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## Authority Board Meeting **MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:** Tarien Grover

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Newell Arnerich, Chair  
Lamar Hernandez-Thorpe, Vice Chair  
Paul Fadelli, Commissioner  
Loella Haskew, Commissioner  
Chris Kelley, Commissioner  
Aaron Meadows, Commissioner  
Sue Noack, Commissioner/MTC Rep.  
Scott Perkins, Commissioner  
Renata Sos, Commissioner  
Mark Foley, Ex-Officio Rep.  
Amy Worth, Ex-Officio Rep. Alt.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Colin Clarke  
Andy Dilard  
Tarien Grover  
Timothy Haile  
Jack Hall  
John Hoang  
Stephanie Hu  
Lindy Johnson  
Brian Kelleher  
Matt Kelly  
Daniel Mermelstein  
Hisham Noeimi  
Emily Owen  
Ivan Ramirez  
Ying Smith  
Yuliana Tjeng  
Jay Zhang  
Amara Morrison, Legal Counsel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ken Carlson, Commissioner  
Federal Glover, Commissioner/MTC Rep.  
H.E. Christian Peeples, Ex-Officio Rep.

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### 1. **CONVENE MEETING:** *Newell Arnerich, Chair*

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Arnerich convened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Commissioners Carlson and Glover were absent. Reps. Foley and Worth had not yet arrived for regular session.

### 2. **CLOSED SESSION**

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioners, Legal Counsel, and Timothy Haile, Executive Director, convened into Closed Session at 6:01 PM.

**A.** Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code § 54957  
Title: Executive Director

Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Newell Arnerich, Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

### 3. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

A. Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioners and Legal Counsel returned to Open Session at 5:59 P.M. Chair Arnerich reconvened the meeting at 6:00 PM and reported that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public are invited to address the Authority regarding any item that is not listed on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconferencing Special Notice for Public Comment guidelines.

**DISCUSSION:** Students from Murwood Elementary School in the City of Walnut Creek spoke regarding their field trip to GoMentum Station and Glydways.

6. PRESENTATIONS

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Haskew moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Sos. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the commissioners present, unless otherwise noted.

**Noes-**None

**Absent-**Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Glover

**Abstain-**None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Authority Board Workshop Minutes of October 28, 2024

B. Authority Board Workshop Minutes of October 29, 2024

C. Authority Board Minutes of October 30, 2024

8. Administration & Projects Committee - Consent:

A. Accept Internal Accounting Report for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2024

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks acceptance of the Internal Accounting Report for the twelve months ended June 30, 2024.

B. Accept Quarterly Sales Tax Revenue Report for the Period Ended June 30, 2024

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks acceptance of the quarterly sales tax revenue report for the period ended June 30, 2024.

- C. Accept Quarterly Cash and Investment Report for the Period Ended September 30, 2024

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks acceptance of the quarterly cash and investment report for the period ended September 30, 2024.

- D. Accept Consultant Agreement Amendment

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 532 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide continued engineering services and Feasibility Study support services and extend the agreement termination date to December 31, 2025, with no increase in budget.

- E. Senate Bill 1 – Formulaic Local Partnership Program (LPP) Funds Programming for the Countywide Smart Signals Project (Project)

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of Resolution 24-56-P, which will authorize the programming of \$187,000 in remaining Cycle 4 formulaic LPP funds to the Project and will authorize staff to deposit \$119,000 in secured local contributions in the Authority's Fund Exchange Reserve for future cost increases on the Project and other projects administered by the Authority, if needed.

- F. Coordinating Entity/Office of Accessibility and Equity – Authorization to Approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2 (TO2) Under Letter Agreement No. 601 with Fennemore LLP dba Fennemore Wendel (Fennemore) for Legal Services

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to TO2 under Letter Agreement No. 601 with Fennemore in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000, to provide legal services, extend the termination date from November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, and allow the Executive Director or designee to make any non-substantive changes to the language.

