

**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, February 15, 2018 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (14):** Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte (phone), Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Kotel, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Troiani (phone), Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (2):** Lewis, Pang

Chairman Dillard took a moment to express the RTA's condolences to the family of fallen Chicago Police Commander Bauer.

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on January 18, 2018**

Director Fuentes moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on January 18, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Kotel, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Pang, Lewis

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Leanne Redden reported that the State owes the RTA \$448.4 million through the end of February and year to date cost of short-term debt is \$443,000.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on the state General Assembly, specifically the Governor's proposed FY19 budget. State transit funding is slightly reduced under this proposal with the state's reduced fare reimbursement grant appropriated at \$16.6 million (\$17.5 million in FY18) and the state's paratransit reimbursement grant appropriated at \$7.9 million (\$8.3 million in FY18).

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The Governor's budget contains a \$131 million appropriation for the reimbursement on debt service (consistent with the statutory mandate and previous fiscal years).

The proposed budget also maintains the 10% cut for FY 19 to the 30% state sales tax matching formula that was contained in the FY18 budget. A finalized budget agreement is not expected to surface until late May.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on events happening in Washington DC. The President released both his FY2019 Federal budget request and his Infrastructure Legislative Outline (Infrastructure Plan) on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

What is important to note is that while the President is emphasizing investments in U.S. infrastructure, the White House uses its FY19 budget document to make cuts to bipartisan, popular surface transportation programs such as TIGER grants, Capital Investment Grants and Amtrak.

The Infrastructure plan proposed by President Trump provides \$200 billion which will leverage an additional \$1.3 trillion for a total Infrastructure Plan of \$1.5 trillion, however there is no specific mention of how the \$200 billion price tag would be paid for. It is important to remember that these are just principles and RTA staff will be working hand in hand with Congress next year to craft the best possible legislation for our region.

In May 2017, the FTA conducted a comprehensive review of the region's ADA paratransit operations. This review is in addition to the regular Triennial Reviews, as it is a deeper dive into ADA Paratransit operations. These reviews happen randomly upon request of the FTA, and our region's last one was several years ago.

The FTA released the results last month and they were fantastic. The RTA only received one minor finding, which was the need to add language to our Temporary Disability ADA Paratransit Certification Letters providing information on how to appeal the certification decision. This finding has already been corrected. The CTA and Pace also had only minor findings, which will also be corrected quickly.

Overall, FTA provided excellent feedback, specifically about the RTA. The FTA stated that "RTA's eligibility process is comprehensive and thorough."

Director Fuentes stated that he attended the ADA Coordinating Committee where he originally learned of the results of this review and asked Michael VanDekreke, Director of Mobility Services, to explain the purpose of the ADA Coordinating Committee. Mr. VanDekreke stated that the ADA Coordinating Committee is a committee made up of the Executive Director, a board member and key staff working in the ADA area of the RTA and the Service Boards. The group meets 2 times per year to discuss coordination of ADA services across the region and to discuss ADA funding needs. The committee helps the RTA and the Service Boards keep apprised of ADA related topics as they pertain to public transportation in this region and helps the system meet the FTA's requirements for ongoing coordination of ADA paratransit services.

Ms. Redden then announced the RTA, in collaboration with the CTA, Metra, Pace, IDOT and the Illinois Tollway, will be hosting the 20th Annual Transportation Symposium and Business Exchange. This event fosters business relationships between potential vendors and transit agencies. The traditional one day event has been changed to an exciting 3 part series, with a boxing theme, titled "Battle of the Bids" that culminates with the "Main Event".

As per Director Durante's request, the Executive Director's Reports will now be footnoting the total cost of short-term debt service for 2017.

### **Consent Agenda**

Director Magalis moved, and Director Ross seconded the adoption of the following resolutions as included in the Consent Agenda:

2018-06            These resolutions certify the operating financial results of each Service Board  
2018-07            and the region as a whole, through the fourth quarter of 2017 are substantially  
2018-08            in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 15, 2016. The system-  
2018-09            wide operating deficit of the Service Boards, including Pace ADA Paratransit, was  
2018-10            \$1.495 billion. This result is \$64.6 million, or 4.1%, favorable to the adopted  
                         budget, with favorable results at each Service Board except Pace ADA  
                         Paratransit. The regional system-generated revenue recovery ratio, which  
                         excludes ADA Paratransit, of 51.3% was 1.2 percentage points favorable to  
                         budget.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Kotel, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Pang, Lewis

**Contracts/Expenditure Items**

Regarding Adult Travel Training, Director Coulson asked how older adults will learn of this program. Mr. VanDekreke indicated that the Mobility Outreach staff within the RTA Mobility Management Program will be promoting this program during their already established outreach activities, with promotional materials to be developed to educate customers of this program. Interested individuals can also contact the RTA Mobility Management Program to obtain additional information on how to participate in the program.

Regarding the IGA with Oak Brook, Director Magalis asked if Pace was going to be the provider of the service for the Shuttle Bugs through the TMA, or if it is a separate private sector contract. Ms. Redden responded that Oak Brook raised the Shuttle Bug concept, but the plan is to go out and contract with a private provider. Pace has been engaged in conversations, but will not be engaging in providing any of the services, and will have no obligation in this service. The concept is to demonstrate working with one of the new transportation network providers to look at a new travel concept that could be a contract opportunity to provide the connective last mile or two. The Oak Brook Chamber is pursuing the procurement.

Director Magalis asked how this project is being funded. Ms. Leary responded that the funding being used is ICE funding that was secured in 2013. The concept has been in the works for two years throughout the region to find a viable pilot. The RTA originally worked with the Lake-Cook TMA to identify it.

Director Magalis asked if the RTA was covering the public sector contribution and Ms. Leary responded this was correct. Ms. Leary stated that the first year is 80% publicly funded and the second year is potentially 50% publicly funded with Oak Brook Chamber leading the effort to collect the other portion. Ms. Redden added that if this pilot is successful, the attempt would be to continue to move it to private contributions.

Director Durante moved, and Director Fuentes seconded the adoption of the following ordinances and approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

2018-11        This ordinance authorizes the execution of a 24-month contract with Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM) for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide an Older Adult Mobility Training program in the RTA region. This new program will expand the RTA's Mobility Management Program to provide travel training to groups of adults age 60 and over that teaches them how to safely and independently access fixed route public transportation services during group outings.

- 2018-12 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a firm fixed-fee, one-year contract with Mott MacDonald, LLC (MM) to develop a *Wayside Energy Storage Assessment for Metra Electric District*. This contract is part of RTA's Regional Green Transit Plan funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation and RTA. The total contract amount is not-to-exceed \$124,996.88.
- 2018-13 This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Oak Brook for the provision of last-mile service between business properties in Oak Brook and Metra commuter rail service.

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

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Kotel, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Pang, Lewis

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the public session of the Board, Chairman Dillard asked RTA General Counsel Nadine Lacombe to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited IOMA Section 2(c)(21) and Section 2(c)(29) as the exceptions. Director Ross then moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there. The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote.

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

*Audrey MacLennan*

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Secretary of the Authority