

**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, November 19, 2015** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:320 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (15):** Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (1):** Pang

**Approval of minutes from the meetings held on October 15, 2015**

Director Totten moved, and Director Buchanan seconded that the minutes from the meetings held on October 15, 2015 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**1 Absent:** Pang

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Redden began by reporting that in November, the State owed the RTA \$194.2 million. She also noted that the year-to-date cost of short-term borrowing is currently \$1,228,557.

Ms. Redden then updated the Board on the State budget. The budget impasse continues, but the RTA is still receiving the majority of the sales tax revenue it is owed, except for \$3 million a month from the statewide use tax. Both the House and Senate briefly returned this month to take up a few specific legislative items. The House is scheduled to return on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Senate is expected to return sometime in January.

As for the focus in Washington DC, the House passed their version of a surface transportation bill called the Surface Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 ("STRR Act"). The bill provides less funding for public transportation and less Capital Investment Grants over the 6-year period than the Senate bill. The House and Senate will work together to reconcile the two differing versions in the conference committee, which will likely be done by November 20<sup>th</sup>. In the

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meantime, another short-term extension of the Highway Trust Fund has been introduced and will last until December 4<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, in the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, the RTA and Metra went to DC to meet with the Illinois delegation and the Department of Transportation staff. While in DC, the RTA advocated for the State of Good Repair, Core Capacity funding, transit tax parity, long-term sustainable funding for a transportation bill, and delaying the Positive Train Control deadline.

Next, Ms. Redden gave an update on the Getting America to Work coalition. The coalition has added Santa Clara Valley Transit to its membership, which allows a strong representation throughout the Bay Area and exposure to more public-private partnerships. The staff continues to send regular legislative updates to its members, especially over the next few weeks as developments take place.

Ms. Redden also discussed some external events she and the Chairman attended this past month. First, Ms. Redden spoke at the John Noel Public Transit conference in late October. Chairman Dillard joined Metra, Union Pacific Railroad, Village of Lombard and DuPage County officials in marking the completion of nearly \$9.8 million in improvements at the Lombard Station along the Union Pacific West Line.

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the RTA held its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Transportation Symposium and Business Exchange at the South Shore Cultural Center. The event spoke to the RTA's commitment to providing contracting opportunities that reflect the diverse constituents our region serves.

Ms. Redden then spoke about the launch of the mobile-ticketing Ventra app that launched last week. Transit riders can use the app to pay for rides on their credit or debit cards, check account balances, and receive real-time travel and service information. The app is available for CTA, Metra, and Pace systems.

Ms. Redden also discussed the soft launch of the RTA's new blog, Ride On, which will replace the InTransit newsletter. This blog serves as an opportunity for the RTA to deliver news, information, and opinions faster.

Lastly, Ms. Redden noted the successful completion of the 2016 budgetary public hearings, which were jointly held this year with Metra. Most hearings were held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, but the RTA will hold one last hearing on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the RTA headquarters.

**Consent Items**

Director Magalis moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the resolutions listed below be adopted.

- 2015-46      These resolutions certify the operating financial results for each Service Board and  
2015-47      and the region as a whole, through the third quarter of 2015. Based on data  
2015-48      available to date, staff expects that the system-generated revenue recovery  
2015-49      ratio, the Service Board recovery ratios, and the operating deficits at the CTA,  
2015-50      Metra, Pace Suburban Service, and Regional ADA Paratransit will be substantially  
in accordance with the adopted budgets.

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

**1 Absent:** Pang

**Contract/Procurement Items**

Director Fuentes moved, and Director DeWitte seconded that the item below be adopted as submitted.

- 2015-51      This ordinance authorizes a contract with Crowe Horwath LLP to perform an audit of Cyber Security activities at the RTA and three Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace). The proposed contract for professional services is at an amount not to exceed \$196,800. The Cyber Security audit is included among the audits in the RTA's Risk Assessment-based 2015 work plan that was approved by the RTA Board in February 2015. In addition, the vendor will meet the 20% DBE goal (\$39,360) established for this contract by retaining a certified DBE sub-contractor to facilitate completion of the project.

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

**1 Absent:** Pang

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**1 Absent:** Pang

The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

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