

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1900 MAIN, HOUSTON, TX 77002

MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2012

MOTIONS - 2012 - 81 to 2012 - 87  
RESOLUTIONS - 2012- 102 to 2012 - 110

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

Board Members Present:

Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)  
Honorable Dwight Jefferson  
(City of Houston)  
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)  
Gary Stobb (Harris County)  
Lisa Castañeda (Harris County)  
Cindy Siegel (Multi-Cities)

Board Member Absent:

Allen D. Watson, Vice Chairman  
(City of Houston)  
Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia called for a motion for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2012. Board Member Ballanfant moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Jefferson seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 81

**Public Comments:**

Paul Magaziner - Mr. Magaziner made comments regarding METRO's "Reimagine" Committee, the Texas Open Meetings Act and the procurement of METRO's light rail vehicles.

Mark Smith - Mr. Smith commented regarding the timing of routes that are 45 minutes apart, overcrowding on buses, and no bus service in the Bear Creek area.

David Espinosa - Mr. Espinosa spoke regarding bus operators not instructing passengers to give up a bus seat to other passengers who are disabled. He also requested more buses on route 82.

Jason Liggins - Mr. Liggins commented on the on-time performance of bus route 88.

Andrew Koltko, Ashley Fuentes, and Sinai Maldonado - Mr. Koltko, Ms. Funetes, and Ms. Maldonado spoke about their school project that focused on their idea for a better service for senior citizens.

Mark Hogue - Mr. Hogue spoke regarding METRO's bus advertising, and the overcrowding on buses.

### **President & CEO's Report:**

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

- MetroLift Customer Appreciation Day
- Voter Education Campaign
- Customer Education Campaign
- Light Rail Train Wrap Campaign
- New Siemens Light Rail Vehicle Delivery
- APTA Transit Expo
- APTA Marketing Award
- GFOA METRO Financial Achievement Award
- Scorecard Highlights

### **Board Committee Reports:**

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

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee reported that the committee had received the finance reports and that sales tax revenue was 8.15% above what was projected from last year.

Board Member Spieler, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee reported that the committee had received a briefing from staff of upcoming projects and also reported that there had been a pre-bid conference with prospective proposers for the planning consultant.

The Chairman then called on Janet Jennison from HDR to give a report on project status, budget and actual expenditures, small and underutilized businesses, highlights and next activities.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Motion was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 82

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 - 102

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a contract modification to reduce the facility provider contract with Parsons Transportation Group from \$29,900,000 to \$23,500,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 103

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the Light Rail Vehicle Staff Support Service contract with LTK, increasing the amount by \$350,000 for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 104

Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a modification to the design-build contract with Houston Rapid Transit for design changes to the Southeast Light Rail Line

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 105

Appointing committee members to serve on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's non-union pension plan committee

**Items for Separate Consideration:**

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 12. The motion was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 83

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 106

Authorizing the President & CEO to pay and execute contracts with multiple vendors for information technology hardware and software licenses, support and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$5,914,000

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 13. The motion was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 84

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 107

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a one year option with Johnson Controls, Inc. for maintenance and upkeep of METRO's security and surveillance systems (METRONET) for an amount not to exceed \$1,726,468

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 14. The motion was made by Board Member Siegel and seconded by Board Member Spieler. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 85

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 108

Authorizing the President & CEO to enter into an interlocal agreement with Harris County Improvement District Number 1 for the maintenance cleaning and repair of bus shelters for two (2) years in an amount not to exceed \$66,526

Items 15 and 16 were pulled from the agenda for later consideration.

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 17. The motion was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Castaneda. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 86

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 109

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver contracts with C2 Group and Robert Strauser Consulting for federal and state legislative consulting services

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 18. The motion was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Castaneda. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 87

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 110

Approving and adopting the Labor Agreement with the Local 260 Transport Workers Union of America

Item 19 was pulled from the agenda for later consideration.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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