- G. Innovate 680 – Automated Driving System (Project 8009.07) – Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 632 with Heex Technologies Corporation (Heex) to Provide Data Monitors and Records Anonymization

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 632 with Heex in the amount of \$30,000, for a new total amount not-to-exceed \$250,000, to provide data monitors and records anonymization, and allow the Executive Director or designee to make any non-substantive changes to the language.

- H.** Adopt Amendment No. 6 to the 2022 Measure J Strategic Plan

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of Resolution 24-58-P which will adopt Amendment No. 6 to the 2022 Measure J Strategic Plan.

- I.** Town of Danville – San Ramon Valley Boulevard Improvements (Project 24033) – Request for Approval of the 65% Design Peer Review

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of the Technical Coordinating Committee's recommendation to approve the 65% design peer review.

- J.** Town of Danville – San Ramon Valley Boulevard Improvements (Project 24033) (Project) – Authorization to Sign Cooperative Agreement No. 24.SW.05 and Appropriation of Measure J Funds

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Cooperative Agreement No. 24.SW.05 with the Town of Danville and approval of Resolution 24-59-P appropriating \$1,192,000 of Measure J funds for the construction phase of the Project.

- K.** Accept Monthly Accounts Payable Invoice Report for September 2024

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks acceptance of the monthly accounts payable invoice report for September 2024.

- L.** Legislative Update

**Recommendation:** Staff will provide an update on legislation, along with addressing any questions that may arise. The Authority may take action on any item presented in the attachment or any State or Federal legislation pertaining to the Authority's legislative program.

- M.** NEW ITEM: Approval to Adopt the Amended Conflict of Interest (COI) Code of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of Resolution 24-55-A, which will adopt the Authority's COI Code and direct that such COI Code be submitted to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as the Authority's code-reviewing body (Government Code Section (§) 82011) requesting approval of the COI Code as required under Government Code § 87306.5.

- N.** NEW ITEM: Connected Vehicle and Autonomous Vehicle Program – Authorization to Execute Agreement No. 710 with Ernst and Young (EY) to Complete an Economic Impact Analysis for GoMentum Station Expansion

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Agreement No. 710 with EY in the amount of \$120,000, to complete Phase 2 of the economic analysis for GoMentum Station and allow the Executive Director or designee to make any non-substantive changes to the language.

**9. Planning Committee - Consent:**

- A.** Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Measure J Allocation Program: Sub-Regional West County Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Program 20b)

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of Resolution 24-34-G, to allocate Measure J Program 20b funds for FY 2024-25, in the amount of \$776,100.

- B.** Development of the Bi-County Travel Model (Project) – Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. 18W.04 with Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) for a Time Extension

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. 18W.04 with Alameda CTC, allow additional time to complete the Project, and allow the Executive Director or designee to make any non-substantive changes to the language. This amendment will extend the agreement termination date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

- C.** Approval of a Proposed Action to a Funding Resolution

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks approval of Resolution 17-47-G (Rev 3), which will extend the term of the resolution through December 31, 2026, with the City of Pinole.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. Administration & Projects Committee - Regular:**

- A.** Establish the GoMentum Innovation Alliance Including a Strategic Advisory Board and a Regional Workforce Council

**Recommendation:** Staff seek approval of Resolution 24-57-A to create and establish the GoMentum Innovation Alliance including a Strategic Advisory Board and a Regional Workforce Council.

**ACTION:** *Commissioner Perkins* moved to approve Resolution 24-57-A to create and establish the GoMentum Innovation Alliance including a Strategic Advisory Board and a Regional Workforce Council with a modification to provide updates to the Authority Board on budget, revenues, expenditures, and activities as the GoMentum Innovation Alliance progresses, seconded by *Commissioner Sos*. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the commissioners present, unless otherwise noted.

