



**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 19, 2020, 9:30 A.M.**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree Street  
Hesperia, CA 92345**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors**

Curt Emick, Chair, Town of Apple Valley  
Joy Jeannette, Vice-Chair, City of Adelanto  
Larry Bird, Director, City of City of Hesperia  
Robert Lovingood, Director, County of San Bernardino  
Dawn Rowe, Director, County of San Bernardino  
Gloria Garcia, Director, City of Victorville  
James Noble, City of Barstow

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to serve the community with excellent public transportation services in terms of quality, efficiency, and responsiveness.

**AGENDA**

**Due to on-going COVID-19 restrictions, this Board Meeting will only be available for a limited number of the public to attend. This limitation follows the County recommendations for social distancing.** The Board of Directors meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Clerk of the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Clerk's telephone number is 760-948-3262 x112, (voice) or for Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) service, begin by calling 711 and provide the VVTA phone number and the office is located at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA. This agenda available and posted: Friday, October 9, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the Board will hear public comments regarding items not on the agenda or the consent calendar. Individuals who wish to speak to the Board regarding agenda items or during public comments should fill out a comment card and submit it to the Clerk of the Board. Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to present their comments. The Board will not remark on public comments; however, each comment will be taken into consideration by VVTA.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items shall be adopted by a single vote unless removed for discussion by Board member request.

- Pg. 9      ***Item #1: Minutes from Regular Meeting of The Board of Directors Conducted on September 21, 2020.***  
Recommendation: Move for approval.  
Presented by: None.
- Pg. 17     ***Item #2: Warrants, August, 2020.***  
Recommendation: Move for approval.  
Presented by: None.

## REPORTS

- Pg. 23     ***Item #3: Meeting Notes from The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on October 7, 2020.***  
Recommendation: Information item only.  
Presented by: None.
- Pg. 29     ***Item #4: Management Reports for Hesperia and Barstow Divisions – Verbal Report from Executive Director.***  
Recommendation: Information item only.  
Presented by: Kevin Kane, Executive Director.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Pg. 99     ***Item #5: Unmet Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.***  
Recommendation: Receive input and testimony from the public.  
Presented by: Nancy Strickert, SBCTA

Open Public Hearing: Unmet Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Hear testimony.

Close Public Hearing: Unmet Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

- Pg. 43 **Item #6: Free Ride Day for Election Day, November 3, 2020.**  
Recommendation: Approve Free Ride Day for Election Day, November 3, 2020.  
Presented by: Kevin Kane, Executive Director.
- Pg. 47 **Item #7: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Budget for Battery Electric Buses (5).**  
Recommendation: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to include the additional \$900,000 in VW Mitigation Trust Funds for the five Battery Electric Bus Purchase.  
Presented by: Nancie Goff, Deputy Executive Director.
- Pg. 51 **Item #8: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Budget for Bus Purchases/Driver Protection Barriers.**  
Recommendation: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to re-allocate the STA funds to the purchase of buses with driver protection barriers installed.  
Presented by: Nancie Goff, Deputy Executive Director.
- Pg. 55 **Item #9: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim.**  
Recommendation: Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to allocate \$3.8 million of CARES Act funds to support FY 20-21 estimated costs.  
Presented by: Maged Azer, Finance Director.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 9:30 AM  
Barstow City Council Chambers  
220 East Mountain View Street  
Barstow, CA 92311

ADJOURNMENT

## Victor Valley Transit Acronym List

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ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
APTA	American Public Transit Association
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
BAFO	Best and Final Offer
BEB	Battery Electric Bus
BOE	Board of Equalization
CALCOG	California Association of Councils of Governments
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COG	Council of Governments
CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTC	County Transportation Commission
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
CTSGP-CTAF	California Transit Security Grant Program-California Transit Assistance Fund
DAC	Disadvantaged Communities
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DBELO	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer
DOD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
E&H	Elderly and Handicapped
EEM	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ETC	Employee Transportation Coordinator
FAST	Fixing America's Surface Transportation ACT
FCEB	Fuel Cell Electric Bus
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statements
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GIMS	Geographic Information Mapping Systems
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positioning System
HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle
HVIP	Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program.
IAS-FFA	Independent Auditors Statement for Federal Funding Allocation
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LACMTA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
LAP	Language Assistance Plan
LCFS	Low Carbon Fuel Standard
LCTOP	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
LD	Liquidated Damages
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

## Victor Valley Transit Acronym List

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LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LTF	Local Transportation Fund
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
MBTA	Morongo Basin Transit Authority
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MDT	Mobile Display Terminal
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Planning
MTBP	Mass Transit Benefit Program
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NTD	National Transit Database
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
OWP	Overall Work Program
PASTACC	Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account.
POP	Program of Projects
RCTC	Riverside County Transportation Commission
RDA	Redevelopment Agency
RTAC	Regional Transportation Agencies' Coalition
RTAP	Rural Technical Assistance Program
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
SBCTA	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (formerly SANBAG)
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SOV	Single-Occupant Vehicle
SRTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STAF	State Transit Assistance Funds
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activities
TEAM	Transportation Electronic Award and Management
TNC	Transportation Network Company
TOCP	Transit Operating and Capital Plan
TrAMS	Transit Award and Management System
TREP	Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program
TRIP	Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program
TSSSDRA	Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
ULEV	Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
UZAs	Urbanized Areas
VOMS	Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service
ZEB	Zero Emission Bus
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle

## Victor Valley Transit Authority Meeting Procedures

The Ralph M. Brown Act is the state law which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. These rules have been adopted by the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) Board of Directors in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code 54950 et seq., and shall apply at all meetings of the (VVTA) Board of Directors.

1. **Agendas** - All agendas are posted at the VVTA Administrative offices, and the Victorville, Hesperia, Barstow and Apple Valley city/town halls at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Staff reports related to agenda items may be reviewed at the VVTA Administrative offices located at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.
2. **Agenda Actions** - Items listed on both the "Consent Calendar" and "Action/Discussion Items" contain suggested actions. The Board of Directors will generally consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However items may be considered in any order. New agenda items can be added and action taken by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
3. **Closed Session Agenda Items** - Consideration of closed session items exclude members of the public. These items include issues related to personnel, ending litigation, labor negotiations and real estate negotiations. Prior to each closed session, the Chair will announce the subject matter of the closed session. If action is taken in closed session, the Chair may report the action to the public at the conclusion of the closed session.
4. **Public Testimony on an Item** - Members of the public are afforded an opportunity to comment on any listed item. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors should complete a "Request to Speak" form. A form must be completed for each item an individual wishes to speak on. When recognized by the Chair, speakers should be prepared to step forward and announce their name and address for the record. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on each item. Additionally, a twelve (12) minute limitation is established for the total amount of time any one individual may address the Board at any one meeting. The Chair or a majority of the Board may establish a different time limit as appropriate, and parties to agenda items shall not be subject to the time limitations. If there is a Consent Calendar, it is considered a single item; thus the three (3) minute rule applies. Consent Calendar items can be pulled at Board member request and will be brought up individually at the specified time in the agenda allowing further public comment on those items.
5. **Public Comment** - At the beginning of the agenda an opportunity is also provided for members of the public to speak on any subject within VVTA's authority. Matters raised under "Public Comment" may not be acted upon at that meeting. The time limits established in Rule #4 still apply.
6. **Disruptive Conduct** - If any meeting of the Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the Chair may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner.

Please be aware that a NO SMOKING policy has been established for VVTA meetings. Your cooperation is appreciated!

# **VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Our mission is to serve the  
community with excellent  
public transportation  
services in terms of quality,  
efficiency, and  
responsiveness.**

### **Quality**

**To increase ridership and community support by exceeding expectations.**

### **Efficiency**

**To maintain an efficient operation that represents a highly-valued service.**

### **Responsiveness**

**To provide services and facilities which are responsive to the needs of the community.**

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Conducted on September 21, 2020.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Following are copies of the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors conducted on September 21, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Move for approval.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Debi Lorrh, Clerk of the Board	N/A	October 19, 2020	1

**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 21, 2020  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Transit Authority was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Curt Emick.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chair Curt Emick  
Director Larry Bird  
Director Gloria Garcia  
Director James Noble  
Alternate-Director Don Holland  
Alternate-Director Elaine Villareal

Staff Members Present:

Kevin Kane, VVTA	Jonathan McDowell, Next
Maged Azer, VVTA	Barbara Miller, VVTA
Debi Lorrh, VVTA	Ron Zirges, VVTA
Christine Plasting, VVTA	Mariam Eskander, VVTA
Nancie Goff, VVTA	Jenele Davidson, City of Victorville
Chris Ackerman, VVTA	John Tubbs, County Counsel
Simon Herrera, VVTA	Christine Ortega, Next
Monica Carrillo, Next	Tamia Sanders, Next
John Solorio, Next	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alternate-Director Holland led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Emick called the Board to the front of the dais to honor three (3) dedicated bus operators who have driven VVTA buses for over 1 million miles with no accidents, safety violations or citations. The drivers honored are John Solorio, Tamia Sanders and Monica Carrillo. The Board congratulated these drivers on this fantastic milestone.

Mr. Solorio thanked Mr. Kane for all the years of support for VVTA drivers; he also thanked Mr. Herrera for taking good care of the employees and buses.

Lastly, Mr. Kane updated the Board that Keolis, the new operations and maintenance contractor, is currently on site for startup, and VVTA is mostly back in the office full time.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of The Board of Directors Conducted on August 17, 2020.**  
Recommendation: Move for approval.  
Presented by: None.
2. **Warrants, July 2020.**  
Recommendation: Move for approval.  
Presented by: None.
3. **FY 2019-2020 Unmet Needs Hearings.**  
Recommendation: Review and approve the testimony and findings from the August and September 2019 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearings.  
Presented by: Nancy Strickert, SBCTA.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Director Bird to approve the Consent Calendar, Seconded by Director Noble. The motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS

4. **Meeting Notes from the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on September 2, 2020.**  
Recommendation: Information item only.  
Presented by: None.
5. **Management Reports for Hesperia and Barstow Divisions – Verbal Report from Executive Director.**  
Recommendation: Information item only.

