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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
11:00 A.M.

Virtual Link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82942307943>

Access Services Headquarters
Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
3449 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte CA 91731

See *Note below for additional information on remote participation link.

MISSION STATEMENT

Access Services promotes access to all modes of transportation and provides quality and safe ADA paratransit service on behalf of public transit agencies in Los Angeles County.

	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	ACTION
2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS	PRESENTATION
3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (page 5) [Staff Recommendation: Approve]	ACTION [Vote Required: Majority of members present in person or proxy of two of the three classes by voice vote]
4. FINANCIAL REPORT	PRESENTATION
5. OPERATIONS REPORT	PRESENTATION
6. ACCESS SPOTLIGHT AWARD	PRESENTATION

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| 7. | SPIRIT OF ACCESSIBILITY AWARD | PRESENTATION |
| 8. | GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT | INFORMATION |
| 9. | NEW BUSINESS SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA | DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION |
| 10. | ADJOURNMENT | ACTION |

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2. Enter an email address and your name. Your name will be visible online while you are speaking.
3. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause audio feedback.
4. Please note that the "Chat" feature is not enabled during the meeting for general public attendees. If you cannot use the "raise hand" feature, then please submit a written comment as outlined above.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to three minutes. An audio signal will sound at the three-minute mark and the Chair will have the discretion to mute you at any point after that. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

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5. If you cannot use the "raise hand" feature, please submit a written comment as outlined above.
6. When called, please state your name and limit your remarks to three minutes. An audio signal will sound at the three-minute mark and the Chair will have the discretion to mute you at any point after that. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Webinar

Monday, November 14, 2022
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Access Services Annual Membership meeting convened at 9:35 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022 via webinar. The presiding Board Member was Chair Martin Gombert. The following Members of Access Services were present, constituting a quorum:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Gombert, Chair	Los Angeles County Local Fixed Route Operators
Lee Burner, Vice Chair	Los Angeles County Municipal Fixed Route Operators
Doran Barnes, Treasurer (via proxy)	City Selection Committee Corridor Transportation Representatives
Dolores Nason, Secretary	Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Adrian Aguilar	Los Angeles County Municipal Fixed Route Operators
Andrew Del Castillo	Los Angeles County Independent Living Centers
Theresa DeVera	City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office
Giovanna Gogreve	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

John Troost

Los Angeles County Commission on
Disabilities

LOCAL FIXED ROUTE OPERATORS PRESENT

Representatives and Proxies

Agencies

Sabrina Chan (proxy)

City of Cerritos

Martha D'Andrea

Glendale Beeline

Martin Gombert

Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority

Valerie Gibson (proxy)

Pasadena Department of Transportation

MUNICIPAL FIXED ROUTE OPERATORS PRESENT

Representatives and Proxies

Agencies

Martin Tompkins

Antelope Valley Transit Authority

Claude McFerguson

City of Commerce

Jim Parker

City of Norwalk

Diane Amaya

City of Redondo Beach

Kevin Parks McDonald (proxy)

Foothill Transit

Dana Pynn

G-Trans

Kenneth McDonald (proxy)

Long Beach Transit

Fayma Ishaq

Metro

Adrianna Kendricks

Montebello Bus Lines

Adrian Aguilar

Santa Clarita Transit

James Lee (proxy)

Torrance Transit

MEMBER AGENCIES NOT PRESENT

The following Local Fixed Route Operators were not in attendance: City of Alhambra, City of Arcadia, City of Artesia, City of Baldwin Park, City of Bell, City of Bell Gardens, City of Bellflower, City of Burbank, City of Calabasas, City of Carson, City of Compton, City of Cudahy, City of Downey, City of Duarte, City of El Monte, City of Huntington Park, City of Inglewood, City of La Cañada Flintridge, City of Lawndale, City of Lynwood, City of Monterey Park, City of Paramount, City of Rosemead, City of Sierra Madre, City of West Covina, City of Westlake Village, Glendale Beeline and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

The following Municipal Fixed Route Operators were not in attendance: Culver City Bus, LADOT and Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Board of Directors Chair Martin Gombert and Executive Director Andre Colaiace welcomed the meeting attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting held on November 18, 2021.

Motion with correction to include City of Norwalk's attendance made by Vice Chair Burner, seconded by Jim Parker. Via voice vote the majority of membership and Board were in favor, motion passed.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEES - BOARD ELECTIONS

Recommendation:

- 1) Appoint Joyce Rooney from Beach Cities Transit to the Nominating Committee for the selection of one Director to represent the Municipal Fixed Route Operators.
- 2) Appoint Sebastian Hernandez from the city of Pasadena to the Nominating Committee for the selection of two Directors to represent the Local Fixed Route Operators.
- 3) Allow additional members to volunteer until December 29, 2022

Public Comment:

Eddie Salcido asked the Board to reconsider the mask mandate for Access riders.

Motion to approve made by Secretary Nason, seconded by Director Aguilar. Via voice vote the majority of membership and Board were in favor, motion passed.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Access Services Deputy Executive Director Hector Rodriguez provided an overview of fiscal year 2022 financials.

Public Comment:

Eddie Salcido asked about whether the loss between revenue and expenses is typical of a non-pandemic year.

6. OPERATIONS REPORT

Access Services Chief Operations Officer Mike Greenwood provided an overview of fiscal year 2022 operations.

Public Comment:

Eddie Salcido stated the mask requirement is discriminatory and may cause respiratory issues and he feels the requirement is more about control.

Terri Lantz wanted to thank Access for its concern for riders along with her appreciation for continuing the mask mandate.

Board/Member Agency Comment:

Jim Parker asked if ETA calls are for those riders who are asking about the status of their ride. Mr. Greenwood confirmed that is the case.

7. ACCESS SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Access Services Manager of Customer Relations Susanna Cadenas introduced the Access Spotlight Award to Ms. Stephanie Rodriguez.

8. SPIRIT OF ACCESSIBILITY AWARD

Access Services Executive Director Andre Colaiace introduced the Spirit of Accessibility Award recipient to Carlos Benavides.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Director Nason, seconded by Director Gogreve. Via voice vote, all the members of the three classes were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Approval

Dolores Nason, Secretary

Date