

**REDWOOD COAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 4:15 P.M.**

**ATTENDED: JOEY BORGES (CHAIR) KELLY SCHELLONG (VICE CHAIR), VIDETTE ROBERTS, RAY
ALTMAN, DARREN SHORT**

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: JOSEPH RYE, FERNANDO HERNANDEZ

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER. ROLL CALL. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Schellong called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Joseph Rye conducted roll call. Director Schellong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person(s) addressed the Board: NONE

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Short nominated Joey Borges for Chair, seconded by Director Altman, unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Redwood Coast Transit Authority Board of Directors approved the nomination. Director Short nominated Kelly Schellong for Vice Chair, seconded by Director Altman, unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Redwood Coast Transit Authority Board of Directors approved the nomination.

4. CONSENT CALENDER

4A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 RCTA BOARD MEETING

**4B. APPROVE 2024 RACE-NEUTRAL RACE-CONSCIOUS DBE IMPLEMENTATION
AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Director Schellong, seconded by Director Short, and unanimously carried on a polled vote the Redwood Coast Transit Authority Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda items 3A-3B.

**5. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GREEN DOT TRANSPORTATION IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

Discussion was held regarding Approval of Amendment to Agreement With Green Dot Transportation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000 For Project Development Support.

On a motion by Director Short, seconded by Director Altman, and unanimously carried on a polled vote the Redwood Coast Transit Authority Board of Directors approved the Amendment to Agreement with Green Dot Transportation in an Amount not to Exceed \$20,000 For Project Development Support.

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-24-12 APPROVING ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR TIRCP FUNDS FOR PROJECT APPROVALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WILLIAMS DRIVE ELECTRIC BUS CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Discussion was held regarding Adoption of Resolution 2023-24-12, Approving Allocation Request for TIRCP Funds for Project Approvals and Environmental Documentation for the Williams Drive Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project.

On a motion by Director Schellong, seconded by Director Short, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Redwood Coast Transit Authority Board of Directors approved Resolution 2023-24-12, approving a TIRCP Grant Allocation Request for Project Approvals and Environmental Documentation for the Williams Drive Charging Infrastructure Project.

7. UPDATE ON FARE INCREASE PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME

Discussion was held regarding the Update on Fare Increase Public Outreach and Implementation Timeframe.

8. UPDATE ON EXTENSION OF GROUND LEASE FOR WILLIAMS DRIVE RCTA MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FACILITY

Discussion was held regarding the Update on Extension of Ground Lease For Williams Drive RCTA Maintenance & Operations Facility.

9. DISCUSSION OF REDWOOD COAST EXPRESS REGIONAL INTERCITY BUS SERVICE COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Discussion was held regarding the Redwood Coast Express Regional Intercity Bus Service Cooperative Partnership.

10. DISCUSSION OF NEW RCTA BUS STOP SIGNS AND SIGNPOSTS, AND SIMME SEAT INSTALLATION PERMIT PACKAGES

Discussion of New RCTA Bus Stop Signs and Signposts, and Simme Seat Installation Permit Packages.

11. MANAGEMENT REPORT – TRANSDEV GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Hernandez discussed TRANSDEV General Manager position.

12. RCTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following Directors commented on the following: Joseph Rye addressed that the contract his team currently works under (3-year contract) is in its 3rd fiscal year – advises Board to consider if they would like the team to submit a proposed extension offer to the Attorneys. The Board asked Mr. Rye to submit an extension proposal to the RCTA Attorney and negotiate the extension and bring this back to the Board.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Directors commented on the following: Director Schellong notes that Mr. Rye may not be aware that Border Coast Regional Airport Authority has ended their relationship with Contour Airlines effective March 16, 2024, and Advanced Air will be replacing Contour as the Airports commercial carrier. Director Schellong mentions this because the new company wants to address planning for inclement weather effecting flights and solutions to transport customers to/from Rogue Valley Airport in Medford, as an alternative airport during inclement weather. Advance Air will be offering daily flights between Crescent City and Oakland and Hawthorne (near LAX). She encouraged Mr. Rye to speak with the airport about these opportunities, it could be a revenue stream.

14. **ADJOURN** - Redwood Coast Transit Board of Directors adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday February 26, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Joseph Rye, Executive Director
Redwood Coast Transit Authority