# 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 21, 2019 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## **ROLL CALL**

Board members present (15): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt,

Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Troiani

# Approval of minutes from the meeting held on October 17, 2019

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on October 17, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Pang,

Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard **2 Absent**: Lewis, Troiani

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comment speakers at this meeting.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Leanne Redden began by reporting that through the end of October the State owes the RTA \$227.5 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 4 months behind on ASA; 12 months behind on AFA; the equivalent of 3.8 months behind on PTF; and the year to date cost of short-term debt is \$4.3 million. She then reported that the Illinois General Assembly finished its second week of fall veto session last Thursday. Both chambers have adjourned until next year and are scheduled to return to session on January 28. 2020.

In addition, Congress was in recess for the first half of October after returning, the focus in Washington remained on FY2020 spending bills. It was a relatively light month for transportation developments in Washington D.C.; however, there was an amendment that passed in the Senate to the "Rostenkowski Test" thus sparing a 12% budget cut to transit systems across the country.

Ms. Redden then announced that The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has once again recognized the RTA with the Distinguished Budget Presentation award for our <u>2019</u> Budget and Capital Program document. This marks the 23rd consecutive year that RTA has received this award.

This holiday season, the RTA is working with the Service Boards to promote transit ridership to holiday events such as the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival parade and other events in the region. Ads will be featured on websites, social media pages, in the Tribune, on digital billboards and more.

Finally, she announced the RTA recently received an APTA AdWheel Grand Award for the region's #InvestInTransit video. The award-winning video is featured on the RTA YouTube Channel.

## **Update on RTA Citizens' Advisory Board**

RTA Transit Access Citizens Advisory Board (RTACAB) Chairman Greg Polman provided an update to the RTA Board of Directors. The RTACAB met on October 7, 2019. At this meeting the Committee was given a quarterly performance update by staff. Staff explained that by utilizing the goals laid out in Invest in Transit, the RTA can deliver consistent and objective performance reviews of the region's transit system. Staff also explained that the adoption of the Rebuild Illinois Capital Program, a much-needed infusion of capital funding will be coming into the system, definitely helps the Region in the short term, however it isn't a permanent solution to the long-term capital funding needs.

The RTACAB Board was given a briefing on the 5310 Program of Projects Update.

Mr. Polman then explained they were briefed by a staffer from MPC on their on-going Universal Mobility Study. MPC is gathering an overview of existing mobility infrastructure and services. From there, the goal is to understand any potential "gaps" in the system that need to be addressed. MPC is planning a launch event in early December.

Finally, Mr. Polman announced the 2020 RTACAB meeting dates: February 3, April 6, June 29 and October 5.

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

Director Carey moved, and Director Andalcio seconded the adoption of the following resolutions as submitted on the Consent Agenda:

2019-57	These resolutions certify the operating financial results of each Service Board
2019-58	and the region as a whole, through the third quarter of 2019, are
2019-59	substantially in accordance with budget. The system-wide operating deficit

2019-60 of the Service Boards, including Pace ADA Paratransit, was \$1.156 billion. This result is \$42.6 million, or 3.6%, favorable to the adopted budget. The regional

system-generated revenue recovery ratio of 51.2%, which excludes ADA

Paratransit, was 0.7 percentage points favorable to budget.

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

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Pang,

Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard **2 Absent**: Lewis, Troiani

## **Contracts/Expenditure Items**

Director Ross moved, and Director Lewis seconded the adoption of the following ordinances, as well as the approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

2019-62 This ordinance authorizes an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pace

Suburban Bus for the provision of two first-mile, last-mile demonstration projects for late-night, shared mobility centered at the Harvey Transportation Center and the O'Hare South Cargo area using the services of a third-party

vendor(s).

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

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Pang,

Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard **2 Absent**: Lewis, Troiani

No action was taken on Board Item 8b as this was deferred to a later date.

Chairman Dillard stated that the next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and will take place at the CMAP offices in the Willis Tower.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Pang,

Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent**: Lewis, Troiani

The public portion of the Board meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m.

<u> Audrey Maclennan</u>

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