



Victor Valley Transit Authority

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Due to the rise in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021, at 9:30 am at Barstow City Council Chambers at 220 East Mountain View St., Barstow, CA has changed from an in-person meeting to **Zoom**.

This Zoom meeting may be accessed using this information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81761727020?pwd=cTJtSmFvMnV2RDFzVXdK29oTW5DQT09>

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**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 16, 2021 9:30 A.M.**

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
Paul Cook, Director, County of San Bernardino
Dawn Rowe, Director, County of San Bernardino
Liz Becerra, Director, City of Victorville
James Noble, Director, 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

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: Monday, August 9, 2021.

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 July 19, 2021.***

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

Pg. 17 ***Item #2: Warrants, June 2021.***

Recommendation: Move for approval.

Presented by: None.

REPORTS

Pg. 23 ***Item #3: Meeting Notes from The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on August 4, 2021.***

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. 39 ***Item #5: Award VVTA RFP 2020-20 Security Services.***

Recommendation: Award RFP 2020-20 Security Services, not to exceed \$1,162,650.00, and designate authority to the Executive Director to execute the resulting contract.

Presented by: Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager.

Pg. 45 ***Item #6: PERMA Payment for General Liability Insurance for FY21–22.***

Recommendation: Approve payment of the General Liability annual premium insurance total of \$102,222.

Presented by: Maged Azer, CFO.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 20, 2021, at 9:30 AM
Victor Valley Transit Authority
17150 Smoke Tree Street
Hesperia, CA 92345

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 st 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, pending 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 July 19, 2021.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Following are copies of the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors conducted on July 19, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move for approval.

PRESENTED BY
Debi Lorrach,
Clerk of the Board

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

MEETING DATE

August 16, 2021

ITEM NUMBER

1

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

**July 19, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Transit Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Curt Emick.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chair Curt Emick
Vice-Chair Joy Jeannette
Director Larry Bird
Director Liz Becerra
Director James Noble
Alternate-Director Kim Mesen
Alternate-Director Elaine Villareal

Staff Members Present:

Kevin Kane, VVTA	Debi Lorrach, VVTA
John Tubbs, County Counsel	Barbara Miller, VVTA
Doug Matthews, City of Victorville	Simon Herrera, VVTA
Maged Azer, VVTA	Monica Perez, Keolis
Chase Williams, VVTA	Nancie Goff, VVTA
Jonathan McDowell, Keolis	Ramon Armenta, Keolis
Christine Plasting, VVTA	Ron Zirges, VVTA
Craig Barnes, VVTA	Bryan Torres Ayala, VVTA
Julie Ryan, Town of Apple Valley	Sandye Martinez, VVTA
Shelly Cable, VVTA	Nate Dowd, VVTA
Sylvia Harris, VVTA	Christine Ortega, Keolis
Chris Ackerman, VVTA	Ashley Palmer, VVTA
Anthony Radicone, Keolis	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Noble led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Emick stated that he had three (3) awards to present. The first one is for Ms. Monica Perez. On Monday, June 28th, passenger Ms. Court Libey missed her bus at the Barstow City Hall, and after two hours, due to the extreme temperatures, she began to dehydrate. Ms. Libey then noticed the distinctive VVTA jacket and wanted to verify that she was at the correct location to return to her home and approached VVTA Supervisor Monica Perez. Ms. Libey states that Ms. Perez immediately noticed her serious condition and drove her to her residence at the Barstow Veterans Home, which

saved her from an Emergency Room visit or worse. Ms. Perez's compassion and willingness to assist a passenger who she saw was in extreme distress is a standard all employees and staff are trained to achieve.

The next two awards are for driver Ramon Armenta and Supervisor Jonathan McDowell, Chair Emick announced. On July 2nd, after making a bank withdrawal, High Desert resident Sean Zullo accidentally dropped his wallet on Main Street with upwards of \$1,500 cash inside. Mr. Zullo had lost all hopes of recovering his wallet and the cash inside. Additionally, he was dreading the prospect of having to replace his license, passport card, and credit cards. However, during this time, VVTA Bus Operator Ramon Armenta happened upon the wallet fully intact and turned it into the Operations Manager Jonathan McDowell who in turn drove to the address listed on the identification and successfully returned the wallet to its rightful owner. Mr. Zullo has expressed over and over his heartfelt gratitude for both Mr. Armenta and Mr. McDowell for their honesty, integrity, time, and effort.

At this time, the Board of Directors presented awards of recognition to Ms. Perez, Mr. Armenta and Mr. McDowell for their outstanding efforts, dedication, and professionalism while representing Victor Valley Transit Authority and the many communities which our transit system serves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker: EJ Larkins, Victorville, CA

Mr. Larkins commented that it is a pleasure to be able to come to these Board meetings and inform the Board what he sees on the buses. Mr. Larkins said that a few years ago, VVTA had people performing temperature checks on the buses during extremely hot weather and would like to see that take place this summer. Lastly, he wanted to make sure that VVTA will have the new schedules available to the public prior to the opening of the new Victor Valley Transportation Center.

Speaker: Sean Zullo, Victorville, CA

Mr. Zullo wanted to personally thank Mr. Armenta and Mr. McDowell for their honesty, further stating that character is much easier when someone is watching; true character happens when no one is looking, and you are accountable to yourself.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes from the Public June 21, 2021.**
Recommendation: Move for approval.
Presented by: None.
2. **Warrants, May, 2021.**
Recommendation: Move for approval.
Presented by: None.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alternate-Director Villareal to approve the Consent Calendar, Seconded by Vice-Chair Jeannette. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **Meeting Notes from the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on July 7, 2021.**

Recommendation: Information item only.

