

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) NOVEMBER 18, 2014, 5:30 P.M.**

In the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room of the Bloomington Transit Downtown Transit Center, 301 S. Walnut Street, 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 Hasler, Board Member Obermeyer and Board Member Cartwright. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Christa Browning, Controller, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administration, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, and Eli McCormick, Customer Service Manager, and members of the public Yvonne Hedler-Schmidt and Carl Myers.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman McConn opened a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed service change on Route 3 Highland Village/Curry Pike whereby service is proposed to operate through the Highland Village area only in the outbound direction on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and to use Curry Pike in the inbound direction during this same time with the proposed effective date of January 12, 2015.

Mr. May noted that tonight's public hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed service change on Route 3 West in the Highland Village/Curry Pike area. He noted on the screen we have a map that shows the existing route as it operates through the Highland Village area whereby it goes both inbound and outbound currently throughout the entire day and we are proposing to change service so that it only operates in the outbound direction thru Highland Village during the period 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. Mr. May explained that the purpose of that change is to provide more time in the route's schedule during 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays so that it can make a round trip and return downtown with sufficient time to make its timed connections to the other routes at the Downtown Transit Center. Currently, data shows that during the 3-6 p.m. time period, Route 3 West is missing almost 10 percent of its connections to other routes downtown because the route is too long and there is not sufficient time to make a round trip and return downtown before other routes depart. He said the idea here is we would operate in the outbound direction only through Highland Village from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and then use Curry Pike in the inbound direction from 3:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m. Mr. May turned the Public Hearing over to Chairman McConn to begin the public comment session. Yvonne Hedler-Schmidt, a member of the community, said she thinks instead of cutting the service could there be a new Local Route 10. She said it is something that the riders on the bus have talked about many times. She said she understands the logic of the service cut. Mr. May said actually that is something that we have considered for quite a long time. He added that we have considered several concepts and agree in concept with what you are saying. He said the idea of developing a Westside Local similar to the Eastside Local that would stay on the Westside and not serve the downtown area and that would enable us to shorten up the Route 3 bus so that it would not have to go all the way down to Walmart and Curry Pike and back. Potentially the Route 3 could instead be extended out to the Ivy Tech campus and ultimately that is what we would like to do. He said the only thing that is preventing us from doing that now is

having sufficient resources to pay for a new local Route 10 as the citizen suggested. Mr. May said public transportation does not pay for itself. The fares that people pay do not come close to paying for public transportation costs. He said it requires public investment in the form of taxes and right now we do not control any of our public funding whether it is federal, state, or local, all of it is outside of our control. He said federal and state funding is declining and local property taxes have been capped. He said we have estimated the cost of creating a new route and we do not have the funding for it. He said we would love to do that but we just do not have the resources in our budget to pay for that additional service. Chairman McConn asked how would a Westside Local compare to the current Eastside Local. Mr. May said the Eastside Local is the worst route in the system in terms of ridership and productivity as it carries about 100 a day. He said if he had to speculate on a Westside Local ridership would start fairly small, similar in numbers to Route 8, but would build over time. He explained that in his opinion a new Westside route probably has greater potential than the Eastside Local especially if it were tied into the Ivy Tech Campus. Chairman McConn asked if we could we cut the 8 Eastside Local Route back to a more defined part-time service and use the savings to create a Westside Local. He said he agrees that Westside Local has more potential but he knows that people are relying on the Eastside Local.. Mr. May said we would need to look at the peak hours of ridership on the Eastside and staff would be glad to look at the ridership profile of the Route 8 to see if there is any potential for doing that in the future. He said if the Board were going to make a big change on the Route 8 there will be a need to have a public hearing and public comment before you move forward with that. Carl Myers, a member of the public, noted that he relies on the Route 8 to get close to home so he does not have to walk very far to get to his home due to a medical condition. Mr. Myers expressed concerns about Chairman McConn's suggestion to cut the Route 8 service. As there were no further comments, Chairman McConn closed the public hearing accordingly.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no petitions and communications.

### **MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no petitions and communications.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER**

Mr. May noted that the Board just had a Public Hearing on the proposed service change on Route 3 Highland Village/Curry Pike whereby service is proposed to operate through the Highland Village area only in the outbound direction on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and to use Curry Pike in the inbound direction during this same time with the proposed effective date of January 12, 2015. He said we wanted the Board to hear the public comment before the Board takes action. He said we are not asking the Board to take action tonight on this but are simply asking that the Board consider what has been said tonight and if we get any further comment from the public we will pass that on to the Board and at the next Board Meeting in two weeks. He said that will give staff five weeks to get all the changes made to the schedule, map, DoubleMap, and Google Transit.

Mr. May noted each year the Board adopts a salary ordinance which establishes the maximum wage rates and salaries for all employees at BPTC. He said to comply with State Board of Account rules we need to adopt a Salary Ordinance before the end of the year. He said this is usually a two meeting process the first meeting is Introduction of the Salary Ordinance and the second meeting we have a Public Hearing and the Board considers the comments before taking final action on the Salary Ordinance. He noted that in the Board packet there is a Proposed 2015 Salary Ordinance. He said what we have done is increased the maximum salary for all positions by 2 percent which is the amount that is in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with our ASCME union we have a set percent increase across the board for all bargaining unit position and non-bargaining unit positions. He noted that some positions have a greater increase including BT Access operators.

Mr. May provided the Board with a proposed 2015 Board Meeting schedule and discussed some of the dates on the schedule. He said that one thing the Board needs to decide is where the meetings will be held.

Mr. May noted that the 2014 Stuff-A-Bus event is coming up and provided the Board members with a Press Release.

Mr. May said for informational if any of the Board Members have had the opportunity to walk around at the downtown transfer facility you might have noticed that we do not have our DoubleMap technology up and running or security cameras. He said he wanted the Board to be aware where we stand with the technology. He said there are a number of network and fiber optic switches that were late in arriving and the last piece of that just arrived recently so the subcontractor who is installing that technology will be down tomorrow to install the fiber optic switch that goes into the building and then another subcontractor must come in and program the ports on the network switches and they will be working closely with the City. He said he still does not have a definitive date as to when it is all going to be up and running but wanted the Board to be aware if you happened to notice that we are working and we are getting closer to having it running and it is his hope that by the end of the year that we have the DoubleMap up and running at the new Downtown Transit Center.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER**

Controller Browning gave an overview of the October 2014 Financial Report.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes for November 4, 2014 were presented for approval by Board Member Obermeyer and seconded by Board Member Cartwright. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **CLAIMS**

The claims for November 18, 2014 were presented for approval by Board Member Obermeyer and seconded by Board Member Cartwright. The claims were approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to introduce Ordinance 14-03; an ordinance amending salary and wage rates of appointed officers and employees of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, Monroe County, Indiana for the year 2015.

Under New Business, Secretary Hasler moved to adopt the proposed 2015 Board Meeting schedule with meetings to be held at 130 W. Grimes Lane. The motion was seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. The motion was approved unanimously by all Board Members.

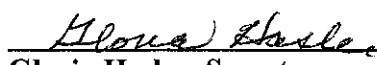
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Ray McConn, Chairman  
Board of Directors BPTC

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ATTEST:

  
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Gloria Hasler, Secretary  
Board of Directors BPTC

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