

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) AUGUST 26, 2014 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, Board Member Obermeyer, and Board Member Hasler. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administration, Christa Browning, Controller, and there were no members of the public.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions and communications.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no messages from the Board Members.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May opened the meeting with an update on the Downtown Transit Center. He noted that it was a very successful start and ribbon cutting event for the new Downtown Transit Center that opened to the public on Monday, August 18, 2014. He said the facility has been well received and drawn much praise from the public for the many new amenities and creature comforts. He noted as expected we are fine-tuning some elements of the new facility including location of bus berths for each route, getting technology elements ready for installation including electronic bus trackers signs and monitors, security cameras, and public wi-fi. He said there have been a few bugs with the building relative to air conditioning setpoints, keys, and sticking doors. He said there have been some issues with leaking outdoor canopies and the landscape irrigation system that are all being reviewed and repaired as they are discovered. He said traffic on the surrounding streets has been very heavy this week as IU students are returning to town and bringing their vehicles. He noted during afternoon peak hours we have experienced some delays in getting buses out onto South Walnut Street when traffic is backed up behind the Third and Walnut Street stoplight. He said we are fine tuning the location of bus berths so as to optimize getting routes out of the facility first that have the most time sensitive schedules.

Board Member Obermeyer noted she had been riding the bus system recently and she was asking a driver about how they like the Transit Center and they had mentioned they thought there was going to a refrigerator and a place to get water. Mr. May said actually they have employee-only water fountains in the hallway right outside the employee restrooms. He said we do have a refrigerator in place in the multi-purpose room but that area is off limits to the drivers. He said we have had request or a coffee pot for the drivers. He said we are open to getting a refrigerator

for drivers and allowing a coffee pot that potentially could be placed in the hallway. Mr. May responded that the private water fountain is in the hallway between the driver restrooms available for them to fill-up their water bottles. Chairman McConn suggested Mr. May discuss with staff a possible solution. Board Member Obermeyer said this driver was specifically talking about water and he was also talking about a place to put a lunch because he was talking about how sometimes his shift is really long and so he wanted to have a cool place for his lunch so that he could eat it on the bus between. Chairman McConn asked if there was a breakroom. Mr. May said there is no break room and for good reason. Drivers are provided with restroom facilities and are welcome of course to use such facilities. However, while drivers are away from their buses the bus doors are closed and secure for fare collection purposes. Our goal is to keep the amount of time that the public is waiting to board the bus in the heat or cold to a minimum and to discourage drivers from taking breaks in the building. Vice Chairman McDaniel said it seems reasonable if there was a way to get them a little refrigerator to store their lunches it would be a nice thing to do for them. Mr. May said it is possible.

Mr. May said next he wanted to update the Board on the 2015 Budget. He said at the last Board meeting he presented the Budget to the Board and since that time he went to the City Council on August 20. He said this year was a little different at City Council from past years especially for BT as we usually get lots of questions from the City Council. The City did not provide any budget documents to the Council until the Sunday before the budget meetings started. He said the City Council was concerned by that and agreed amongst themselves they were not going to ask any City Departments including Transit any questions. He said the questions are expected to come to us this week in writing and we will respond to those questions in writing. Mr. May said he expects to get additional question at the next City Council Meeting relative to the budget in September. Mr. May added that the City Council is expected to take final action on the budget in October.

Mr. May gave an overview of July ridership noting that July 2014 fixed route ridership was up 2.68 percent compared to July 2013. Year-to-date fixed route ridership is up 3.02 percent compared to the same period last year. He said we have carried approximately 1.87 million passenger trips year-to-date. Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was down 5.8 percent in July 2014 compared to July 2013. He said the year-to-date ridership is down 5.66 percent compared to the same period last year.

He said at the current rate of increase we project fixed route ridership to finish the year at about 3.56 million which would be about 100,000 more passengers than last year and of course would be an all time record on fixed route side. He said overall if you combine BT Access and fixed route we are projecting to be somewhere around 3.6 million passenger trips for 2014. Mr. May noted in the Board packet there is a table that shows a route by route comparison of how all the routes did for the month of July and a year-to-date total for the system at the bottom.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning gave an overview of the July 2014 financial report.

MINUTES

There were no minutes.

CLAIMS

The claims for August 26, 2014 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

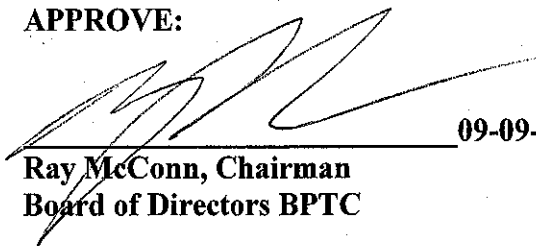
There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

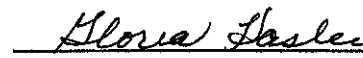
There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:


09-09-14
Ray McConn, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:


09-09-14
Alex B. Cartwright, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC