Antelope Valley Transit Authority), Diane Amaya (City of Redondo Beach, Beach Cities Transit), Trini Ramirez (City of Pasadena, DOT), Rhoda Tong (East Los Angeles Regional Center), Kevin Parks McDonald (Foothill Transit), Silva Baghdanian (City of Glendale), Janna Smith (LADOT), Erica Jacquez (Pomona Valley Transportation Authority)

TPAC Members absent: Frazier Watts (Gardena Bus), Adrianna Kendricks (Montebello Bus Lines), James Lee (Torrance Transit), Eric Hoch (City of Santa Monica, Big Blue Bus) Chaka Garbutt (Long Beach Transit)

Access staff in attendance: Matthew Avancena, Karen Gilbert, Vince Pena, Mike Greenwood, Andre Colaiace, Veronica Guzman-Vanmarcke

APPROVE JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Diane Amaya entertained a motion to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes.
First: Gracie Davis
Second: Esteban Rodriguez
Vote: Via roll call, minutes were approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Fernando Roldan made a public comment by stating that he is a member of California Communities Actively Living Independently Free. He knows there are some issues with the Next Gen program, especially in the Porter Ranch area. He invited them to join his meeting that afternoon at 1pm. He also added that by Metro removing certain routes from their service, it will hurt the riders and he believes it is against the ADA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Andre Colaiace, announced that Access had their semi-annual community meeting on Saturday with a very good turnout with over 100 attendees. Staff discussed several topics from eligibility to IT and for the first time a presentation was made about how riders can get involved in Access. He thanked Randy Johnson and his team for organizing the meeting. With the return of congressionally directed spending, staff has been working with Access's federal affairs team at Simon and Company to develop a request for funding for Access's proposed Antelope Valley Paratransit operations and maintenance facility. They are in the process, but it is competitive and there are far more funding requests than available funding. Finally, at the last Board meeting, they approved the TNC pilot project concept, which will allow our contractors to use TNCs for a small portion of their trips. They have received interest from two contractors who want to participate in the program and will keep TPAC updated as the project moves along.

BUDGET UPDATE

Deputy Executive Director Hector Rodriguez gave an update on the current budget FY 2023 as well as a small insight into FY 2024.

ELIGIBILITY SERVICES CONTRACT SCOPE

Eligibility Manager, Karen Gilbert, stated that the current eligibility contract was awarded to Medical Transportation Management, MTM, back in 2017. She stated the contract would end in June 2024. She gave an update on the upcoming scope of work for Eligibility services.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Project Administrator, Vicente Pena, presented the performance statistics and KPIs. He stated that some of the highlights were already mentioned by Andre Colaiace, but he added that Access had a very successful community meeting and that they continue to explore new ideas to provide the best possible service.

NEW BUSINESS RAISED SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Diane Amaya announced that Redondo Beach transit had completed the construction of the new transit center at the end of calendar year 2022. They had a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 29, 2023. She thanked Access staff members who joined them for the wonderful event and celebration. They had more than 200 guests and it was a

great turnout. They are hoping customers will take advantage of the brand new facility for connectivity to other lines so that they can complete the destination.

Andre Colaiace stated it was a great event and thanked her for the invitation.

Chair Amaya added that the FTA Triennial Reviews will start this year and she is sure that there will be transit operators that will be busy with the FTA triennials beginning in the next month or so.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chair Diane Amaya requested a motion to adjourn at the meeting.

Vote: Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.