

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) MAY 12, 2015, 5:30 P.M.**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members present: Chairman Obermeyer, Vice Chairman McDaniel, Secretary Hasler, and Board Member Jim McLary. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Christa Browning, Controller, Brenda Underwood, Human Resource/Marketing Administrator, and there were no members of the public present.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

There were no petitions and communications on non-action items.

**MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that he and Mr. May are going to a PMTF meeting.

**MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER**

Mr. May said a new Lucky's grocery store will be opening in the Walnut Woods Shopping Center on May 20 in the former Marsh store location. He said when it was a Marsh store, BT provided service at that location. When Marsh closed BT took the service out. He said Lucky's recently contacted BT and requested that we provide service to their new location. He said we have looked at it over the last few weeks to determine if we have sufficient time in the schedule of the route to get it back downtown in a reliable manner so that people can make connections between routes. He said looking at some of our on-time performance data we believe we have sufficient time in the morning and in the evenings to serve Lucky's. He said the afternoon period would be tight due to heavier traffic and we do not think there is sufficient time in the schedule to go into the shopping center and get back downtown in a way that would reliably allow people to make their transfers downtown. He said tonight staff recommends that we provide service to Lucky's on weekdays in the morning and in the evening and all day on Saturday subject to being able to reach agreement with Lucky's on a few key points. As such, the service would be scheduled into the shopping center between 6:25 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. which is about 9 trips in the morning and then start up again 6:25 p.m. and go to 11:25 p.m. On Saturday we would propose to go in there all day long on an hourly bus. He said in the afternoon the traffic is heavier and our schedule is much tighter and we did not feel comfortable adding the 3-4 minutes that it will take for the bus to go through the parking lot. Mr. May provided an aerial photo of the shopping area showing the proposed routing of the bus through the shopping center. He said we have asked Lucky's to put in a concrete pad, retaining wall, and curb cut at the location for the bus stop in the middle drive way eastbound. He said in the event of ice and/or snow the property owner would be responsible for removal of all snow and ice in the parking lot driveways bus stop curb cut and shelter. He said BT would reserve the right to temporarily not operate in the parking lot until such time that conditions were safe. He said BT would not be

responsible for any pavement damage to the parking lot. He said this is subject to Board approval tonight and us being able to reach agreement on all the terms we have proposed. Mr. May said what he is asking the Board to do tonight is to approve Resolution 15-09 which would authorize the service change to go into Lucky's in the morning and in the evenings and it would be subject to him reaching satisfactory terms on some of these conditions that we have asked for. Secretary Hasler asked where the closest bus stop is that people could catch the bus in the afternoon when the bus is not going in there. Mr. May said there is one just to the east of S. Walnut mid-block at the IU Credit Union and then there is another bus stop at CVS on S. Walnut Street. The Board concurred with the staff recommendation.

Mr. May said since our last Board Meeting the Indiana General Assembly passed a budget bill. He said it was better news than feared. As it turns out we got a slightly less than 1 percent increase in the first year and a 3.3 percent increase in the second year. He said the total PMTF Budget went from \$42.5 million to \$43 million in 2016 and \$44 million in 2017. He said it is disappointing in that our original request was for \$60 million. We have been frozen for seven consecutive years at \$42.5 million statewide for transit. As such, any kind of increase is better than what we had. He said there was some potential bad news but we are hopeful it won't happen. INDOT was given the authority to spend any of its money appropriated for other purposes on AMTRAK's Hoosier State Rail line. He said it is not out of the realm of possibility that INDOT could keep that service alive by taking money out of the PMTF. Vice Chairman McDaniel said Larry Buckle who is the Chief of Public Transit section does not think they are going to take it out of the PMTF. He said Larry Buckle has de-obligated about \$320,000 although it is not definite yet. Larry is going to see if these funds can remain in the PMTF fund which would give it a slight boost. Mr. May said INDOT has called a meeting to talk about the formula later this month. He said the formula has basically been unchanged for many years now. He said right now it is a 100 percent based formula as all the funds are tied to performance. He said INDOT is considering revising the PMTF formula to take it from the 100 percent based formula to only a 1 percent performance based. Board Member McLary asked if we think part of the reason they are doing this is because of Bloomington Transit. Vice Chairman McDaniel said he thinks there was a lot of concern about INDYGO and the Indy Connect program and some concern about BT last year. Vice Chairman McDaniel said he is a little puzzled as to why INDOT did such an about face because when we set-up this meeting a few months ago they insisted that it just be for informational purposes only and now all of sudden they just decided they may change everything.

Mr. May said the programming of STP funding for BT has been finalized by MPO Policy Committee and BT is programmed to receive about \$1.8 million over two years including \$360,000 in 2016 and \$1.44 million in 2017. Combined with local match the STP funding will buy five (5) 40-foot diesel buses over that 2 year period. He said the MPO Policy Committee met last Friday and approved that.