Presented by: None.

4. **Management Reports for Hesperia and Barstow Divisions – Verbal Report from Executive Director.**

Recommendation: Information item only.

Mr. Kane shared that VVTA and CSUSB (California State University at San Bernardino) have come to an agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) where CSUSB will pay VVTA an agreed upon amount to provide free transportation for their students to and from the High Desert.

Additionally, Mr. Kane stated that the ridership is not increasing as quickly as VVTA would like to see and there will be many more marketing efforts in the near future. VVTA expects a significant increase in ridership when schools are back in session.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. **Adjust Board Member Stipend to \$200.00 Per Meeting.**

Recommendation: Consider Adjusting the Board Stipend to \$200.00 effective July 1, 2021.

Presented by: Kevin Kane, Executive Director/CEO.

Mr. Kane said that the last Board Stipend increase was in 2007, fifteen (15) years ago. With the large rate of inflation coupled with the rising cost of fuel, VVTA proposed it was time to review the monthly stipend paid to the Board. Additionally, Mr. Kane explained that when Board stipends were first introduced in 1993, it was discussed that staff members serving as Alternate Directors were only to be paid if they were elected officials. Since that time, such Alternate Directors have been serving consistently in a more permanent capacity. Mr. Kane asked if the board could clarify that all appointed alternates should receive a stipend for meeting attendance. Mr. Tubbs stated that within this Board item, the Board could make the determination that all appointed alternates attending the meeting would receive a stipend.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alternate-Director Villareal to reduce the requested stipend to \$150, no second was received. After further discussion the consensus of the Board was that all appointed alternates in attendance at the meetings would be paid the stipend.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vice-Chair Jeannette to approve the recommended action, Seconded by Director Noble. The motion passed with Alternate-Director Villareal and Alternate-Director Mesen abstaining.

6. **Equitable Economic Recovery and Workforce Development Through Construction Hiring Pilot Program – Geographical Preference Update.**
Recommendation: Receive and File.
Presented by: Kevin Kane, Executive Director.

In the past, Mr. Kane explained, the FTA has not allowed any allowances for local companies bidding on construction projects. This pilot program, for a period of five (5) years, will allow VVTA to offer up to five (5) points for being a local bidder. VVTA is hopeful this new pilot program will bring more local bidders to the table.

7. **Amend VVTA Procurement Policies.**
Recommendation: Approve amendments to VVTA Procurement Policies: 1020, 1040, 1070, 2000, 2010, 4000, 6000 and 7000.
Presented by: Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager.

Mr. Azer presented updates to the VVTA Procurement Policies including raising the fixed asset threshold to \$2,000, increasing the Executive Directors signing authority to \$100,000 and updating the title of Purchasing and Inventory Specialist to Procurement Specialist.

Director Bird asked for an example of where an increased signing authority may be needed; Mr. Kane stated that it would occur generally in cases where time is of the essence or in an emergency situation.

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

8. **Release of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2021-17 Hesperia Transfer Hub.**
Recommendation: Authorize VVTA to release RFQ 2021-17 Hesperia Transfer Hub.
Presented by: Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager.

Ms. Plasting briefly explained that this item is to release a Request for Qualifications to create a list of firms to send an RFP for the construction of the Hesperia Transfer Hub.

Director Becerra inquired why VVTA has chosen a design-build as opposed to a design-bid-build. Ms. Plasting shared that with the design-build process, the architect and general contractor come from the same firm. She explained that this helps to eliminate possible conflicts between that could arise between the architect and general contractor when a design-bid-build process was in place.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vice-Chair Jeannette to approve the recommended action. Seconded by Alternate-Director Villareal. The motion passed with Director Becerra voting no.

PRESS CLIPS/CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Jeannette wished to thank VVTA for providing the bags for the food share program; the next food distribution date is July 23, 2021 at the Adelanto Stadium.

Director Noble stated that the people at VVTA do an amazing job and he offered 100% support.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Monday, August 16, 2021 at Barstow City Council Chambers, 220 East Mountain View Drive, Barstow, CA 92311.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

APPROVED: _____
Curt Emick, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Debi Lorrach, Clerk of the Board

**AGENDA ITEM
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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

AGENDA MATTER

Payrolls and Warrants for June 2021.

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>
06/04/2021	\$ 75,116.72	PR-293-06-21
06/18/2021	\$ 75,616.72	PR-294-06-21
Total Payroll	\$ 150,733.44	

Agency's Register of Warrants

<u>Register Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Register #</u>
06/02/2021	\$122,959.67	12426-12441	AP03420AAAEZY
06/08/2021	\$ 93,053.32	12442-12465	AP03425AAAFAD
06/15/2021	\$ 167,195.01	12466-12483	AP03429AAAFAH
06/23/2021	\$ 119,780.54	12484-12494	AP03437AAAFAP
06/29/2021	\$ 226,865.79	12495-12517	AP03461AAAFBN
	\$ 729,854.33		

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve VVTA's expenditures for June 2021.

