



**CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City Hall Council Chamber  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES  
Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alden called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Gail Abrams, Dave Alden, Patti Culross, Helen Heal, Peter Kaljian, Franklin Quint

ABSENT: Dennis Pocekay

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

**PRESENTATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 14, 2023

Minutes were deemed approved.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

2. Discussion of Fare-Free Transit Program

Staff Member Maria Arce presented on the progress of the Fare-Free Transit Program thus far, covering topics including goal alignment, discounted and fare-free programs, benefits, considerations, determinations, implementation, and next steps.

Public comment from Kris Rebillot representing Age-Friendly Petaluma in neutral support of the Fare-Free Program.

Committee members asked questions and provided feedback, which Staff Member Arce and Staff Liaison Hall noted and addressed.

Chair Alden requested that the record show that Committee Member Abrams departed at 4:49 PM owing to a conflict but was present shortly after roll call.

3. Discussion and Recommendation of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of ChargePoint Express Plus Battery-Electric Bus Charging Equipment through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorizing Staff to Execute all Documents Necessary to Complete the Purchase

Staff Liaison Hall provided an overview of the proposed purchase of ChargePoint Express Plus battery-electric bus charging equipment.

The committee asked questions and provided feedback regarding this purchase, which Staff Liaison Hall noted and addressed.

Motion to approve recommendation of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of ChargePoint Express Plus battery-electric bus charging equipment through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing staff to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase made by Vice Chair Kaljian and seconded by Committee Member Quint.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Alden, Culross, Heal, Kaljian, Quint

No: None

Absent: Abrams, Pocekay

4. Discussion of Microtransit Service

Staff Member Arce presented an update on the progress of implementing microtransit service in Petaluma including background, microtransit use cases, goals and priorities, successful demographics/land use case, outreach, potential zones, and next steps.

The committee asked questions and provided feedback, which Staff Member Arce and Staff Liaison Hall noted and addressed.

Public comment from Nickola Frye representing the Senior Advisory Committee in support of microtransit.

Public comment from Kris Rebillot in support of microtransit.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Committee agreed to bypass Committee Comment to allow for time for Staff Comment.

### **STAFF COMMENT**

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Transit Manager Report

Staff Liaison Hall reported increased ridership on both fixed route and paratransit and informed the committee that staff was able to attend a transit corridor priority workshop put on by MTC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alden adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.