Mr. Kane briefly updated the Board on VVTA's COVID-19 statistics; of 260 employees, only eight (8) have tested positive. Additionally, Mr. Kane shared that Enterprise has ceased their car share operations, leaving Needles and Trona without a car share program. Mr. Herrera is currently working on two (2) different solutions: Green Commuter and what VVTA would need to start it's own car share program.

## ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. **Ratify VVTA's Participation in the APTA National Transit/Safe Seal of Recovery Commitment Program.**  
Recommendation: Ratify VVTA's participation in the APTA National Transit/Safe Seal of Recovery Commitment Program.  
Presented by: Kevin Kane, Executive Director/CEO.

Mr. Kane explained APTA's National Transit/Safe Seal of Commitment program resembles a transit version of "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval". This commitment program allows participation seals to be placed on VVTA buses, assuring the public that VVTA is following all guidelines for COVID-19 safety, cleanliness, PPE requirements and communication.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alternate-Director Villareal to approve the recommended item, Seconded by Director Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Closed Session.**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Closed Session.**

Personnel Matters - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Evaluation. Title: Executive Director.

Open Closed Session: 9:51 am

Chair Emick announced that there is no reportable action from the closed session.

Close Closed Session: 10:16 am

8. **VVTA Board Resolution 20-04 Approving Participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program.**

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 20-04 between VVTA and CalPERS for health benefits.

Presented by: Maged Azer, Finance Director.

Mr. Azer share with the Board that VVTA's current health insurance provider notified Finance of a 10.5% increase in costs for health insurance. Such an increase would be absorbed 100% by VVTA staff. VVTA decided to seek other quotes and found that CalPERS Health insurance would save both employees and the agency money.

Chair Emick shared that the Town of Apple Valley recently made the same change to CalPERS Health insurance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Director Noble to approve the recommended item, Seconded by Director Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESS CLIPS/CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Victor Valley Transit Authority, 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curt Emick, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debi Lorrh, Clerk of the Board

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Payrolls and Warrants for August 2020.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The following registers of Payrolls and Warrants have been audited as required By Section 37202 and 37208 of the Government code, and said documents are accurate and correct.

**Agency's Gross Payroll for Administrative Employees**

<u>Payroll Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Register#</u>
8/14/2020	\$68,741.30	PR-272-8-20
8/28/2020	\$72,942.27	PR-273-8-20
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$141,683.57</b>	

**Agency's Register of Warrants**

<u>Register Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Register #</u>
8/6/2020	\$2,299,893.25	11578-11605	AP03037AAAELF
8/13/2020	\$56,374.64	11606-11619	AP03044AAAELM
8/20/2020	\$111,312.76	11620-11643	AP03054AAAELW
8/27/2020	\$676,503.26	11644-11660	AP03069AAAEML
	<b>\$3,144,083.91</b>		

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve VVTA's expenditures for August 2020.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Maged Azer Finance Director	\$3,285,767.48	October 19, 2020	2

**Bank Register Report**  
**Victor Valley Transit Authority**  
Aug-20

<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11578	08/04/2020	Calif Asoc Of Coordinated Transport	\$14,315.39
EFT030300001	08/04/2020	National Express Transit Corp	\$893,161.87
EFT030310001	08/04/2020	Macro-Z-Technology	\$501,241.79
EFT030320001	08/04/2020	Creative Bus Sales	\$47,999.19
11579	08/06/2020	American Express	\$1,033.00
11580	08/06/2020	SPECTRUM	\$1,890.00
11581	08/06/2020	Clean Energy	\$4,292.03
11582	08/06/2020	Digital Assurance Certification	\$2,000.00
11583	08/06/2020	Diamond Environmental Services LP	\$315.42
11584	08/06/2020	EAGLE PRINT DYNAMICS	\$3,757.85
11585	08/06/2020	Southern California Edison	\$11,305.29
11586	08/06/2020	FRONTIER-OFFICE LINES	\$58.62
11587	08/06/2020	Frontier	\$548.53
11588	08/06/2020	G&M Automotive Center	\$856.16
11589	08/06/2020	Golden State Water Company	\$631.11
11590	08/06/2020	HI-Desert Communications	\$1,308.00
11591	08/06/2020	Principal Life Insurance Company	\$1,853.07
11592	08/06/2020	Shariden Design Asphalt, Inc.	\$74,320.00
11593	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11594	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11595	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11596	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11597	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11598	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11599	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11600	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11601	08/06/2020	VOID	\$0.00
11602	08/06/2020	US BANK	\$5,225.10
11603	08/06/2020	Verizon-Security Phones	\$6,598.86
11604	08/06/2020	Verizon	\$1,824.48
11605	08/06/2020	CITY OF BARSTOW	\$234.00
EFT030330001	08/07/2020	National Express Transit Corp	\$725,123.49
11606	08/13/2020	AECOM	\$6,672.16
11607	08/13/2020	BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES	\$737.75
11608	08/13/2020	SPECTRUM	\$2,030.13
11609	08/13/2020	Clean Energy	\$3,602.04
11610	08/13/2020	Southern California Edison-CNG	\$6,151.24
11611	08/13/2020	Southern California Edison	\$1,252.34
11612	08/13/2020	Federal Express Corp.	\$91.02
11613	08/13/2020	Golden State Water Company	\$1,335.26

