

**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, September 15, 2016** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (12):** Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (4):** Anderson, Durante, Magalis and Pang

**Approval of minutes from the meetings held on Augsut 25, 2016**

Director Frega moved, and Director DeWitte seconded that the minutes from the meetings held on August 25, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**12 Ayes:** Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

**4 Absent:** Anderson, Durante, Magalis and Pang

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Leanne Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$268.2 million by the state of Illinois and that the cost of short-term borrowing year-to-date is \$2.5 million.

Ms. Redden then provided the DC Update. The House and Senate both returned to Washington on September 6<sup>th</sup> after a seven week district work period with the goal to finish their remaining legislative business before the election. Congress will spend the month of September looking to move forward with a temporary spending bill to keep the government funded passed October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Federal Highway Administration and FTA released the Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Reform Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on June 27. The RTA submitted comments documenting some of the Authority's concerns such as the impact on planning products and possible coordination challenges should the rule be implemented.

As the "designated recipient," the RTA is responsible for overseeing the Section 5310 program in Northeastern Illinois and developing an annual Program of Projects. These projects continue to meet the goal of the Section 5310 Program, which is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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No action is required at this time, as this program will be considered for approval at the October RTA Board meeting after the close of the public comment period, which is currently open. The RTA will solicit new applications for a competitive selection of new projects in the Spring 2017.

And finally, Ms. Redden played a video from the Ride On. consumer marketing campaign. Earlier, the RTA received the Grand Award in the 2016 APTA AdWheel Awards competition for the region. Ride On. was voted the best large agency campaign to increase ridership or sales.

**Presentation of “Connection Cook County – Long-Range Transportation Plan”**

Director Lewis introduced Mr. John Yonan, Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, who presented the Cook County’s Long-Range Transportation Plan, *Connecting Cook County*. Director Lewis commented that the Plan is forward-thinking and a call to action that provides a framework to promote the strategic partnerships and investments that strengthen our economy and lead to more livable communities. Superintendent Yonan went through the highlights of the plan noting that transit is a major priority for the County and that he looks forward to working with the RTA and the Service Boards to enhance transit in the county. He concluded his remarks by stating that the full plan can be found at <http://www.connectingcookcounty.org/>.

At the conclusion of Mr. Yonan’s presentation, Chairman Dillard suggested that he send the plan under President Preckwinkle’s signature to the Governor, the state’s budget director, and members of the General Assembly. Director Coulson requested information on how the County will select capital projects to support the plan. Mr. Yonan provided an overview of the process.

**Consent Items**

Director DeWitte moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following ordinances:

2016-48 This ordinance amends the 2016-2020 Capital Program.

2016-49 This ordinance approves time extensions for the implementation of CTA and Metra Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects. The capital amendment incorporates changes relative to both funding and expenditure.

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

**12 Ayes:** Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

**4 Absent:** Anderson, Durante, Magalis and Pang

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September 15, 2016

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the public portion of the meeting of the Board of Directors, Chairman Dillard asked Ms. Lacombe to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited IOMA Sections 2(c)(11) as the reason for the closed session. Director Fuentes moved and Director Troiani seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

**2 Absent:** Buchanan and Durante

The public portion of the meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

*Audrey MacLennan*

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Secretary of the Authority