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OVERSIGHT HEARING

Review of the California High-Speed Rail Authority 2019 Project Update Report

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
State Capitol, Room 4202
Hearing Participants' Biographies

Lenny Mendonca, Chair California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors

Lenny Mendonca is the Chief Economic and Business Advisor to Governor Gavin Newsom of California and Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). He is a Senior Partner Emeritus of McKinsey & Company and a Lecturer on Inequality at the Stanford Business School.

He founded McKinsey's U.S. state and local public sector consulting practice. He also oversaw their knowledge development, Chaired the McKinsey Global Institute and the Firm's communications, including the McKinsey Quarterly. He served for a decade on the McKinsey Shareholder Council (its Board of Directors). He retired from McKinsey in 2014. He was formerly the Chair of New America and Children Now, co-Chair of California Forward, and co-founder and Chair of Fusecorps. He was the Vice-Chair of Common Cause. He is the Chair Emeritus of the Bay Area Council and their Economic Institute, and was vice-chair of the Stanford GSB Advisory Council. He was a trustee at the Committee for Economic Development. He served on the boards of Fidelity Charitable, Western Governors University, UC Merced, The Educational Results Partnership, The College Futures Foundation, California Competes, The Opportunity Institute, Commonwealth Club, National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers, and TheGuardian.org. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Board of Trustees for Junior Statesmen of America, and the Advisory Boards of Y Analytics, QB3, the Haas Center at Stanford, Third Sector Capital, The CA Community College Chancellor's Office, and the Public Policy Institute of California.

He received his MBA and certificate in public management from Stanford. He holds an AB, magna cum laude, in economics from Harvard.

He lives on the Half Moon Bay coast with his wife, Christine. They raised their two daughters, Allie and Rebecca, there and are the founders and owners of the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, The Inn at Mavericks and the Pacific Standard Taproom. He is also Chair and primary owner of the Coastside News Group (Half Moon Bay Review)

Daniel Curtin, Board Member
California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors

Daniel Curtin, of Sacramento, has served as Director for the California Conference of Carpenters since 2001 and previously held the same position from 1992 to 1999. From 1999 to 2001, he served as Chief Deputy Director for the Department of Industrial Relations. Prior to that, Curtin was a legislative advocate for the California Conference of Carpenters. He has been a champion of more than 100,000 working and retired union members in the carpenter industry. His experience in the California Labor movement began in 1973 when he started as a Union organizer and worked for the California Labor Federation. Mr. Curtin is currently a member of the California Water Commission and also serves on the California State Compensation Insurance Fund. He is a graduate of the City College of New York.

Toni G. Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly, appointed Mr. Curtin to the Authority Board in May 2015.

Brian C. Annis, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency

In February 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Brian Annis as Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency where he has served as acting secretary since 2018 and was undersecretary from 2013 to 2018. Prior to this appointment, Brian served as Deputy Secretary for Transportation at the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Brian served in various positions for the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, including deputy staff director, principal consultant and consultant. He also served in various positions at the California Department of Finance, including principal program budget analyst, staff finance budget analyst and research analyst. Brian has also been an adjunct professor of economics at American River College and an economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Brian holds a bachelor's degree in political economy of natural resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in economics from the University of Washington.

Helen Kerstein, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst
Legislative Analyst's Office

Helen Kerstein is a Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst with the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), a nonpartisan office that provides independent fiscal and policy information and advice to California's Legislature. Prior to joining the LAO, Ms. Kerstein served as a Management Analyst for the City of Culver City where she worked on issues related to public works. She has also held various other government and private sector positions, including serving as a Bohnett Fellow in the City of Los Angeles' Mayor's Office, a California State Assembly Fellow, an auditor with the California State Auditor, and a consultant with Navigant Consulting. Ms. Kerstein holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Pomona College.

