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Subject: Sept. 17th LACCoD - ASI Monthly Report for the Meeting held on Aug.25, 2014

Agenda Item # 2 Board Officers Elections were held at the beginning of the meeting and no one Officer was opposed. The incumbent Officers were all termed out, as stated in Access Services bylaws, because of serving in their Offices for two consecutive, one year term. So the Brown Act made it possible to waive the term limit ruling so that the election could take place through a motion. The following Officers were re-elected: Chairperson: Director Doran Barnes, the Executive Director of Foothill Transit. Vice Chair: Dolores Nason, the Executive Director of the Disabled Resource Center, the Independent Living Center in Long Beach. Treasurer: Martin Gombert, Administrator, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority. Secretary: Theresa DeVera, Member, Los Angeles City Commission on Disability.

Agenda Item # 5 Because of not having a meeting in July, there were two presentations of Employees of the Month. Stacey Smith, a dispatcher, for July, and Diane Mendez, a call center supervisor for the month of August.

Agenda Item # 7 This Item are reports from Ex-Officio Board Members, such as Michael Arigo, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, (CAC), who reported that he had been re-elected as Chair of the CAC. He stated that the Committee would be looking at the "No Show" issue and policy in this upcoming year.

Linda Evans from the Glendale Bee Line introduced herself as the new Chairperson of the Transportation Professionals Advisory Committee, (TPAC), and is very enthusiastic with her new role and is looking forward to assisting the Board of Directors.

Agenda Item # 8 General Public Comment, there were two comments about people who were deaf or hard of hearing, having communication difficulties while being picked up at different spots each day. The second comment concerned a person with perfect verbal skills but completely deaf who was having trouble with van and taxi drivers maintaining proper drop off points each day and not being consistent, as is it routine 5 days a week to and from his employment. One day being dropped off across the street, the next being dropped off a block away with the same treatment being picked up for the trip home.

Agenda Item # 9 Consent Calendar: a) Every year the Board appoints its members to three different committees, which are the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Quality Services Sub-Committee. This year the Board appointed the following:

Audit Committee: Director Daniel Levy, Director - Civil Rights Programs Compliance of LA Metro, Michelle Caldwell, Foothill Transit and Jim Mills, Torrance Transit.

Compensation Committee: Directors Doran Barnes, Foothill Transit, Dolores Nason, Disabled Resource Center, and Martin Gombert, Palos Verdes Transit.

Quality Services Sub-Committee: Director Angela Nwokike, Services Center for Independent Living, in Claremont.

b) Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of 13 Vehicles for Para-transit Service, these vehicles will be low emission Flex Fuel, Dodge Mini-vans to be put into immediate use.

c) Consideration to Award the Data Center Co-Location Contract, this will enable Access to have two data centers thus creating a better back-up system and data recovery systems, one in El Monte and the second one in Redondo Beach.

d) Consideration to approve the Real Estate Broker, Service Agreement, between Access Services, and Jones Lang LaSalle Brokerage, Inc.

These four were approved by the Board.

Agenda Item # 10 This item was considered and approved to change the format of the Board Minutes and go with the "Statement of Proceedings" instead. This item was passed.

Agenda Item # 11 This item gives Access Services the authority to start producing the new Access TAP Card without the VISA logo and larger print. Not everyone will receive the Card right away, new applicants will receive the new card immediately and as people, become recertified they will obtain the new card. This item was passed.

Agenda Item # 12 & 13 Consideration to Authorize FTA ADA Triennial Review Findings Resolution Process. Every three years, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) reviews transit agencies who receive federal funds to ensure they are complying with various federal laws and regulations. In LA County, Access Services, as the provider of complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit, is included in every Triennial Review of its member agencies. Mr. Todd Remington of the Fairfax Group was at the meeting and went over the process, and he (Fairfax Group) was awarded the contract. Because Access Services provides paratransit services all over the Southland they cross over many Transit Agencies so Reviews are a constant process, so Access participates in many reviews as each transit agency goes through their individual review process as Access is their provider of ADA Paratransit Service. The Fairfax Group along with Access has hired another Group to handle surveys and the complete process and will have the capability to conduct random samplings of the complete Access ridership throughout the whole process.