

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

The **Planning & Administration Committee** of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on **Thursday, September 10, 2015**, at 8:35 a.m., in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

Committee Chairman Fuentes presided.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present (7): Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Pang (phone), Ross, and Totten (@ #3)

Other Board members present: Coulson, DeWitte, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard (@#3)

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2015

Director Frega moved, and Director Durante seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2015 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

6 Yeas: Directors Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Pang, and Ross

1 Absent: Director Totten

Presentation on the 2015 Strategic Plan Progress Report

Ms. Jessica Hector-Hsu presented results from the 2015 Strategic Plan Progress Report, describing progress that the RTA and Service Boards are making toward the goals of the 2013-2018 Regional Transit Strategic Plan. The presentation provided an annual update on important strategic trends and activities undertaken over the last year. It also provided a roadmap to the next strategic plan in 2 years.

Director Lewis suggested that the next strategic plan include considerations of increasing supplier diversity for the agencies.

Director Ross asked whether rideshare services are having an impact on bus ridership, and whether RTA staff are looking at last-mile solutions from buses. Ms. Hector Hsu responded that we anecdotally think that the rideshare services may be competing with buses for short trips, but we don't know by how much and hope to learn more in the coming year. She also noted that the rideshare services offer a last-mile solution in the suburbs that may help increase ridership in those markets. Ms. Redden noted that she sees the rideshare services as complementary to the transit system. Director Ross reiterated that attention should be given to the last-mile issues that are very challenging in the suburbs.

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Director Magalis reminded the Board that they had been watching several key markets, such as reverse commuters, and that the Shuttle Bug services are a great opportunity to attract that market and engage private sector funding. He noted that the lack of capital for vehicles was impacting the expansion of the program, and encouraged the agencies to program funding for more vehicles for this purpose.

Director Hobson seconded previous statements made about last-mile connections and encouraged the RTA to include it in the next strategic plan. He spoke of the struggles that McHenry County employers are having with attracting Millennials living in the city to jobs in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Planning & Administration Committee, Director Durante moved and Director Frega seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

7 Yeas: Directors Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Pang, Ross, and Totten

The meeting ended at 8:55 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority