

Date of Hearing: April 24, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair

AB 1089 (Mark Stone) – As Amended April 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

SUMMARY: Makes changes to the contracting requirements for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO), and alters appointments and reimbursements for the district's board of directors. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Increases the bid threshold for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials, from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and allows Santa Cruz METRO to award a contract to the responsible bidder that submits a proposal that provides the best value to the district. Defines "best value" to mean the overall combination of quality, price, and other elements of a proposal that, when considered together, provide the greatest overall benefit relative to the requirements described in the solicitation documents.
- 2) Requires Santa Cruz METRO to obtain a minimum of three quotations, either written or oral, that permit the comparison of prices and terms in either of the following circumstances:
 - a) In the case of the purchase of supplies, equipment, or materials, if the expected cost of procurement required exceeds \$5,000 and does not exceed \$50,000; or,
 - b) In the case of the construction of facilities and works, if the expected cost of procurement required exceeds \$5,000 and does not exceed \$10,000.
- 3) Deletes a requirement that allows a member of Santa Cruz METRO's board of directors (board member) who is the appointee of any legislative body and is a member of that legislative body to serve only as long as the appointee is a member of the legislative body. Instead, clarifies that such an appointee that leaves the legislative body may continue to serve as a board member until a qualified successor is appointed, unless the legislative body takes express action to unseat the appointee.
- 4) Requires each board member to be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the board member's duties, including for attending each meeting of the board and each committee meeting, as determined by the board. Specifies that a board member's reimbursement for attending a meeting shall not exceed \$100, and each member's reimbursements shall not exceed \$400 in any month.
- 5) Provides that no reimbursement is required by this bill pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this bill, as specified.

FISCAL EFFECT: This bill is keyed fiscal and contains a state mandated local program.