11614	08/13/2020	Special District Risk Management	\$31,172.22
11615	08/13/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$1,015.13
11616	08/13/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$22.52
11617	08/13/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$59.42
11618	08/13/2020	State Compensation Insurance Fund	\$1,232.75
11619	08/13/2020	VerizonBAT	\$1,000.66
11620	08/20/2020	ADArise.com	\$3,828.50
11621	08/20/2020	American Guard Services INC	\$6,361.80
11622	08/20/2020	Apple Valley Communications, Inc.	\$213.35
11623	08/20/2020	AVCOM Services, Inc.	\$130.00
11624	08/20/2020	AVR Vanpool	\$2,500.00
11625	08/20/2020	Beck Oil	\$8,457.16
11626	08/20/2020	Lawrence Bird	\$125.00
11627	08/20/2020	Bonnie Baker Senior Center	\$577.12
11628	08/20/2020	Spectrum Business-Sec	\$106.54
11629	08/20/2020	Clean Energy	\$8,170.23
11630	08/20/2020	Gloria L. Garcia	\$125.00
11631	08/20/2020	High Desert Laser Graphics	\$11.85
11632	08/20/2020	High Desert Lock & Safe	\$12.00
11633	08/20/2020	Joy Jeannette	\$125.00
11634	08/20/2020	James Noble	\$125.00
11635	08/20/2020	San Bernardino County	\$920.00
11636	08/20/2020	Special District Risk Management	\$389.20
11637	08/20/2020	Shred Your Docs	\$72.80
11638	08/20/2020	SONIC SYSTEMS IT	\$10,031.62
11639	08/20/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$41,884.26
11640	08/20/2020	Marlin Software, LLC	\$332.79
11641	08/20/2020	City Of Victorville	\$854.48
11642	08/20/2020	VIP Restrooms	\$2,080.00
11643	08/20/2020	Lincoln Financial Group	\$920.69
EFT030470001	08/24/2020	BP Energy Company	\$22,833.37
EFT030630001	08/26/2020	Curt Emick	\$125.00
11644	08/27/2020	Abundant Living Family Church HD	\$3,400.00
11645	08/27/2020	Allied Universal Security Services	\$5,074.30
11646	08/27/2020	SPECTRUM	\$318.97
11647	08/27/2020	CSI Fullmer	\$43,616.95
11648	08/27/2020	ECS Imaging Inc.	\$7,719.27
11649	08/27/2020	Southern California Edison	\$3,726.14
11650	08/27/2020	Enterprise Ride Share	\$99,210.00
11651	08/27/2020	Foothill AIDS Project	\$1,859.00
11652	08/27/2020	FRONTIER-OFFICE LINES	\$58.62
11653	08/27/2020	Frontier	\$189.18
11654	08/27/2020	G&M Automotive Center	\$2,850.73
11655	08/27/2020	High Desert Lock & Safe	\$47.46
11656	08/27/2020	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION	\$98.89
11657	08/27/2020	Trona Community Senior Center	\$15,040.05
11658	08/27/2020	Principal Life Insurance Company	\$1,750.05

11659	08/27/2020	SPECTRUM	\$820.00
11660	08/27/2020	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION	\$11.00
EFT030660001	08/28/2020	Macro-Z-Technology	\$490,712.65
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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,144,083.91</b>

**AGENDA ITEM  
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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Meeting Notes from The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on October 7, 2020.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Meeting Notes from the Technical Advisory Committee meeting conducted on October 7, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information item only.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Debi Lorrh, Clerk of the Board	N/A	October 19, 2020	3

**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 7, 2020  
MEETING NOTES**

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Victor Valley Transit Authority was opened at 3:05 p.m. at Victor Valley Transit Authority, Conference room, 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA.

**ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members**

**Present:** Tina Souza, City of Hesperia      Doug Matthews, City of Victorville  
Amanda Meere, Co. of SB

**Staff Present:** Kevin Kane, VVTA      Nancie Goff, VVTA  
Maged Azer, VVTA      Barbara Miller, VVTA  
Debi Lorrh, VVTA      Simon Herrera, VVTA  
Ron Zirges, VVTA      Craig Barnes, VVTA  
Bryan Torres Ayala, VVTA      Christine Plasting, VVTA  
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA

1. Public Comment.  
None.

2. Review Draft Board Agenda.

a. Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Capital Budget for Battery Electric Buses (5).

Ms. Goff shared that the funding for this project has been a long journey, with two (2) prior FTA competitive grant applications being denied. The grants department then applied for another cycle of LCTOP and Volkswagen funds and after almost one (1) year, the Volkswagen funds were awarded. She added that these buses will take eighteen (18) months to build.

b. Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim.

At the August 17, 2020 Board meeting, the Board approved the Operations and Maintenance Contract be award to Keolis with a not-to-exceed amount of \$134,552,385, Mr. Azer explained. After completing the best and final offer negotiations, VVTA was able to reduce the amount of the contract approximately \$6.6 million. This item is a one-time reallocate of CARES Act fund to cover turnover expenses, software, office machines and computer equipment, as well as an increase in revenue hours. Mr. Kane shared that there is no restriction on CARES Act funds.

c. Unmet Needs FY20-21.

