

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
CORPORATION (BPTC) NOVEMBER 27, 2012, 5:30 P.M.**

In the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room of the Bloomington Transit Operating Facility, 130 W. Grimes Lane, Chairman McConn convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Chairman McConn, Vice Chairman McDaniel, Secretary Cartwright, Board Member Oberyemeyer, and Board Member Hasler. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administrator, Christa Browning, Controller, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, and there were no members of the public present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Petitions and Communications.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that the ITA is co-sponsoring a Public Transit Day at the State House this year. He said it is scheduled for February 13, 2013. He said it will co-sponsored with other groups such as The Indiana Citizens Alliance for Transit, Hoosier Environmental Council along with some other organizations. Vice Chairman McDaniel said he is going to recruit some of the ITA business members for financial support to provide lunch for all the legislators and would like to get a big crowd people a lot of transit users and spend time there and noted that if anyone was available on that day they would like to see them there.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May opened the meeting with proposed service changes that BPTC is contemplating for January and maybe recommended to the Board for action on December 11, 2012. He presented a PowerPoint to the BPTC Board of the proposed service changes for Route 7 Henderson Walnut Express, Route 9 Campus Corner and Route 9 Limited. The proposed Route 7 service change was minor in nature and involved turning the eastbound bus on Atwater to go north on Jordan rather than Mitchell and then resume the regular route westbound on 3rd Street. This would shorten the route by about 4 blocks, help it to better stay on-time, and avoid the tight traffic island at Mitchell and 3rd Street. Moreover, this proposed change would only eliminate one bus stop at Atwater and Jordan. The Board concurred with this change and directed Mr. May to proceed with the change effective with the start of the spring semester on January 7, 2013.

The proposed Route 9 change being considered would reverse the end-of-the-route loop to go counter clockwise on E.Covenanter to Clarizz to Buick Cadillac Drive rather than clockwise. The reason would be to eliminate bus stacking on E.Covenanter whereby buses block the westbound travel lane making it difficult for auto traffic to pass. Mr. May noted that he has discussed the matter with Renaissance Rental staff who approve of the idea to eliminate several on-street parking spots on the south side of E. Covenanter across from the Java Café. This curb

lane is proposed to be used as the bus pulloff lane along with the existing bus pulloff lane to the east. A crosswalk is also proposed along with street lighting. Mr. May noted that he needs to discuss this idea with the City before we can proceed with it. In the meantime, drivers of westbound buses on E.Covenanter have been directed not to stack immediately behind the bus in the pulloff lane at the Java Café. Instead, they are directed to radio ahead and hold back on Clarizz or at the corner of E.Covenanter and Clarizz until the pulloff lane in front of the café is clear. This improvisation should work until such time a route change can be approved and implemented. Mr. May noted that it may take several months before this change can be implemented.

Mr. May said over the years we have had a lot of demand for service to Ivy Tech. In the last couple of years Ivy Tech continues to inquire about the possibility of providing service to their Westside campus. He said at this point the discussion is purely informational and the concept will require further analysis and work to determine if it is feasible. Mr. May briefly explained that the idea would be to branch the Route 3 west with trips leaving downtown at 10 minutes after each hour following the existing route to Walmart and trips leaving downtown at 40 minutes after each hour going to Ivy Tech rather than to Walmart. As such, the BT service would not run parallel with Rural Transit's service which leaves downtown at 10 after the hour. The Rural Transit manager has noted no concerns with BT's concept to service Ivy Tech. Mr. May noted that this concept needs further study to determine the impact on existing riders, gather public input, and get a change to the Public Transportation Corporation ordinance before it could be implemented. Mr. May said the earliest it could be implemented would be August 2013. The Board expressed interest in the concept and directed Mr. May to further study the idea and report back to the Board over the next several months with analyses on impacts to existing riders as well as the process required for implementation.

Mr. May provided a brief update of the downtown transfer facility. He noted the project is officially out to bid for construction and there is a pre-bid conference tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. He noted bids are due on December 19 and we will have a week to review the bids, check references, check responsiveness to our bid documents, and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board for a construction award at a special Board Meeting to be held on December 31, 2012, at 10 a.m.

Mr. May said we are working with the City on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the traffic light. He said we are trying to get the procurement for a traffic light at S.Walnut and Smith Avenue awarded by the end of the year. This new traffic light would be remotely activated by departing buses at the new downtown facility and would provide better gaps for buses to more easily exit the facility and get into the traffic flow on S.Walnut. He noted a Memorandum of Understanding with the City will be brought to the Board for consideration in December. The MOU would summarize an agreement between the parties whereby BT would cover capital and maintenance costs of the traffic light as well as provide for replacement at the end of its life cycle.

Mr. May gave an overview of October ridership noting that fixed route ridership was up 2.27 percent in October compared to October 2011. He said year-to-date fixed route ridership is up 2.68 percent through October 2012 compared to the same period last year. Mr. May cautioned that November and December 2012 have fewer IU class days compared to the same period last year and as such final 2012 ridership will likely break even compared to 2011.

He noted BT Access was up 7.2 percent in October 2012 compared to the same period last year. Year-to-date BT Access ridership is up 4.5 percent compared to the same period last year.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning noted on the agenda for the Board's approval is Resolution 12-26; a resolution approving the 2012-2013 public official bond for Christa D. Browning, Controller of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Controller Browning gave an overview of the October Financial Report.

MINUTES

The minutes for November 13, 2012 were presented for approval by Board Member Obermeyer and seconded by Secretary Cartwright. The minutes were approved by all board members except Vice Chairman McDaniel who abstained.

CLAIMS

The claims for November 27, 2012 were presented for approval by Board Member Obermeyer and seconded by Secretary Cartwright. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

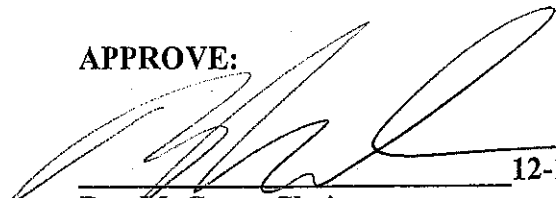
There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

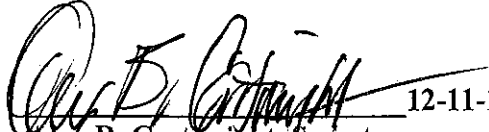
Under New Business, Board Member Obermeyer moved to approve Resolution 12-26; a resolution approving the 2012-2013 public official bond for Christa D. Browning, Controller of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hasler. Resolution 12-26 was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:


12-11-12
Ray McConnell, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:


12-11-12
Alex B. Cartwright, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC