

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 31, 2012

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Presiding - Chairman of the Board, Gilbert A. Garcia, CFA

Board Members Present:

Allen D. Watson, Vice Chairman
(City of Houston)
Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)
Honorable Dwight Jefferson
(City of Houston)
Cindy Siegel (Multi-Cities)
Gary Stobb (Harris County)
Lisa Castañeda (Harris County)

Board Members Absent:

Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia called for a motion for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2012. Vice Chairman Watson moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Stobb seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 32

Chairman Garcia next called on the members of the public who had signed up in advance of the meeting to make their comments.

Public Speakers:

Dexter Handy - Mr. Handy stated his support for elimination of the 25% percent transfer of the General Mobility funds, and would like all of the rails lines to be built.

Victoria Gilkerson - Ms. Gilkerson spoke regarding the enunciators on some of the buses that are not fully audible and requested that the problem be addressed.

Yolanda Stevens - Ms. Stevens spoke regarding a collision that she had with a bus and requested clarification of the police report related to the incident.

Tony Jones - Mr. Jones commended METRO staff for attending the National Federation of the Blind event in April, and had suggestions for better service of the METROLift program, including raising fares, and improvements to the cab service.

Mrs. Jones - Mrs. Jones commented on METROLift service not arriving on time to pick up customers.

Mark Smith - Mr. Smith spoke regarding METRO's drug testing policy for safety sensitive employees.

Mark Hogue - Mr. Hogue spoke generally regarding the communications of First Transit bus operators with passengers.

Jack Gaugler - Mr. Gaugler requested that drivers receive training to assist special needs customers using the fixed route system.

Reverend Holmes - Mr. Holmes stated that his issues have not been addressed by the staff.

Peter Brown - Mr. Brown spoke regarding economic development, and mixed use development, and urged METRO to take an active role in the development of Houston's future.

Peter Rice - Mr. Rice spoke about a service that he provided to wash cars without using water at the park and ride lots.

John Breeding - Mr. Breeding requested commuter bus service for the Uptown area.

David Flores - Mr. Flores, a board member of the Houston Hispanic Forum, thanked METRO for its support and attendance at the Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day.

Ruby Dixon - Ms. Dixon, founder of the organization Because We Are People Too, requested more training of bus operators to better serve disabled METRO customers.

Chairman Garcia then called on George Greanias, President & CEO, for his report.

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

- ADDY Awards - METRO's marketing department won two awards from the Houston Chapter of the American Marketing Association for the NCAA Embrace the Madness advertisements and Super Sabado Ridership Initiative advertisements.
- 2012 Bus Rodeo - METRO's bus operator, Frank Gonzalez placed seventh in the national competition.

- US 90A Commuter Rail Project - METRO is engaging in community meetings to begin collecting public input as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Great East End Management District Festival - METRO participated in community event in Houston's East End.
- Boys & Girls Club - METRO Police Department partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston and Ministers Against Crime to host a community services festival.
- Rally Around the Rails - In partnership with the City of Houston, Mayor Annise Parker proclaimed Rally Around the Rails Day to encourage the community to support businesses along the corridors.
- METRORail Expansion - Mr. Greanias gave a brief presentation regarding the progress of construction of the Southeast, East End and North light rail lines, including completing work around the Dynamo Stadium in time for the grand opening of the soccer stadium.
- Hightower High School - Senior students from Fort Bend Hightower High School produced a video project highlighting METRO's bus and light rail service and firsthand experience on how to ride the system.

Chairman Garcia called on the Chairs of the METRO Board Committees to give their reports.

Board Member Burt Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee, reported that there were several items on the agenda that involve ratifying contacts on grants from the federal government.

Board Member Siegel, Chair of the Customer Service Committee, reported that the committee had four items on the agenda. She also reported that the committee had received public comment on the TSA and METRO Police Department joint exercise.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported on May sales tax revenues, general mobility fund escrow and the operating and capital programs budgets.

Chairman Garcia called on the President & CEO to make a presentation on the customer survey. The President & CEO presented the results of METRO's customer survey. Chairman Garcia also called on Dr. Stephen Klineberg, Director of the Kinder Institute of Urban Research at Rice Institute to comment regarding the results of the institute's Houston Area Survey.

Chairman Garcia then called on the President & CEO to make a presentation on the flow of funds of the General Mobility Program.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. The Motion was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Ballanfant. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 33

By Motion, as reflected in these minutes, the Board approved the acceptance of the monthly committee reports including the investment and financial reports and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 37: Authorizing the President & CEO to modify the contract with AON RISK SERVICES USA, INC. thereby extending the period of performance for one year for an additional amount not to exceed of \$97,500

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 38: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a two-year requirements contract for the purchase of engine oil to APACHE OIL COMPANY for an amount not to exceed \$819,600.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 39: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a three year contract to EPI-USE AMERICA, INC. for SAP Human Capital Management module for an amount not to exceed \$364,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 40: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification to the contract with HEWLETT PACKARD for the installation of modems and antennas on METRO's bus fleet thereby increasing the not to exceed amount by \$200,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 41: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with TROUBADOUR LTD. to provide network communications equipment for an amount not to exceed \$1,845,416.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 42: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the utility reimbursement agreements with CENTERPOINT ENERGY ELECTRIC HOUSTON for utility relocation for METRORail Expansion, thereby increasing the amount of costs for utility relocation on the East End (Green) Line by \$181,571 and the North (Red) Line by \$248,477

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 43: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with HOUSTON MEDICAL TESTING SERVICES to provide the on-site drug and alcohol testing services for an amount not to exceed \$415,136.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 17. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 44: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County to enter into a contract with the Texas Transportation Institute to develop a one-seat seamless transit system for commuters from Fort Bend County to Downtown Houston

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 18. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 35

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 45: Authorizing the President & CEO negotiate, execute and deliver a contract for an Enterprise Asset Management System to TRAPEZE SOFTWARE GROUP for an amount not-to-exceed \$5,793,193

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 19. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 36

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 46: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the contract with Houston Rapid Transit to include the design and installation of a perimeter security system for the rail operations center for an amount not- to- exceed \$764,592.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 20. A motion for approval of the item was made by Vice Chairman Watson and seconded by Board Member Siegel. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 47: Approving the revised Drug & Alcohol Policy for Safety Sensitive Employees to reflect the changes allowing on-site testing, changing the notification to employees selected for random tests, and changing the timing of reporting to testing site.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Watson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Siegel. All Board Members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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