Ms. Strickert explained that this public hearing takes place every year and is a requirement of the TDA; prior to funds going back to jurisdictions for streets and

roads, an unmet needs hearing must be held to determine if transit has projects for needs that can be reasonably met. Ms. Strickert also reminded TAC that this year VVTA is the only agency still having an unmet needs hearing as Morongo Basin has agreed to use all their funding for transit.

d. Free Ride Day on Election Day.

Mr. Kane shared that this item is a request for a one-day free ride for Fixed Routes, County Routes and Paratransit to assist the community in getting to their polling places on Election day. Lastly, Mr. Kane mentioned that several other agencies are providing the same one-day free ride service.

e. Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Budget for Bus Purchases/Driver Protection Barriers.

VVTA has had eight (8) class H buses on order. Ms. Goff explained that staff would like to install driver security barriers on these buses. There is no cost for installation for these barriers as the manufacturer is at a point in producing the buses that it is a simple addition.

Mr. Kane pointed out that transit operator's nationwide are being attacked more frequently and these barriers also assist with COVID-19 safety.

3. Bus stop shelters/benches/lighting.

Mr. Herrera said that the order has been placed and is being processed. Currently, the shelters in the City of Hesperia are being cleaned by VVTA.

4. SBCTA Update.

Ms. Strickert shared that VVTA's SRTP would be presented to the Transit Committee on October 15, 2020; the meeting notice will be sent out the end of this week.

5. Contractor Transition.

The transition to the new Operations and Maintenance Contractor, Keolis, has gone very smooth, Mr. Kane said. Mr. Zirges stated that new training requirements are taking place in the Maintenance department.

6. Other Business:

Transfer points – City of Hesperia and City of Victorville.

Mr. Kane explained that VVTA has been looking for property in Hesperia for a new transfer point for quite a long time and recently changed realtors to Bradco. There are a few parcels that VVTA may be interested in and are moving forward with the agent. Additionally, Mr. Kane said that things are still moving forward with the transportation center in Victorville.

7. Adjournment. 3:48 pm

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Management reports.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The attached Performance Reports are presented to the Board of Directors to provide an overview of the transit system's costs and performance.

- "Next" invoice for August.
- Monthly Performance Statistics Systemwide Summary.
- Monthly Ridership Report.
- Monthly ADA Denial Report.
- Monthly Road Call Report.
- "Next" On Time Performance Report FY 2021.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information items only.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Kevin Kane, Executive Director	N/A	October 19, 2020	4

**National Express Transit**

17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia Calif. 92345

INVOICE NO.

91819686

**BILL TO** Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia, Calif 92345

DATE 9/2/2020

CONTRACT NAME:  
Victor Valley Transit

Attention: Mr. Kevin Kane  
Executive Director

MONTH August

BILLING PERIOD 08/01/20 to 08/31/20

	Budgeted Revenue hours	Actual Revenue hours	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense	Variance (+ or -)	Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	Actual Expense Year-to-date	Variance (+ or -) Year-to-date
ADA ParaTransit	3,272.00	2,129.36	\$240,917.36	\$156,784.78	(\$84,132.58)	\$481,834.72	\$308,688.62	(\$173,146.10)
Subscription	1,133.00	62.97	\$83,422.79	\$4,636.48	(\$78,786.31)	\$166,845.58	\$6,019.99	(\$160,825.59)
Regional Fixed Rt	11,384.25	9,035.05	\$800,768.15	\$635,525.42	(\$165,242.73)	\$1,602,025.16	\$1,235,384.94	(\$366,640.22)
County	1,840.15	1,659.99	\$129,436.15	\$116,763.70	(\$12,672.45)	\$257,156.71	\$227,549.20	(\$29,607.51)
Rte. 200	40.00	-	\$2,813.60	\$0.00	(\$2,813.60)	\$6,330.60	\$0.00	(\$6,330.60)
B.V. Link/Lifeline	633.35	607.77	\$44,549.84	\$42,750.54	(\$1,799.30)	\$89,568.14	\$85,728.28	(\$3,839.86)
Fort Irwin	520.00	474.00	\$41,022.80	\$37,393.86	(\$3,628.94)	\$82,045.60	\$78,416.66	(\$3,628.94)
Barstow-Fixed Route	1,901.71	1,375.00	\$133,766.28	\$96,717.50	(\$37,048.78)	\$190,410.38	\$190,410.38	\$0.00
Barstow-County	779.31	527.00	\$54,816.67	\$37,069.18	(\$17,747.49)	\$72,942.58	\$72,942.58	\$0.00
Barstow-DAR	454.00	183.15	\$33,428.02	\$13,485.33	(\$19,942.69)	\$28,110.46	\$28,110.46	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>21,957.77</b>	<b>16,054.29</b>	<b>\$1,564,941.65</b>	<b>\$1,141,126.79</b>	<b>-\$423,814.86</b>	<b>\$2,977,269.93</b>	<b>\$2,233,251.11</b>	<b>-\$744,018.82</b>

\* County routes include 21,22,23, and 25

**TOTAL INVOICE INCLUDING VARIANCE**

**\$1,141,126.79**

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CHICAGO, IL 60693

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**FY 2021 -- Monthly Performance Statistics by Mode  
Systemwide Summary  
All Routes**