PRESENTED BY	FISCAL IMPACT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Maged Azer Finance Director	\$ 880,587.77	August 16, 2021	2

Bank Register Report
Victor Valley Transit Authority
Jun-21

Check Number	Date	Payee Name	Amount
12426	06/02/2021	AMERICAN NEWS	\$117.76
12427	06/02/2021	Charter Communications	\$698.22
12428	06/02/2021	Charter Communications	\$162.42
12429	06/02/2021	Charter Communications	\$264.98
12430	06/02/2021	Daily Press	\$855.83
12431	06/02/2021	Federal Express Corp.	\$136.09
12432	06/02/2021	Golden State Water Company	\$1,494.30
12433	06/02/2021	El Chicano - Inland Empire Community Newspapers	\$36.00
12434	06/02/2021	Labor Finders	\$6,818.21
12435	06/02/2021	Pacific Products And Service	\$4,527.25
12436	06/02/2021	Southwest Gas Corporation - CNG	\$88,185.99
12437	06/02/2021	Spectrum	\$1,640.00
12438	06/02/2021	Syncromatics Corporation	\$1,046.00
12439	06/02/2021	Verizon-Security Phones	\$9,086.69
12440	06/02/2021	Verizon	\$2,241.67
12441	06/02/2021	Wirz And Co Printing Inc	\$5,648.26
12442	06/08/2021	ADArIde.com	\$3,453.00
12443	06/08/2021	AECOM	\$10,562.32
12444	06/08/2021	Allied Universal Security Services	\$1,093.54
12445	06/08/2021	Beck Oil	\$9,005.42
12446	06/08/2021	Clean Energy	\$19,586.19
12447	06/08/2021	Daily Press	\$181.99
12448	06/08/2021	Southern California Edison	\$2,961.70
12449	06/08/2021	Foothill AIDS Project	\$1,785.00
12450	06/08/2021	Frontier	\$116.17
12451	06/08/2021	HI-Desert Communications	\$1,308.00
12452	06/08/2021	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	\$575.01
12453	06/08/2021	Labor Finders	\$6,979.21
12454	06/08/2021	Packet Fusion, Inc	\$343.75
12455	06/08/2021	SONIC SYSTEMS IT	\$4,398.49
12456	06/08/2021	State Compensation Insurance Fund	\$1,050.08
12457	06/08/2021	Marlin Software, LLC	\$332.79
12458	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12459	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12460	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12461	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12462	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12463	06/08/2021	VOID	\$0.00
12464	06/08/2021	US BANK	\$23,586.22
12465	06/08/2021	Southern California Edison	\$5,734.44
12466	06/15/2021	Allied 100, LLC	\$1,664.74
12467	06/15/2021	ANGI Energy Systems	\$123,442.41
12468	06/15/2021	Bonnie Baker Senior Center	\$1,296.53
12469	06/15/2021	Charter Communications	\$1,075.00
12470	06/15/2021	UTILITY BILLING	\$683.20

12471	06/15/2021	Southern California Edison-CNG	\$7,394.31
12472	06/15/2021	Golden State Water Company	\$423.31
12473	06/15/2021	Labor Finders	\$6,165.51
12474	06/15/2021	Loomis	\$555.45
12475	06/15/2021	RMS Construction	\$4,137.25
12476	06/15/2021	San Bernardino County	\$4,900.56
12477	06/15/2021	Shred Your Docs	\$72.80
12478	06/15/2021	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$531.49
12479	06/15/2021	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$383.60
12480	06/15/2021	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$149.72
12481	06/15/2021	TripSpark - Trapeze Software Group Inc.	\$13,062.50
12482	06/15/2021	Trona Community Senior Center	\$286.63
12483	06/15/2021	Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart	\$970.00
12484	06/23/2021	Jazmin Castro	\$251.44
12485	06/23/2021	Charter Communications	\$162.42
12486	06/23/2021	Spectrum Business-Sec	\$104.97
12487	06/23/2021	Southern California Edison	\$4,249.57
12488	06/23/2021	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	\$92.24
12489	06/23/2021	Labor Finders	\$7,074.29
12490	06/23/2021	Packet Fusion, Inc	\$2,312.50
12491	06/23/2021	RMS Life Safety	\$27,887.25
12492	06/23/2021	Southwest Gas Corporation - CNG	\$76,083.97
12493	06/23/2021	Dustin Strandberg	\$773.39
12494	06/23/2021	Synchromatics Corporation	\$788.50
12495	06/29/2021	Abundant Living Family Church HD	\$2,856.00
12496	06/29/2021	AVR Vanpool	\$2,500.00
12497	06/29/2021	Elizabeth Becerra	\$125.00
12498	06/29/2021	Lawrence Bird	\$125.00
12499	06/29/2021	Bank Of New York Mellon	\$2,200.00
12500	06/29/2021	Charter Communications	\$698.22
12501	06/29/2021	Charter Communications	\$167.73
12502	06/29/2021	Charter Communications	\$264.98
12503	06/29/2021	Clean Energy	\$16,234.55
12504	06/29/2021	Enterprise Ride Share	\$80,265.00
12505	06/29/2021	FRONTIER-OFFICE LINES	\$59.68
12506	06/29/2021	Frontier	\$116.17
12507	06/29/2021	City Of Hesperia Water District	\$3,179.85
12508	06/29/2021	Joy Jeannette	\$125.00
12509	06/29/2021	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	\$872.59
12510	06/29/2021	Labor Finders	\$7,028.45
12511	06/29/2021	James Noble	\$125.00
12512	06/29/2021	Optibus INC	\$38,237.80
12513	06/29/2021	Rotary Lift Vehicle Service Group, LLC	\$12,670.21
12514	06/29/2021	Transtrack Systems, Inc.	\$887.50
12515	06/29/2021	Verizon	\$1,824.48
12516	06/29/2021	Xebec Adsorption USA	\$12,936.00
12517	06/29/2021	TripSpark - Trapeze Software Group Inc.	\$13,062.50
EFT034550001	06/29/2021	National Express Transit Corp	\$30,304.08
Total			\$729,854.33

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

AGENDA MATTER

Meeting Notes from The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Conducted on August 4, 2021.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Meeting Notes from the Technical Advisory Committee meeting conducted on August 4, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Information item only.