Louis S. Thompson, Chair
California High-Speed Rail Peer Review Group

Mr. Thompson is the Chairman of the California High-Speed rail Authority Peer Review Group, California High Speed Rail Authority. The group, which was legislatively created, reviews plans for the high-speed rail project and provides comments and advice to the Governor and the Legislature. Mr. Thompson is a Principal at Thompson, Galenson and Associates (TGA).

TGA is a consulting firm working with public and commercial clients on railway and transport issues in the U.S. and worldwide, including numerous international railroads and the World Bank. Prior to TGA, Mr. Thompson was a Railways Advisor with the World Bank. As Railways Adviser he reviewed the Bank's entire railway activities. Mr. Thompson also served as Director of the Northeast Corridor Improvement Project (NECIP), a \$2.5 billion upgrading of high-speed rail service between Boston, New York City and Washington. He held numerous different posts at the Federal Railroad Administration and U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Thompson has an engineering degree from MIT and a MBA from Harvard.

**Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission**

Stacey Mortensen has worked since 1991 in Transportation Engineering and Passenger Rail Service. Ms. Mortensen was the founding Executive Director for the start-up of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Rail Service which began in 1998.

Ms. Mortensen and her team also manage the San Joaquin Intercity Amtrak Service which runs from Bakersfield to Sacramento and Oakland. This has helped consolidate and coordinate rail planning and operations in northern CA.

The Valley rail programs were given a big boost through SB1 and now a \$1B expansion program is underway to add significant new service by 2023 and 2026 and connect to the high-speed rail station in Merced.

Ms. Mortensen holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Planning and Management from UC Davis.

**Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

Phillip A. Washington was unanimously selected CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) by the LA Metro Board of Directors on March 12, 2015.

As LA Metro CEO, Mr. Washington manages a total balanced budget of \$6.6 billion for FY19, is responsible for overseeing \$15+ billion in capital projects, providing oversight of an agency of nearly 11,000 employees and transports 1.4 million boarding passengers daily, riding on a fleet of 2,000 clean-air buses and six rail lines. LA Metro is also the lead transportation planning and programming agency for LA County. As such, it is a major construction agency that oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility related building projects – together representing the largest modern public works program in North America.

Mr. Washington came to Los Angeles from Denver, Colorado, where he was Assistant General Manager for nearly 10 years, prior to being named CEO in 2009. In Denver, Washington implemented the FasTracks program, one of the largest voter approved transportation expansion programs in the country. Under his leadership, Denver's West Corridor Rail Line project was completed under budget and eight months earlier than scheduled, and the award-winning Denver Union Station project was completed five months early and is yet realizing tremendous revenue/value capture from the surrounding development.

Also in Denver, Mr. Washington implemented the first and only \$2.2 billion transit Public-Private Partnership (P3), which is still in operation. His emphasis on measuring and managing agency performance led to a nearly 90% on-time bus and rail service, and 96% ADA on-time performance.

Originally from the South Side of Chicago – the Chicago Housing Projects of Altgeld Gardens Mr. Washington is a 24-year disabled veteran of the United States Army, where he held the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned officer rank an enlisted soldier can achieve. He retired from active duty being awarded the prestigious Defense Superior Service Medal for exceptional service to his country. He holds a B.A. in Business from Columbia College, an M.A. in Management from Webster

University, and is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

**Jim Hartnett, Executive Director
Caltrain**

Jim Hartnett is General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District, a post that includes General Manager of the bus and transit agency SamTrans, Executive Director of the commuter rail system Caltrain, and Executive Director of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, which administers the proceeds of a half-cent sales tax for transportation projects. Prior to joining the transit agency in March 2015, Hartnett had a distinguished career in law and civic office. He served as Chair of the Board of Directors of both the Caltrain and SamTrans Boards and Vice Chair of the Board of the California State High Speed Rail Authority, serving 4 years on the High Speed Rail Board until March 2015. He is a past mayor and 15 year council member in Redwood City.

Mr. Hartnett's legal career spans over 30 years including complex business and real estate disputes, international negotiations and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Hartnett is a graduate of Sophia University International Division, Tokyo, Japan and received his JD from Santa Clara University Law School.