

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2007

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman David S. Wolff. Vice Chairman Gerald Smith, Board Secretary Jackie Freeman, and Board Members Burt Ballanfant, Carmen Orta, Rafael Ortega and C. Jim Stewart, III were present and constituted a quorum. Board Member George DeMontrond, III arrived at 1:25 p.m. Board Member James W. E. Dixon, II was absent.

Chairman Wolff first called for approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 22, 2007. Board Member Stewart moved approval of the Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Smith and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2007 – 18

Chairman Wolff next called upon those members of the public who had requested to speak before the Board. The persons who spoke and the substance of their comments were as follows:

1. Ms. Mary Almendarez – of the League of United Latin American Citizens, or LULAC, Council 402, voiced support for rail transit. Ms. Almendarez stated that most North side residents support rail. Certain recently-formed groups do not represent the community and have spread misinformation. LULAC Council 402 has not given its support to these group.

2. Ms. Robin Holzer – of the Citizens Transportation Coalition, shared her participation in the event announcing METRO's newly implemented Bikes on Buses program. Ms. Holzer stated that bike racks on buses will expand travel options and increase transit ridership. She suggested that the local biking community partner with METRO to provide more information about METRO's program. She also suggested expansion of the program to light rail vehicles.

3. Ms. Samantha Wood – owns property on Naylor Street, and asked that METRO proceed with its acquisition. Ms. Wood stated that plans for the Intermodal Terminal will negatively impact the property and its commercial value.

4. Mr. Preston Wood – agreed with Ms. Wood's comments.

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5. Mr. Mark Hogue – requested more hours of service for the 53 Bus Route, and expanded service for the 82 Bus Route, the 47 Bus Route and the 73 Bus Route.

6. Mr. Joseph Charles – requested the return of his ADA paratransit disability card and certain stolen property.

7. Mr. Mark Smith – complained that the new “Q Card” is complex and will operate to increase bus fares. He stated that certain discounts should be continued.

(Board Member DeMontrond arrived at 1:25 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the Board Meeting.)

President & Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Wilson stated that there are currently some 66 different ways to pay a fare for METRO’s services. The “Q Card” will simplify the fare structure and make it more equitable. An educational campaign will precede the start date of the “Q-Card’s” full implementation. Mr. Wilson explained the discounts that will still be available for “Q-Card” users and the “Q-Card’s” availability at various retail outlets. Persons may also purchase METRO “Money Cards” if they do not wish to purchase the “Q-Card.”

8. Ms. Hilda Hyatt – complemented Superintendents Robert Augustine and Reginald White. Ms. Hyatt also complained that certain buses were late on arrival at the bus stop.

9. Mr. Tom Bazan – stated that he has received conflicting financial data regarding METRO’s operations. He asked that staff provide explanations of any discrepancies. Mr. Bazan stated his disagreement with certain reports regarding stray electrical currents and the corrosive effects of light rail.

At the conclusion of the Public Comments portion of the meeting, Chairman Wolff called upon Mr. Frank J. Wilson for his Business Report. Mr. Wilson began his Report by calling attention to METRO’s annual report for 2006. The report has a colorful format with a succinct review of METRO’s operations. Mr. Wilson then presented METRO’s midyear performance. He summarized METRO’s record-setting rail operations. METRO continues to show strong ridership in all categories of services, notwithstanding the impacts of weather and route changes. Mr. Wilson announced the addition of hybrid electric buses to the transit fleet. The hybrid electric buses have greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions. Mr. Wilson then introduced Mary Sit, who operates METRO’s Blog site. Ms. Sit demonstrated how the blog works and the general topics that are

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discussed on the site. Mr. Wilson presented a short video of METRO's Bikes on Buses program. He reported on recent efforts by METRO and the Facility Provider to invite interested small and disadvantaged businesses to seek business opportunities in the next phase of the METRO Solutions program. Mr. Wilson summarized METRO's financial health, including fare box revenues, budget variances, expenditures under the General Mobility Program and other capital expenditures. Mr. Wilson also reported on METRO's operating ratio, miles between vehicle failures, transit vehicle accidents, customer complaints and security incidents.

Board Member Ortega asked if METRO had received any reimbursements from FEMA for costs incurred as a result of Hurricane Rita. Mr. Wilson answered that funds were received last year which reimbursed METRO for about 2/3 of the costs.

Chairman Wolff then called for consideration of the Summary Agenda containing Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8 9, 10, 11 and 12. Board Member Stewart moved approval of the Summary Agenda. Vice Chairman Smith seconded the Motion and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2007 – 19

By way of Summary Agenda, the Board of Directors approved the following:

1. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to execute and deliver a contract with MARSH USA for Agent of Record services and for management of an Owner Controlled Insurance Program for an amount not to exceed \$3,385,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 31

2. Appointment of members to the Non-Union Pension Plan Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 32

3. Application of Federal Highway Administration grant funds to land acquisition of the Intermodal Terminal, and authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to submit appropriate grant agreements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 33

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4. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to execute and deliver contracts with Diverse Staff, Inc., Riverway Personnel, Resource Staffing Houston, Inc., and Project Management Group, LLC for temporary personnel services for a total amount not to exceed \$1.7 million.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 34

5. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to execute and deliver a contract with Pearland Alternator Company, Inc. for the purchase of C. E. Nieoff alternator parts for an amount not to exceed \$524,643.89.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 35

6. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to execute and deliver a contract with New Flyer Industries for the purchase of Meritor axle parts, for an amount not to exceed \$705,110.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 36

7. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to execute and deliver a contract with North American Bus Industries for the purchase of bus air rides and related parts, for an amount not to exceed \$253,115.62.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 37

8. Authorization for the President & Chief Executive Officer to award a three-year, firm fixed price service contract to K.S.C. Services, Inc. to provide janitorial cleaning services for the Lee P. Brown Administrative Building, at a cost not to exceed \$769,788.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 38

Board Secretary Jackie Freeman moved that the President & Chief Executive Officer be authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver appropriate documents for the purchase of a 0.7-acre parcel of land located on Naylor Street, in support of the Intermodal Terminal. The purchase price will be based upon Just Compensation. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gerald Smith, and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2007 – 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 39

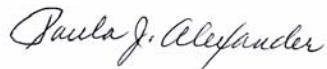
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Board Secretary Freeman next moved that the President & Chief Executive Officer be authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver appropriate agreements for the purchase of a parcel of land, an approximately 1.1215 acre tract, located at 803 Ennis Street, to support construction of Southeast Corridor transit improvements. The purchase price will be based upon Just Compensation. Board Member DeMontrond seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted their approval.

MOTION NO. 2007 – 21  
RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 40

There being no other matters to come before the Board for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Paula J. Alexander  
Assistant Secretary