PRESENTED BY
Debi Lorrach,
Clerk of the Board

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

MEETING DATE

August 16, 2021

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**VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 4, 2021
VIA ZOOM**

MEETING NOTES

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Victor Valley Transit Authority was opened at 3:03 p.m. at Victor Valley Transit Authority, Conference room, 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA.

TAC Members

Present:	Doug Matthews, City of VV	Kim Mesen, Co. of SB
Staff Present:	Kevin Kane, VVTA	Nancie Goff, VVTA
	Barbara Miller, VVTA	Debi Lorrach, VVTA
	Chase Williams, VVTA	Craig Barnes, VVTA
	Marie Downing, VVTA	Chris Ackerman, VVTA
	Nicole Soto, SBCTA	Ron Zirges, VVTA
	Maged Azer, VVTA	Christine Plasting, VVTA
	Craig Barnes, VVTA	

1. Public Comment.
None.

2. Review Draft Board Agenda.

a. Award VVTA RFP 2020-20 Security Services.

Ms. Plasting shared the timeline for the process for the security services RFP and suggested award; at the June 21, 2021, Board meeting, it was requested that there are two (2) guards at the Victor Valley Transportation Center (VVTC) instead of one (1). Proposers were asked to resubmit bids including the new request.

Ms. Mesen inquired if any local firms had submitted bids; Mr. Plasting explained that VVTA's solicitation was very broad, including publication in the Daily Press and two (2) other newspapers of general circulation and local vendors had the opportunity to submit a proposal; however, the three (3) proposers in the Board item are the only three (3) that submitted bids. Ms. Plasting also mentioned that VVTA invited Nu-Way Security to bid but they did not.

Mr. Matthews asked if the pricing for all bidders was reviewed. Ms. Plasting stated that this RFP was not a low bid proposal and that fifteen (15) points were allowed for pricing. She added that a number of people on the evaluation committee have a background in security and were very impressed with the recommended awardee.

b. PERMA Payment for General Liability Insurance for FY21-22.
Even though the PERMA Liability Insurance was approved in the FY21-22 budget, Mr. Kane explained, that due to the amount invoiced being substantially higher than

originally anticipated, VVTA wanted to make the Board aware of the added expense. It is also slightly above the Executive Directors signing authority amount recently approved by the Board.

3. Bus stop shelters/benches/lighting.

Mr. Herrera said that VVTA needs to un-install the shelters and signs at the Costco location and shared that the new bus stop signs were installed prior to the service change on August 1, 2019. Mr. Matthews asked for a list of suggested locations for the shelters to be relocated; Mr. Herrera shared that VVTA should have that list to the City before the end of the week; there will be one (1) bus stop with a shelter remaining at Costco.

4. SBCTA Update.

Article 3 Call for Projects closed at the end of business on August 4, 2019, Ms. Soto shared, and will go to the Transit Committee in October. Additionally, she said that SBCTA's 10-year plan, which includes CMAQ for ZEB vehicles, is also going to the Transit Committee in October/November.

5. Other Business.

None.

6. Adjournment. 3:20 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.

- Keolis invoice for June.
- Monthly Performance Statistics Systemwide Summary.
- Monthly Ridership Report.
- Monthly ADA Denial Report.
- Monthly Road Call Report.
- Keolis On Time Performance Report FY 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Information items only.

PRESENTED BY
Kevin Kane,
Executive Director

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

MEETING DATE

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INVOICE NO. 0060117-IN

Keolis Transit Services17150 Smoke Tree St.
Hesperia Calif. 92345BILL TO Victor Valley Transit Authority
17150 Smoke Tree St.
Hesperia, CA 92345