**Performance Statistics for August**

<b>Mode</b>	<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Revenue Hours</b>	<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue</b>	<b>Passengers Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Operating Cost Per Passenger</b>	<b>Operating Cost Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue Per Passenger</b>	<b>Passenger Revenue Per Rev. Hour</b>	<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio</b>
Bus (Motorbus)	50,272	13,195.6	\$1,319,130	\$43,791	3.8	\$26.24	\$99.97	\$0.87	\$3.32	3.32%
Commuter Bus	2,442	474.6	\$56,939	\$31,404	5.1	\$23.32	\$119.97	\$12.86	\$66.17	55.15%
Demand Response	4,467	2,098.5	\$241,953	\$6,324	2.1	\$54.16	\$115.30	\$1.42	\$3.01	2.61%
<b>System Total</b>	<b>57,181</b>	<b>15,768.7</b>	<b>\$1,618,023</b>	<b>\$81,519</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>\$28.30</b>	<b>\$102.61</b>	<b>\$1.43</b>	<b>\$5.17</b>	<b>5.04%</b>

**Total (All Day Types)**

Mode	Passengers		Passengers Per Revenue Hour		Farebox Recovery Ratio	
	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year
Bus (Motorbus)	133,255	50,272	7.9	3.8	21.55%	3.32%
Commuter Bus	3,160	2,442	6.3	5.1	63.80%	55.15%
Demand Response	16,648	4,467	3.0	2.1	9.34%	2.61%
<b>System Total</b>	<b>153,063</b>	<b>57,181</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>19.67%</b>	<b>5.04%</b>

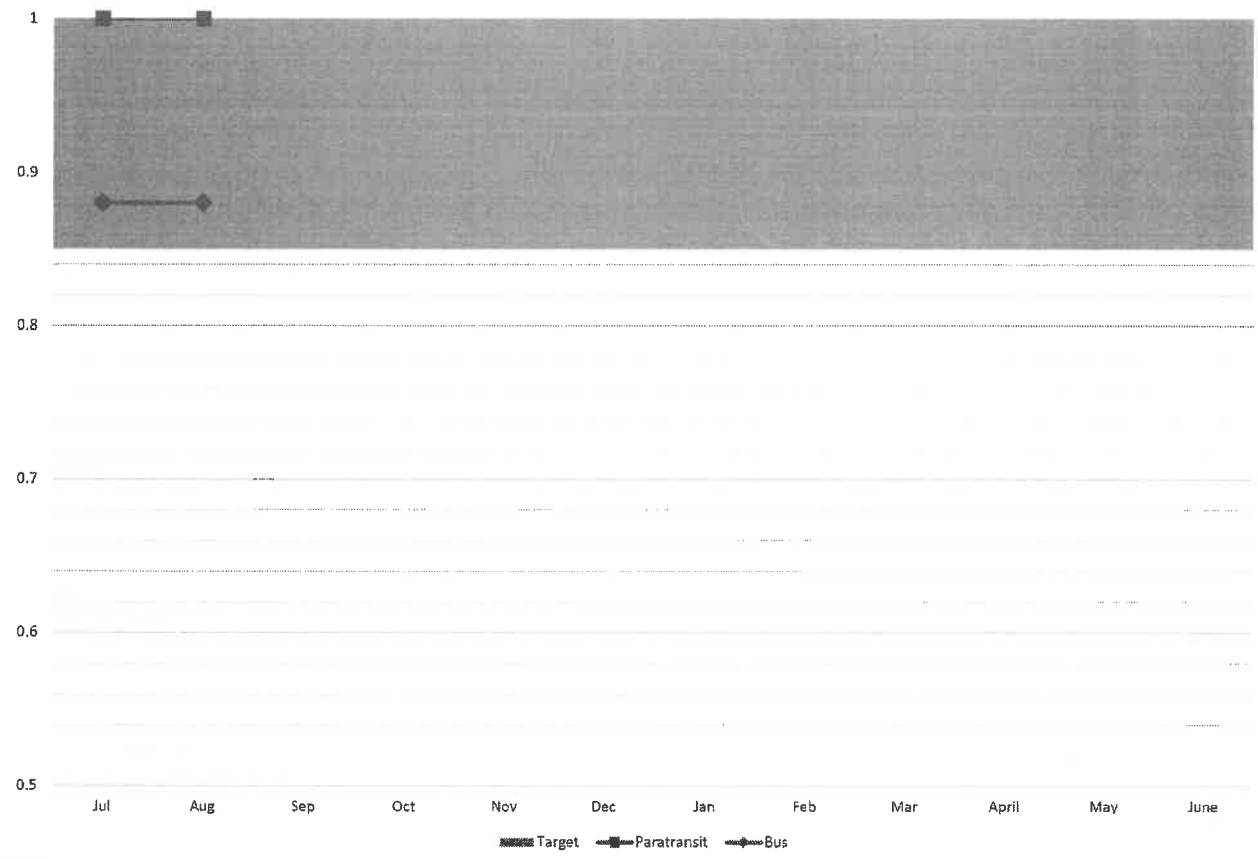




**August 2020**  
**Major and Non-Major**  
**Miles between road calls - VVTA and Barstow**

	Total Miles	Road Calls	Miles Between Road Calls
Demand Response	33,812	6	5,635
Commuter Bus	18,535	3	6,178
Motor Bus	233,711	178	1,313
<b>Total System</b>	<b>286,058</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>1,530</b>

### FY 21 System Wide Schedule Adherence



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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Unmet Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Sections 99238 and 99401.5 of the California Public Utilities Code provide that a public hearing be held to receive testimony on whether or not there are public and/or specialized transportation needs which can be met by funds provided by the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) must make this determination before it can allocate funds provided by the Act to projects other than public transit.

