

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on **Thursday, April 21, 2016** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (14): Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Magalis and Pang

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on March 17, 2016

Director Totten moved, and Director Ross seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on March 17, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Magalis and Pang

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Leanne Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$269.3 million by the state of Illinois and that the cost of short-term borrowing YTD is \$437,000.00

The four legislative leaders and the governor met last week to discuss the ongoing budget impasse. It is unclear whether any solutions will materialize, although both the Senate and the House have introduced redistricting reform proposals.

The Senate Executive Committee heard two bills during a subject matter hearing that would raise revenue for transit. Senate President Cullerton sponsored a bill which develops a new taxing structure that taxes drivers through vehicle miles traveled (VMT). A portion of the revenue generated (18%) through the VMT program would go to fund transit. The remainder of the revenue would go to fund the state's other transportation infrastructure.

The other measure heard during the subject matter hearing was a proposal introduced by the Metropolitan Planning Council that would raise the motor fuel tax by 30 cents and increase vehicle registration fees by 50%. The proposal is part of the broader campaign initiated by MPC to raise awareness with respect to the state's infrastructure deficit issues.

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 19, 2016**

Turning to federal news, the time period covered during this Washington update included 3 consecutive weeks where at least one of the chambers was on recess. The House and Senate appropriators are now tasked with working out the budget for the FAST Act. Senate T-HUD subcommittee approved a draft bill on March 20th and the full Committee is scheduled to consider the bill on March 21st. The text and summary tables are not public yet and won't be made public until after the hearing.

The RTA's DC team continues to talk with the House and Senate appropriations committee to ensure that RTA's spending priorities are known to staff and members.

March 18th was Transit Employee Appreciation Day. The RTA encouraged our own employees to hand "thank you" cards to their fellow transit employees during their commutes.

On March 30th, the RTA hosted a luncheon for the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, or COMTO. About 50 students attended from two Chicago Public High Schools along with COMTO members.

Earlier this month, Ms. Redden spoke at City Club and used the opportunity to talk about the need for more capital funding for the region. She specifically pointed out that there are no state dollars in the 2016 capital program, which at \$871 million, is far below our needs.

Finally, Ms. Redden encouraged Board to sign up with the RTA social media and the blog.

Consent Items

The consent agenda was split into two votes.

The first item: an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the RTA Pension Plan. Director Troiani moved, and Director Buchanan seconded adoption of this ordinance.

2016-16 Ordinance amending the Plan: 1) By-laws governing the operations of the Pension Plan Trustees shall be adopted and incorporated as part of the Plan. 2) New distribution options are added which provide benefits to dependents and surviving spouses.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

11 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, DeWitte, Durante, Fuentes, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

3 Nays: Coulson, Frega, and Hobson

2 Absent: Magalis and Pang

The Board then considered the two remaining items on the Consent Agenda: Ordinances authorizing the execution of federal funding allocation agreements with Northwestern Indiana and Southeastern Wisconsin, and amending the 2016-2020 Capital Program and an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$150 million in Working Cash Notes. Director Ross moved, and Director Lewis seconded adoption of these ordinances.

2016-17 Ordinance authoring the execution of funding allocation agreements between Northeastern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana, and between Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin for the region's Federal §5307 including §5340 Urbanized Area, §5337 State of Good Repair, §5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, and §5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. The federal funding allocations included in these agreements represent an increase in funding to the region.

2016-18 Ordinance amending the 2016-2020 Capital Program incorporating the applicable new federal funding levels, changes in project expenditures related to the new federal funds, and other changes in Service Board capital programs.

2016-19 Ordinance authorizing the RTA to issue up to \$150 million in working cash notes, as permitted by Section 4.04 of the RTA Act. The notes will retire existing notes in the amount of \$225 million, as well as provide the opportunity to address cash flow interruptions related to the State's late payments. Costs to issue the notes will be paid from existing internal funds.

Contract/Procurement Items

The following items were voted on in a single vote. Director Troiani asked the vote reflect his recusal for Ordinance Number 2016-22. Otherwise, his vote was for approval. Director Melvin moved, and Director Hobson seconded the adoption of the following ordinances.

2016-20 Ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to the prime lease with the RTA's landlord, 175 Jackson L.L.C., for office space at 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois for the general conduct of RTA's business.

2016-21 Ordinance authorizing the execution of a two-year contract with AECOM to develop a *Bus Route Flooding Resiliency Plan* for Pace and the CTA on behalf of the RTA. The total contract amount is not-to-exceed \$179,980.71. In addition, AECOM will exceed the 20% DBE goal established for this contract by retaining two certified DBE sub-consultants.

- 2016-22 Ordinance authorizing the execution of a 3-year contract for the renewal of Microsoft licenses for operating systems for servers and desktops, Exchange for email, O365 for Share point online and SQL. The Microsoft Enterprise licenses must be renewed in order to continue using these critical applications for the RTA's daily operations.
- 2016-23 Ordinance authorizing the execution of professional services contracts with Hill International, V3 Companies, and Globetrotters Engineering, for a contract period of three years, with all compensation paid, regardless of source, not to exceed \$600,000 for all three contracts in total, and two optional one-year extensions not to exceed \$200,000 per year for all three contracts in total.
- 2016-24 Ordinance authorizing the execution a contract with Soildline Media for an amount not to exceed \$117,640 for continued development of the remaining five videos in this series. The series as a whole will be used by community agencies in promoting fixed route transit use to customers with disabilities and older adults.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

- 14 Ayes:** Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani*, and Chairman Dillard
- 2 Absent:** Magalis and Pang

*Recused for Ordinance 2016-22 vote, aye vote for four items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Board of Directors, Director Fuentes moved and Director Durante seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

- 14 Ayes:** Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani*, and Chairman Dillard
- 2 Absent:** Magalis and Pang

The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

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