DATE 7/9/2021

CONTRACT NAME:
Victor Valley TransitAttention: Mr. Kevin Kane
Executive Director

MONTH June BILLING PERIOD 06/01/21 - 06/30/21

	Budgeted Revenue hours	Actual Revenue hours	Variance in Missed Service	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense	Variance (+ or -)	Budgeted Expense Year-to-date	Actual Expense Year-to-date	Variance (+ or -) Year-to-date
ADA ParaTransit	3,233.00	1,550.10		\$326,242.03	\$156,420.25	(\$169,821.78)	\$2,940,295.76	\$1,921,297.18	(\$1,018,998.58)
Subscription	1,172.00	984.57		\$118,266.52	\$99,352.96	(\$18,913.56)	\$1,130,463.19	\$362,509.94	(\$767,953.25)
Regional Fixed Rt	11,164.24	11,141.11	(23.13)	\$974,638.15	\$972,618.90	(\$2,019.25)	\$8,636,608.20	\$8,621,305.39	(\$15,302.81)
County	1,807.80	1,803.08	(4.72)	\$157,820.94	\$157,408.88	(\$412.06)	\$1,404,990.49	\$1,402,399.42	(\$2,591.07)
Vaccine Express	-	0.33		\$0.00	\$33.64	\$33.64	\$11,024.42	\$13,373.94	\$2,349.52
B.V. Link/Lifeline	613.14	610.58	(2.56)	\$53,527.12	\$53,303.63	(\$223.49)	\$472,401.25	\$469,914.95	(\$2,486.30)
Fort Irwin	497.20	493.64	(3.56)	\$46,060.61	\$45,730.81	(\$329.80)	\$399,889.83	\$397,408.93	(\$2,480.90)
Barstow-Fixed Route	1,882.30	1,881.19	(1.11)	\$164,324.79	\$164,227.89	(\$96.90)	\$1,455,403.58	\$1,454,308.88	(\$1,094.70)
Barstow-County	774.30	774.30	-	\$67,596.39	\$67,596.39	\$0.00	\$597,454.13	\$596,612.56	(\$841.57)
Barstow-DAR	454.00	235.78		\$45,813.14	\$23,792.56	(\$22,020.58)	\$412,318.26	\$167,303.45	(\$245,014.81)
SUBTOTALS	21,597.98	19,474.68	(35.08)	\$1,954,289.69	\$1,740,485.92	-\$213,803.77	\$17,460,849.11	\$15,406,434.64	-\$2,054,414.47

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

TOTAL INVOICE INCLUDING VARIANCE

\$1,740,485.92

Please REMIT TO:
Keolis Transit Services, LLC
470 Atlantic Avenue, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02210

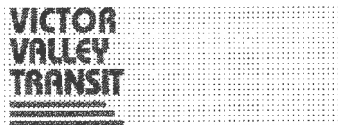
Manager's Signature and Business Phone



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

Performance Statistics for June

Mode	Passengers	Revenue Hours	Operating Costs	Passenger Revenue	Passengers Per Rev. Hour	Operating Cost Per Passenger	Operating Cost Per Rev. Hour	Passenger Revenue Per Passenger	Passenger Revenue Per Rev. Hour	Farebox Recovery Ratio
Bus (Motorbus)	49,902	16,197.4	\$2,337,150	\$71,652	3.1	\$46.83	\$144.29	\$1.44	\$4.42	3.07%
Commuter Bus	2,923	493.0	\$78,420	\$36,263	5.9	\$26.83	\$159.07	\$12.41	\$73.56	46.24%
Demand Response	5,989	2,908.9	\$478,048	\$36,816	2.1	\$79.82	\$164.34	\$6.15	\$12.66	7.70%
System Total	58,814	19,599.2	\$2,893,619	\$144,732	3.0	\$49.20	\$147.64	\$2.46	\$7.38	5.00%



Monthly Ridership Report

June, FY 2021

Bus (Motorbus), Commuter Bus, Demand Response Only

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)	50,407	49,902	5.0	3.0	2.51%	3.07%
Commuter Bus	2,154	2,923	4.3	5.9	29.86%	46.24%
Demand Response	4,063	5,989	1.9	2.0	8.61%	7.70%
System Total	56,624	58,814	4.5	3.0	4.72%	5.00%

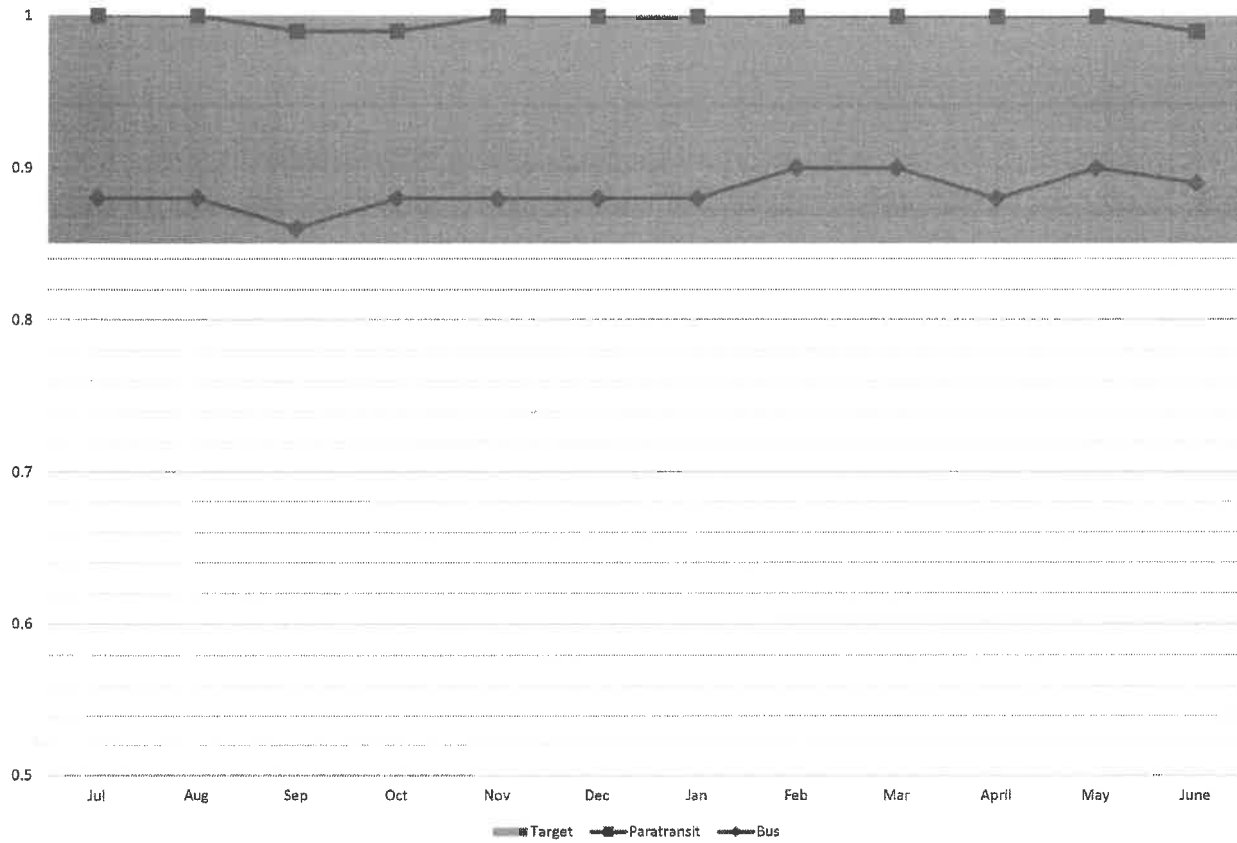
ADA Dispatch Denial Report For the Month of June 2021