This determination will be made by SBCTA from a review of the Regional Transportation Plan, the testimony received at the public hearings, and the recommendation of the San Bernardino County Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordination Council (PASTACC). This hearing will be concerned with funding for this fiscal year 2020/2021.

Comments are solicited relevant to the public and/or specialized transportation needs in the Mountain/Desert portion of the San Bernardino county, especially as they relate to the elderly, disabled, poor, or to providing transportation in environmentally sensitive areas.

Comments can be presented at the hearing orally or in writing. Those wishing to submit written testimony are asked to bring copies for the hearing panel and staff. For those people who are unable to attend one of the hearings, you can email comments to [nstrickert@gosbcta.com](mailto:nstrickert@gosbcta.com). Written comments may also be submitted to San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, Unmet Transit Needs, Attn: Nancy Strickert, 1170 West 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA, 92410-1715. Written comments will be accepted up to November 30, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive input and testimony from the public.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA	N/A	October 19, 2020	5

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**October 19, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoketree Street  
Hesperia, California 92345**

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nstrickert@gosbcta.com  
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
TDA Public Hearing  
1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715**

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Free Ride Day for Election Day, November 3, 2020.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. In an effort to assist the public with in-person voting, VVTA will provide free bus service to riders within our service area. This promotional event will include our Regional Fixed, County, and Paratransit service, including Barstow. The free ride day will allow access to transportation for all members of our community.

The fiscal impact is uncollected fare revenue of one (1) average day for fixed route, county route, and paratransit.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Free Ride Day for Election Day, November 3, 2020.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Simon Herrera, Director of Operations	\$1,940.00	October 19, 2020	6

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**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Budget for Battery Electric Buses (5).**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

VVTA previously received 7 Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) which are being operated from the Hesperia division. Included in the capital plan are 5 additional BEB's for the Barstow division. Staff had allocated Sect. 5307 funds with LCTOP funds (Cycle 5) as a local match. Additionally, staff applied for a competitive Low and No Emission Grant (Low-No Program) to fund the incremental cost of purchasing a Zero Emission Bus over and above the cost of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus. Unfortunately, the grant application for the requested funds was not awarded.

To make up the difference, staff had submitted additional LCTOP funds from Cycle 6 as well as an application for VW Mitigation Trust Funds. Although a long and complicated process, VVTA was finally awarded \$900,000 from the VW program. The contract securing these funds has been fully executed.

With these funds, VVTA can now move forward with the procurement of the 5 Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) for Barstow. Accordingly, staff recommends the Board amend the project to purchase 5 Battery Electric Buses to include the VW funds.

	Federal Funds	Matching Funds		Total
	5307	LCTOP	VW	Project Funds
	\$2,485,090	\$669,282		\$3,154,372
		\$637,875		\$637,875
			\$900,000	\$900,000
<b>Total</b>	\$2,485,090	\$1,307,157	\$900,000	\$4,692,247

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to include the additional \$900,000 in VW Mitigation Trust Funds for the five Battery Electric Bus Purchase.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b> Nancie Goff, Deputy Executive Director	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b> VW Mitigation Trust Fund \$900,000	<b>MEETING DATE</b>  October 19, 2020	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>  7
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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to Adjust the Budget for Bus Purchases/Driver Protection Barriers.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

FTA requires 1% of the Sect. 5307 allocation be expended on security projects. Included in the FY 21 capital plan there is a project to retrofit the entire Fixed Route fleet with Driver Protection Barriers. However, these funds are not immediately available and may take up to another 6 to 9 months before VVTA has access to them.

In July of 2019, VVTA ordered 8 Class H buses. These buses are due to be delivered by the end of this year. Staff recommends taking this opportunity to buy these Driver Protection Barriers by installing them on these 8 buses. These barriers offer driver safety and security as well as a physical barrier for COVID-19. If these barriers are installed at this stage of the production El Dorado will install the barriers at no additional cost to VVTA. Staff has prepared a cost comparison demonstrating the costs for the equipment to be reasonable and acceptable.

While the budget to purchase these buses has a small surplus it will not quite cover the entire amount of this additional capital expense of \$68,762. Staff recommends re-allocating \$44,681 of STA funds (S20-VVT-02B) previously budgeted for the BEB Project Management, Technical Assistance and Work Force Development. These funds are no longer needed for the BEB project as these were part of the Low and No Emission competitive grant application that required extensive reporting after award. However, since the grants were not awarded and VW funds have been awarded to cover the gap, these funds are available to be re-assigned.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to re-allocate the STA funds to the purchase of buses with driver protection barriers installed.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Nancie Goff, Deputy Executive Director	Re-allocate STA \$44,681	October 19, 2020	8



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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

At its August 2020 meeting the Board approved awarding the VVTA Operations and Maintenance contract to Keolis Transit Services, LLC Boston, MA. The award was conditional, pending a positive outcome from the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) negotiations. The Keolis offer for the five-year contract, as of that date, was in amount not to exceed \$134,552,385. Through the BAFO negotiation VVTA was able to reduce the not to exceed amount by \$6,616,385. This reduces the five-year cost of the Operations and Maintenance contract from \$134,552,385 to the considerably lower amount of \$127,936,000.