**Noes-**None

**Absent-**Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Glover

**Abstain-**None

**DISCUSSION:** Lindy Johnson, Director, External Affairs, provided a background and overview of the creation, purpose, and intent of creating the GoMentum Innovation Alliance, building partnerships with labor unions, and technology spaces including automation, connectivity, digitization, electrification, and systems. Ms. Johnson discussed the purpose, overview and traits of the Strategic Advisory Board and Regional Workforce Council, timeline, budget and staffing, career pathway and program development, goals to enhanced offerings for youth, workforce and skill development, and the gaps and needs assessment approach.

Commissioners provided comments. Staff responded to comments from commissioners. Commissioners agreed to amend the motion to include updates to the Authority Board on budget, revenues, expenditures, and activities as the GoMentum Innovation Alliance progresses.

- B.** NEW ITEM: Approval of Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement with Timothy Haile, Executive Director

**Recommendation:** The Chair seeks Authority Board approval of the fifth amendment to the Authority's employment agreement with Timothy Haile, Executive Director, which will adjust his compensation to \$393,781 per year effective December 27, 2024, with the term of the amendment remaining through December 27, 2026.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Perkins moved to approve the fifth amendment to the Authority's employment agreement with Timothy Haile, Executive Director, which will adjust his compensation to \$393,781 per year effective December 27, 2024, with the term of the amendment remaining through December 27, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Meadows. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the commissioners present, unless otherwise noted.

**Noes-**None

**Absent-**Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Glover

**Abstain-**None

**DISCUSSION:** Amara Morrison, Legal Counsel with Fennemore Wendel, provided a report in compliance with the Brown Act.

Commissioners and Representatives provided comments. Mr. Haile responded to comments from commissioners.

- C.** NEW ITEM: National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) Grant Program – Authorization to Execute Agreement No. 100.02 with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Innovate 680 – Northbound (NB) Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lane Completion (ELC) Phase 1 (Projects 8009.02) and Coordinated Adaptive Ramp Metering (CARM) Segments 1 and 3A (Project 8009.06)

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks authorization for the Executive Director or designee to execute Agreement No. 100.02 with FHWA for implementation of the Innovate 680 – NB I-680 ELC Phase 1 and CARM Segments 1 and 3A projects, including future amendments.

**ACTION:** *Commissioner Noack* moved to authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute Agreement No. 100.02 with the Federal Highway Administration for implementation of the Innovate 680 – Northbound Interstate 680 Express Lane Completion Phase 1 and Coordinated Adaptive Ramp Metering Segments 1 and 3A projects, including future amendments, seconded by *Commissioner Fadelli*. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the commissioners present, unless otherwise noted.

**Noes-***None*

**Absent-***Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Glover*

**Abstain-***None*

**DISCUSSION:** Stephanie Hu, Director, Projects, discussed the award of the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program (Mega) funding for Innovate 680's NB I-680 ELC Phase 1 and CARM Segments 1 and 3A projects. She discussed the funding requirements, delivery approach, and schedule. Ms. Hu also provided an update on the two projects, as well as next steps including execution of the funding agreement with FHWA, beginning the at risk design for NB I-680 ELC Phase 1, coordination with California Department of Transportation on CARM, and execution of a Project Labor Agreement.

Mr. Haile thanked Ms. Hu and the team for their efforts on this grant application, award, and expediting the agreement with FHWA, and further discussed the Project Labor Agreement.

Commissioners provided comments. Staff responded to comments from commissioners.

Public Comment:

Bruce Ohlson, Contra Costa County resident

**D. NEW ITEM: Regional Transportation Revenue Measure (TRM) Framework**

**Recommendation:** Staff seeks input on the proposed principles for supporting a regional TRM. This is an informational item only; no staff recommendation at this time.