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June 2021
Major and Non-Major
Miles between road calls - VVTA and Barstow

	Total Miles	Road Calls	Miles Between Road Calls
Demand Response	44,765	5	8,953
Commuter Bus	19,277	5	3,855
Motor Bus	278,414	32	8,700
Total System	342,456	42	8,154

FY 21 System Wide Schedule Adherence



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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

AGENDA MATTER

Award VVTA RFP 2020-20 Security Services.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

On July 20, 2020, the VVTA Board of Directors approved the termination of contract 2018-02 and the release of RFP 2020-20 Security Services, which was released on May 10, 2021. The RFP was posted on the VVTA.org/procurement page, advertised in newspapers of general circulation (including the Daily Press) and posted on www.publicpurchase.com. On May 26, 2021, a pre-proposal conference/job walk was conducted which included the new "How to do Business with VVTA video." The last day for questions expired on June 4, 2021, and only one (1) addendum was posted on June 10, 2021. The deadline for proposals was on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

On July 12, 2021, the evaluation committee met to provide the evaluation scores and to determine a recommendation for award. The results were:

Inter-Con Security, Pasadena, CA	90.64
Triton Global, Ontario, CA	76.20
Alltech Security, Montebello, CA	86.07

At its June 21, 2021, Board meeting, the Director from the City of Victorville asked to have two (2) guards included at the Victor Valley Transportation Center. To accommodate this request, the three (3) proposers were asked to provide a revised price proposal no later than Friday, July 16, 2021. The scores including the revised price proposals are as follows:

Inter-Con Security, Pasadena, CA	90.68
Triton Global, Ontario, CA	75.96
Alltech Security, Montebello, CA	86.27

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Award RFP 2020-20 Security Services, not to exceed \$1,162,650.00, and designate authority to the Executive Director to execute the resulting contract.

PRESENTED BY	FISCAL IMPACT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Christine Plasting Procurement Manager	Not to Exceed \$1,162,650.00	August 16, 2021	5

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

AGENDA MATTER

Award VVTA RFP 2020-20 Security Services.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff recommendation is to award the Contract to Inter-Con Security, Pasadena, CA, for three (3) years with two (2) one-year options to extend, not to exceed \$1,162,650.00.

Funding for this contract will be through LTF operating funds.

RFP 2020-20 SECURITY SERVICES
Evaluation Tabulation

Technical Evaluation:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight Factor		E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	Total
Experience	25.00	Company						
		C-1	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	23.00
		C-2	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	17.00
		C-3	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	17.00

Comments:

Quality of Staff	25.00							
		C-1	5.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	22.00
		C-2	4.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	18.00
		C-3	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	17.00

Comments:

Proposal	35.00							
		C-1	5.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	32.20
		C-2	5.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	26.60
		C-3	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	18.20

Comments:

Total Weight Score	85.00		Eval 1	Eval 2	Eval 3	Eval 4	Eval 5	Average Weighted Score
TOTAL		C-1	85.00	73.67	79.33	73.67	73.67	77.07
		C-2	73.67	68.00	51.00	62.33	51.00	61.20
		C-3	68.00	45.33	62.33	45.33	45.33	53.27

Cost Evaluation			
	15.00	Cost Score	Revised
Inter-Con Security		13.57	13.62
Triton Global		15.00	14.76
Alltech Security		14.80	15.00

	Technical	DBE (Max 5 Points)	References (Max 20 Pts)	Cost	Total Score	Revised Price Proposals	Revised Total Score
Inter-Con Security	77.07	0.00	0.00	13.57	90.64	13.62	90.68
Triton Global	61.20	0.00	0.00	15.00	76.20	14.76	75.96
Alltech Security	53.27	0.00	18.00	14.80	86.07	15.00	86.27

Total Max Score = 125 points

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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

AGENDA MATTER

PERMA Payment for General Liability Insurance for FY21–22.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Due to the unexpected large increases in liability insurance premiums being experienced throughout the nation, VVTA was surprised with the amount of the invoice when it was received.