Budget amendment includes:

- One-time contractor turnover expenses;
- Increase in hourly rate over previous contractor (250,143 revenue hours);
- Ecolane dispatching software;
- Three (3) Konica Office Copiers; and
- Fifteen (15) contractor computers, monitors, desktop printers.

Even with these additional items, the FY 20-21 budget will be almost \$3M less than the previous year's (FY19-20) Board approved budget. This action will have no impact on Local Transportation Funds (LTF).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim to allocate \$3.8 million of CARES Act funds to support FY 20-21 estimated costs.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Maged Azer, Finance Director	N/A	October 19, 2020	9

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Short Range Transit Plan, and TDA Claim.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority  
ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021  
(REVISED SUMMARY )**

<u>Expense Plan</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>FY20-21</u>	<u>FY20-21 Revised</u>	
Operating	\$26,446,624	\$26,073,615	\$29,873,615	
Capital Assistance for Operating	-\$8,300,000	-\$7,314,240	-\$11,114,240	
Capital	\$21,479,970	\$14,184,396	\$17,984,396	
Total Expense	\$39,626,594	\$32,943,771	\$36,743,771	-\$2,882,823

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/PRESS CLIPS**

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## Keolis awarded five-year transit services contract for VVTA

Keolis will begin operating VVTA services Oct. 1, 2020, and has already begun changeover activities to ensure a smooth transition that will bring immediate improvements to riders.

From — Keolis North America

Sep 23rd, 2020





With Keolis' best practices at the ready, VVTA says its riders can expect reliable, safe and on-time service.

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Keolis has been awarded a five-year contract by the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) Board of Directors to operate and maintain its transit services in southern California.

Applying its experience operating transit services and proven maintenance performance in southern California, Keolis says it scored highest in a competitive procurement by focusing on safety and the customer experience, maintenance processes and operational expertise from across the U.S. and around the world. Keolis says it looks forward to bringing its innovation in rider experience, multi-modal mobility experience and safety to the riders.

“Here at VVTA we look to a long and successful partnership with Keolis,” said VVTA Executive Director Kevin Kane. “VVTA is at the forefront of providing innovative mobility options to the High Desert communities and we feel Keolis is at the forefront of providing professional transit services that will meet and exceed our expectations.”

Keolis notes it is excited to support VVTA's initiatives as a committed partner to expand service and increase mobility to enable riders to move throughout their communities seamlessly. With Keolis' best practices at the ready, VVTA riders can expect reliable, safe, and on-time service.

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“VVTA transit services are vital in ensuring Victor Valley residents

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have access to mobility and essential services. We are eager to have this opportunity to bring our passenger-centric approach to the VVTA and its riders,” said Keolis North America President and CEO Clement Michel. “We look forward to partnering with the VVTA to support their efforts to increase the mobility of Victor Valley riders so they can move around their communities with confidence and greater ease.”

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# VVTA Honors Million Mile Safe Driver Recipients

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## By Staff Reports

(Victor Valley)— At the September meeting of the Board of Directors, three Victor Valley Transit Operators, John Solorio, Tamia Sanders, and Monica Carrillo, were recognized for their service and received the distinctive Million Mile Safe Driver Award. To become a Million Mile Safe Driver is to join an elite group of transit operators worldwide who have driven one million miles or more with no accidents, incidents, or citations.

John Solorio began his career as a transit operator for the City of Victorville in 1990 before merging with VVTA, where he continues to be a fixed route driver today. With 30 years and one million miles behind the wheel, John has used his experiences and knowledge to train new drivers. John has been instrumental in helping drivers learn the routes, safe practices, and ways to stay accident-free. John participated in the 2020 Bus Rodeo, where he placed third.

Driving ADA-Paratransit for over 20 years, Tamia Sanders continues to be charismatic and passionate about serving her passengers and her community. Year after year, she has used her knowledge to support her fellow drivers, especially in the area of direction and safety. Tamia has been and continues to be an excellent example of the kind of staff member that makes an organization soar.

With more than 22 years of driving experience, Monica Carrillo is a top-notch operator. She enjoys picking up and dropping off her passengers safely, on time, and with pride. As part of the 2019 VVTA Safety Committee, Monica enjoys sharing with others her insights and experiences that have helped her stay safe while behind the wheel. Monica is an excellent example of an employee who does her job well and is serious about safety.

VVTA Board Chair Curt Emick also shared a congratulatory message. "This is truly an amazing achievement. Driving a bus is not easy, and John, Tamia, and Monica are experts who value all Victor Valley Transit riders."

VVTA shares the Board's sentiments and is exceptionally proud to have bus operators with such dedication to their craft and a keen eye for passengers' safety.