**DISCUSSION:** Hisham Noeimi, Director, Programming, provided an overview of discussions held by the TRM Select Committee convened by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area transit ridership recovery, fare losses and operator-reported revenue shortfalls, areas lacking consensus at the regional level, and the need for a new revenue measure to address the transit fiscal cliff. Mr. Noeimi further discussed the TRM Select Committee's feedback on the funding framework and policy, various funding framework scenarios presented to the TRM Select Committee, and the Authority's proposed principles to support the TRM including implementation in a minimum of four counties, preservation of the Bay Area Rapid Transit, ensuring County flexible funds are spent at the County Transportation Agencies' discretion to address other transit needs based on performance targets, support for a short-term Measure of 10 years or less, and an option for counties to impose parcel tax in lieu or addition to sales tax as a revenue mechanism, and requiring a variable tax rate to match the uneven transit needs across the region while ensuring each county receives 90% of its revenue contribution. Mr. Noeimi also discussed next steps and the timeline of the TRM enabling legislation.

Mr. Haile further elaborated on the proposed principles to support the TRM.

Rep. Noack provided an update on the TRM discussing the principles and lack of consensus and discussed transit transformation and the need for public support.

Commissioners and representatives provided comments. Staff and Reps. Foley and Noack responded to comments from commissioners.

**11. Planning Committee - Regular: None**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**13. ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A.** Central County (TRANSPAC): Meeting Report for the regular meeting on November 14, 2024 *(Meeting handout if available)*
- B.** East County (TRANSPLAN): Meeting Report for the regular meeting on November 14, 2024 *(Meeting handout if available)*
- C.** Southwest County (SWAT): Meeting Report for the regular meeting on November 4, 2024 *(Meeting handout if available)*
- D.** West County (WCCTAC): Meeting Reports for the regular meeting on October 25, 2024, and special meeting on November 1, 2024 *(Meeting handout if available)*



## **14. AUTHORITY BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS**

### **A. Chair's Comments and Reports**

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Arnerich reported out that he attended the Mobility Innovation Week 2024 Conference in Japan from November 11-14, 2024. He thanked outgoing Vice Chair Hernandez-Thorpe and Commissioners Fadelli, Glover, Haskew, Perkins, and Sos for their service on the Authority Board and invited them to the Holiday Party on December 19, 2024, and to the Authority Board meeting on February 19, 2025, to acknowledge and thank them for their service to the Authority Board.

### **B. Commissioners' and Ex-Officio Representatives' Comments and Reports on Activities and Meetings**

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Kelley reported that she attended the Focus on the Future conference in San Diego, CA from November 11-12, 2024 and the Zero Emissions Ferry Conference in San Francisco, CA on November 19, 2024.

Commissioner Haskew provided an update on the California Association of Councils of Governments Board meeting on November 14, 2024, discussing the structure, focus on gas tax, housing and Regional Housing Needs Assessment, alternative fuels, resources on their website, and new potential awards that the Authority could apply for.

Commissioner Perkins provided outgoing comments and thanked the Commissioners and staff.

Rep. Foley announced that the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board will be welcoming five new Board Members next month and extended an invitation to attend their second annual SweaterFest '24 on December 7, 2024, at the Rockridge Station.

### **C. Executive Staff Comments**

**DISCUSSION:** Timothy Haile, Executive Director, thanked the outgoing Authority Board members for their efforts and service to the Authority, announced that we will formally thank them at the Authority Board meeting on February 19, 2025, and extended an invitation to the Authority Board Holiday party on December 19, 2024. Mr. Haile discussed his ride on the Zero Emission Hydrofuel ferry, the potential small vessel electric ferry project between the cities of Martinez and Richmond. Mr. Haile further provided an update on the Free Ferry Friday and how it maximized service on Fridays in the City of Richmond to achieve the highest ridership, discussed the Mega Press Conference, and Girls Lead the Way event in which Commissioner Kelley participated as a speaker.

**15. CALENDAR**

- A.** November and December 2024, January and February 2025
- B.** Calendar of Upcoming Events

**16. ADJOURNMENT** to the next regular meeting proposed for December 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

**DISCUSSION:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.