While this amount is within the total insurance budget in the approved FY21-22 budget, staff felt it prudent to bring this before the Board due to the size of the increase, (\$16,437) over the prior year.

Staff recommends the Board approve the payment of \$102,222 for the annual General Liability premium.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve payment of the General Liability annual premium insurance total of \$102,222.

PRESENTED BY
Maged Azer
CFO

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

MEETING DATE

August 16, 2021

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2020-21
GENERAL LIABILITY
DEPOSIT PREMIUM
ANNUAL INVOICE

2021 Gen

INVOICE DATE: July 1, 2021

BILL TO: VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Attn: Kevin Kane
17150 Smoketree St
Hesperia, CA 92345

FY21 General \$62,222
01-160-506030-100-000
GENERAL LIABILITY PROGRAM: 01-160-506030-130-100 \$40,000
2021-22 Deposit Premium \$ 102,222.00
(Return) / Assessment 0.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$ 102,222.00

LESS PAYMENTS RECEIVED 0.00

FINANCE/LATE CHARGE 0.00

AMOUNT DUE \$ 102,222.00

PLEASE NOTE:
OUR PAYMENT ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO:

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 743149
LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-3149

tel: (760) 360-4966 ♦ fax: (760) 360-3264

This invoice is now due and payable, and shall become delinquent if not paid on or before July 31, 2020.
A late charge equal to the LAIF interest rate shall be added to all billings over 60 days delinquent.

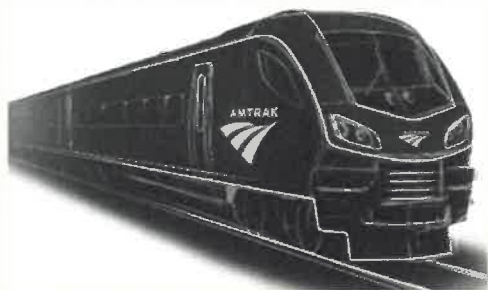
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Through the use of multi-power systems, including hybrid-battery operation, Amtrak's new trains from Siemens will offer environmental benefits through reduced emissions as compared to the existing fleet.

Siemens Mobility Awarded Historic Amtrak Contracts

SIEMENS MOBILITY HAS BEEN AWARDED \$3.4 BILLION in contracts to design, manufacture and technically support 73 multi-powered trains for Amtrak, with potential for up to 140 additional trains and maintenance agreements.

The trains will operate throughout the Northeast Corridor and across various state-supported routes, including operations in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"These new trains will reshape the future of rail travel by replacing our aging 40-to-50-year-old fleet with state-of-the-art, American-made equipment," said Amtrak CEO Bill Flynn. "This investment is essential to preserving Northeast Regional and state-supported services for the future and will allow our customers to travel comfortably and safely, while reducing carbon emissions."

The order includes dual-power and hybrid-battery trains. The first will be delivered in 2024, while the first of its kind Venture Hybrid battery train will begin testing in 2025. The trains for the Northeast Corridor and state supported routes will be delivered from 2024 through 2030. Through the use of multi-power systems, including hybrid-battery operation, they will also provide a substantial environmental benefit through reduced emissions compared to the existing fleet. Accompanying the manufacturing contract will be a long-term service agreement for technical support, spare parts and material supply.

The trains feature more comfortable seating, individual power outlets and USB ports, onboard Wi-Fi, enhanced lighting and panoramic windows, a more contemporary food service experience, as well as state-of-the-art customer trip information, digital seat reservation system and navigation display systems. The trains will have the latest health and safety standards, including enhanced HVAC, touchless restroom controls, and automated steps. In addition, they will be designed with Amtrak's new standard of enhanced accessible features, including inductive hearing loops, accessible restrooms and vestibules, accessible food service car, and lifts for customers with reduced mobility, including wheelchair users.

Northeast Corridor Commission Announces 15-Year Reinvestment Plan

THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COMMISSION (NEC) released its 15-year plan, CONNECT NEC 2035 (C35), July 14, representing what the commission calls the most ambitious reinvestment program in its history. C35 includes a new way of planning: a multi-agency, multi-year, shared action plan guided by a long-term vision.

The state governments of the Northeast, the federal government, eight commuter rail agencies and Amtrak worked together through the commission to develop "a detailed and efficient sequencing of infrastructure investments covering 150 projects and capital renewal efforts along the corridor."

C35 is the first phase of the long-term vision for the corridor established in FRA's 2017 NEC FUTURE plan, making significant improvements to NEC rail service for both existing and new riders, on both commuter rail systems and Amtrak. The \$117 billion C35 plan would result in a renewed NEC that benefits a thriving Northeast region.

"Improving the NEC rail system is a vital multi-state effort," said Amit Bose, FRA deputy administrator and NEC Commission co-chair. "C35 is a sequenced plan and a mobilizing force that not only puts people back at work renewing the NEC, but also supports new travel patterns as our economy returns to full strength."

Kevin Corbett, president & CEO, NJ TRANSIT and NEC Commission co-chair, said, "The corridor supports more than 800,000 daily passenger

trips between the greater Washington D.C. and Boston regions. "It is imperative that together we seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to replace aging assets, add rail capacity, improve performance and enhance the customer experience along the entire corridor through the advancement of the vital and ambitious C35 plan."

FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez said that creating C35 will "result in safer, faster and more reliable travel for commuters

throughout the Northeast region.

