



## **GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

10:00 a.m. - Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Gold Coast Transit District - Board Room

### **Meeting Summary**

**TAC Members Present:** Treena Gonzalez, County of Ventura; Sergio Albarran, City of Ventura; Pete Wessel, City of Oxnard, and Claire Grasty and Jeni Eddington, VCTC

**TAC Members Absent:** Don Villafana, City of Port Hueneme and Philip Pulley, City of Ojai

**GCTD Staff Present:** Vanessa Rauschenberger, Director of Planning and Marketing; Beatris Megerdichian and Austin Novstrup, Transit Planners; Matt Miller, Planning Manager; Margaret Heath-Schoep, Paratransit Manager; Cynthia Torres-Duque, Communications & Marketing Manager; and John Kelly, Operations Manager

**Members of the Public:** None

#### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Sergio Albarran called the TAC meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### **2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)**

None.

#### **3. Committee Members' Comments**

Claire Grasty announced that comments on the Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan have been incorporated and that the plan will be presented to the VCTC commission in November. Additionally, she announced that the mobile-ticketing project will be presented at the VCTC commission meeting in November

Sergio Albarran announced that the Main Street Moves closure will extend to February 2021.

#### **4. Staff Comments**

Vanessa Rauschenberger announced that the TDA audit is in progress and they have received the required information from the cities, except the County. They will work with the County to get it next week in time for the scheduled audit. Additionally, she informed members that the most recent press release featured bus operator Lupe Juarez congratulating her for 40 years of service.

John Kelly informed members that operator shields have been installed and the remaining buses will have shields installed next week. He added that they have also purchased a backpack with disinfectant mister to assist with the cleaning.

#### **5. Approval of the August 19, 2020 Meeting Summary**

Treena Gonzalez made a motion to approve the August meeting summary. Sergio Albarran seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **6. Fixed-Route & Paratransit Services update – 1st Quarter FY 2020-21 – Matt Miller and Margaret Heath-Schoep**

Matt Miller informed members that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter ridership has decreased by 51% over the same time last year. Matt explained that the decrease in boardings is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that this trend will last until the end of the pandemic.

Vanessa Rauschenberger informed members that at the last GCTD Board of Directors meeting the board made the decision to continue no fare collection to encourage economic recovery.

Matt Miller added that the on-time performance key performance indicator has been met, with 90% of the service operated on-time.

Claire Grasty informed members that of the agencies in southern California, GCTD has seen lower declines in ridership.

Cynthia Torres-Duque added that as indicated by the recent passenger survey, riders are making essential trips and are dependent on the service.

Margaret Heath-Schoep informed members that ridership has declined by 48% over the same time last year. She mentioned that bulk of the appointments are for medical purposes.

Vanessa Rauschenberger announced that Margaret Heath-Schoep has been reelected to Cal Act board.

#### **7. COVID-19 Response Update – Jim Beck**

John Kelly provided the update in staff comments.

#### **8. Future Agenda Items**

TAC Chair election in December  
TDA findings and projects

#### **10. Adjournment**

Chair Sergio Albarran adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.