Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
AC Transit General Offices
2nd Floor Board Room
1600 Franklin Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELSA ORTIZ, PRESIDENT (WARD 3)
JOE WALLACE, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 1)
GREG HARPER (WARD 2)
MARK WILLIAMS (WARD 4)
JEFF DAVIS (WARD 5)
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JOEL YOUNG (AT-LARGE)

BOARD OFFICERS
MICHAEL A. HURSH, GENERAL MANAGER
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LINDA A. NEMEROFF, DISTRICT SECRETARY
The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

President Ortiz called the special Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
   Present: Harper, Williams, Davis, Peeples, Wallace, Ortiz
   Absent: Young

2. REGULAR CALENDAR

2A. Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 17-021 approving the elimination of Supplementary Service to Montera Middle School, Skyline High School and Community Day School within the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) (Report 17-121a).

   [Written comments received prior to and during the meeting are incorporated into the file by reference.]

   General Manager Michael Hursh reported that OUSD had agreed to commit enough funding, combined with service efficiencies, to allow AC Transit to operate supplemental service to Community Day, Montera Middle and Skyline High Schools for one more year. He added that AC Transit was committed to working with all stakeholders to find a permanent solution for the vitally important service and concluded his statement by recommending that Item 2A be pulled off the agenda.

   President Ortiz commented on the importance of supplementary bus service; acknowledging the Board’s awareness of the service as a lifeline and pathway to education. She spoke about her dependence on supplemental service as a single mother whose children used it to get to school, which motivated her over the last several months to secure funding to preserve the service. She added that a funding bridge comprised of contributions from OUSD, bell-time changes, service efficiencies, and additional operating funds would provide for a one year extension of service. She thanked Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf for her leadership, which provided a path forward. She also thanked Mr. Hursh for his efforts as well as state legislators, community groups, parents, and students who supported the preservation of the service. She also thanked the OUSD Board for their efforts to find a viable solution. In closing, she asked that all stakeholders support AC Transit as it works toward a permanent solution.
Director Peeples commented on his efforts throughout the process, noting that it wouldn’t have been possible without the support of Mayor Schaaf, labor, and others. He added that more work lay ahead to find a permanent solution.

Public Comment:

- Noel Gallo, Oakland City Councilmember, acknowledged that children sometimes need a different setting in order to thrive. He thanked the Board for their efforts in helping to provide transportation to the schools, noting that it speaks to the character of the community and government bodies. He added that the City of Oakland remained a willing partner.

- Yvonne Williams, President of the Alameda Labor Council and President of ATU Local 192, expressed relief and pleasure with the announcement that service would be extended for one more year. She thanked Councilmembers Rebecca Kaplan and Noel Gallo along with Josie Camacho, Assembly members Rob Bonta and Tony Thurmond, State Senator Nancy Skinner, SEIU, ATU 192, OEA and AFSCME.

- Josie Camacho, Alameda Labor Council, extended her gratitude to President Ortiz and Directors Peeples and Williams for reaching out to the Labor Council when the crisis came about. She also thanked the OUSD Board for stepping up and Councilmembers Kaplan and Gallo for working with the unions to find solutions. She encouraged everyone to work hand-in-hand in the best interest of children.

- Mary Nicely, District Director for Assemblyman Thurmond, was glad service would continue for another year and offered continued assistance in finding a permanent solution. She added that legislation was pending (AB 1496 – Grayson) that would help provide funding for Title I schools and could provide a long-term solution.

- David Vartanoff commented that as a senior, he was entitled to receive an exemption or discount on the parcel taxes that support OUSD; however, he had not applied for those exemptions because he supported the schools and AC Transit. He felt that monies appropriated for transit should go directly to AC Transit to provide the service rather than passed-through OUSD.

- Peter Ruskin was relieved to hear there was a temporary solution in place. In response to his question about the term “supplemental bus service”, he was referred to Planning staff for help in addressing his questions.

- Maxwell Stern, Montera Student, thanked the Board for keeping the buses running as they not only provide access, but contribute to the diversity of the schools. In his opinion, the State’s underfunding of public agencies was the underlying issue and pitted agencies against one another. He expressed his frustration that students were being treated as dollar signs instead of children who rely on
the service. He added that he looked forward to working with the Board to come up with a permanent solution.

- Ellen Murray, ACCE, was glad to hear the crisis had been averted for a year. As a former MUNI employee, she argued that worker’s labor contributed to huge profits for the corporations in downtown San Francisco. She urged the Board to seek funding from corporations.

- Nathaniel Arnold, AC Transit employee and member of Genesis, thanked President Ortiz and Directors Peeples and Williams for their tireless efforts to find a short-term solution as well as the efforts of Mr. Hursh, the Labor Council, Genesis, and ACCE. He added that everyone must work together as a team to find a permanent solution. He suggested that all stakeholders meet once a month for two months until there is a permanent solution.

- Kirsten Foley, Montera Parent, thanked the Board for their work in finding a short-term solution and for setting an example for youth on what government can do. She urged the Board to continue to work on a long-term solution.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Nemeroff
District Secretary