It will also connect transit riders, all along the corridor, with the intercity trains that so many communities and businesses rely on to get individuals to work and essential services. C35 will do so while taking cars off the road and helping to lessen the impacts of climate change. I look forward to its full implementation."

Joseph Giulietti, commissioner, Connecticut DOT, called C35 rail investments the "building blocks for our country's future and transforming the Northeast. As a blueprint for making tangible and significant social, equitable and economic impact in countless communities, we have an opportunity to reshape how people move—where and why—for this generation and the next. Connectivity will be key to ensuring

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FTA Launches Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

FTA HAS LAUNCHED ITS ENHANCED TRANSIT SAFETY AND CRIME Prevention Initiative to provide information and resources to help public transit agencies address and prevent crime on their systems and protect transit workers and riders. Public transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and USDOT.

Access the resources at www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/enhanced-transit-safety-and-crime-prevention-initiative. For more information, contact FTASystemSafety@dot.gov.



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

TripShot to Equip UCLA with Unified Mobility Management

MOBILITY PLATFORM TRIPSHOT has entered into a contract to supply UCLA with its cloud-based unified mobility management solution.

The TripShot platform replaces multiple vendors for the university, including a service planning technology, a fixed-route real-time arrival technology, an on-demand technology and a maintenance and inspection solution.

"We're excited to take the UCLA campus and larger mobility ecosystem to the next level," said Matthew Corbin, assistant director/general manager, operations at UCLA. "We look forward to welcoming students and faculty back to campus with an intuitive, accessible and future-facing technology solution for our vehicle fleets and surrounding transportation."

TripShot will power UCLA's fixed-route Bruin Bus and the university's On Demand Bruin Access & Safe Ride programs, delivering ETAs with its TrueTime GPS-based location data. Additionally, TripShot's GTFS-RT export and import capabilities will allow UCLA riders to connect with public transit and other mobility options throughout the community.

"We are moving into a new era, an era we believe will be dominated by those who choose to harness technology for the benefit of the many," said Rob Antoniak, chief customer officer for TripShot. "We are delighted to quickly implement our solution for the UCLA community as they plan to return to campus this Fall."



TripShot will power UCLA's fixed-route Bruin Bus and On Demand Bruin Access & Safe Ride programs.

Keele Becomes TTC's Latest Accessible Station

KEELE STATION ON LINE 2 BLOOR-Danforth has become the Toronto Transit Commission's (TTC) 53rd station to provide accessible access to its subway system.

The station is served by two new elevators that connect street level to the subway platform level. Other improvements include four sets of accessible sliding doors, Presto-enabled accessible fare gates, improved signage, wayfinding and security features, a reconstructed bus loop pavement and platform and a new fire alarm system.

"We are very pleased that Keele has become the latest accessible subway station in our system," said TTC CEO Rick Leary. "Improvements like this support TTC's

Family of Services model and give our customers the choice to use accessible, conventional transit services, such as the bus or subway."



The smaller size of the Eldorado EZ Rider bus is ideal for servicing VVTA's local mountain and county routes.

Victor Valley Unveils New EZ Rider Buses

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT (VVTA), Hesperia, CA, has announced the addition of six new 32' Eldorado EZ Rider buses to its fleet, replacing older vehicles that have completed their useful life of either seven years or 200,000 miles.

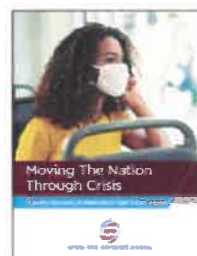
These compact buses feature a plexiglass driver barrier shield, 27 seats and two wheelchair areas, a USB connection for every seat, Wi-Fi and near-

zero-emission engines using renewable natural gas. The vehicles will be able to operate their service routes for the entire day without the need to refuel.

"I am excited that VVTA keeps up with the latest technology and safety measures, providing our passengers all the benefits of riding with Victor Valley Transit," said VVTA Board President Curt Ernick.

APTA Recognized with Three More Awards

APTA RECENTLY WON THREE AWARDS: THE APEX AWARDS FOR Publishing Excellence from Communications Concepts, Inc.



- APTA's 2020 Annual Report was the only annual report entry to receive the top APEX Grand Award (1st place). This is the second consecutive year that APTA has earned the highest award for its Annual Report.
- APTA's Mobility Recovery & Restoration Task Force report, "Moving the Nation through Crisis," received an APEX Award of Excellence in the category of One-of-a-Kind Electronic / Digital Publications. (Three other organizations were also recognized in this category.)
- APTA's Health & Safety Commitments Program also received an APEX Award of Excellence in the category of Public Service Campaigns. (Five other organizations were also recognized in this category.)



There were nearly 1,200 entries for this year's APEX Awards competition, including 25 for Annual Reports, 39 for One-of-a-Kind Publications and 116 for various campaign categories.

The three APEX Awards for APTA are in addition to two Silver EXCEL Awards from the Association Media & Publishing Network Associations Council for APTA's 2020 Annual Report and APTA's Health & Safety Commitments Program campaign, as reported in the June 18 issue of *Passenger Transport*.

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economic opportunities are created for all people."

The NEC Commission is governed by a board comprised of one member from each of the NEC states (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Dela-

ware and Maryland) and the District of Columbia, four members from Amtrak and five members from USDOT. The commission also includes non-voting representatives from freight railroads, states with connecting corridors and commuter operators.