Mr. May noted it's that time of the year when we prepare and submit our proposal to IU for a new contract for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 contract year. He said we have proposed an overall increase of 1.84 percent compared to the last contract year. He said that includes a 2 percent increase in the student fare revenue. He said we have proposed a very small decrease to the bus wash cleaning and fueling services based on the number of bus pull outs each system has per year. He said one important change is to the IU Faculty/Staff ridership revenue ceiling. We have always had a not to exceed revenue ceiling to help protect from any major increases in cost

That ceiling in the current contract is at \$85,000. He said we have had two consecutive very big years in Faculty/Staff ridership increases with a 21 percent increase last year and a projected 19 percent increase this year. So we are going to need to bump that ceiling up in order to capture the full amount. He said we are proposing to bump that ceiling up to \$120,000 so that we can capture the maximum amount of revenue from the Faculty/Staff employees. Board Member McLary asked what BT is actually incurring. Controller Browning said she estimates \$100,000 to \$105,000 but she cannot claim anything over \$85,000. Mr. May said the other item in the contract is snow removal for this Grimes Lane facility. BT does all the snow removal for the parking lot and sidewalks and we bill IU for part of the cost at the rate of \$250 per snow event not to exceed 10 snow events during a winter. There is a \$2,500 annual ceiling and we are comfortable with that. Board Member McLary asked if the hospital would be part of a future contract negotiation or would it be totally separate. Mr. May said we have never considered the hospital to be part of the University in spite of the name change to IU Health. Obviously we are going to have to find a way to serve the hospital in the future but he expects that to be at BT's full expense unless the University wants us to provide some kind of special student or employee linkage between the main campus and the hospital.

Mr. May noted we have several vehicles in the fleet that have reached or are beyond the end of their useful life. He said we are seeking the Board's authorization to dispose of these vehicles at auction. He said the three vehicles proposed to be disposed of include a 1998 Ford Taurus sedan vehicle #0506 with approximately 146,000 miles; a 1997 Gillig Phantom 35-foot bus #9724 with approximately 530,000 miles; and a 2006 Supreme Startrans 25-foot cutaway bus #0656 with approximately 140,000 miles. He said we have Resolution 15-10 on the agenda to declare these vehicles as surplus and scrap to be disposed of at auction.

Mr. May said last year the Board approved the declaration of Condominium for the Downtown Transit Center and Monroe County Emergency Dispatch Center. He said the City owns the second floor of that building and BT owns the first floor of the building. Last year the Board approved the Condominium agreement as well as the bylaws to that Condominium agreement. He said as part of the bylaws a three member board is to be set-up that meets annually or as needed to oversee the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the building. He said the bylaws state that one member is appointed by BT and the Board appointed the General Manager to represent BT. One member is appointed by the City and the City appointed Mike Diekoff. The parties are supposed to mutually agree on a third board member. Mr. May noted he forwarded the Board's suggestions for a third director to the City and Deputy Mayor Adam Wason talked with some of the suggested persons and they declined their nominations. Mr. Wason has suggested that his name be approved by BPTC as the third member with the initial term of office for the third member being one year. Mr. May said the only order of business that we have is to name the Bloomington Transit portion of the building after Ray McConn. He said there is a motion under New Business to approve the appointment of Adam Wason as the third member of the Condo Association Board.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER**

There were no messages from Controller Browning.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – ACTION ITEMS**

There were no comments from the public.

### NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Under New Business, Vice Chairman McDaniel moved to approve Resolution 15-09; a resolution authorizing a minor service change to Route 1 South Walnut/Clear Creek Shopping Center to operate west on Winslow past S. Walnut turning right into the Walnut Woods Shopping Center, then turning east in the middle driveway of the shopping center, then existing the shopping center onto S. Walnut Street and then resuming the regular route southbound on S. Walnut Street just south of Winslow. Such revision would take place on weekdays between the hours of 6:25 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.; weekdays between the hours of 6:25 p.m. and 11:25 p.m.; and all day on Saturdays. BPTC reserves the right to modify days and hours of service at its discretion. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hasler. Resolution 15-09 was approved unanimously.

Under New Business, Board Member McLary moved to approve Resolution 15-10; a resolution authorizing the declaration of Bus Numbers 0656, 9724, and a 1998 Ford Taurus as surplus and scrap, and authorizing the General Manager to dispose of such vehicles at auction. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. Resolution 15-10 was approved unanimously.

Also under New Business, Secretary Hasler moved to approve the appointment of Adam Wason as the third director of the Condo Board of Directors for the Downtown Transit Center and Monroe County Central Emergency Dispatch Condominium Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Board Member McLary. The motion was approved unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

### MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

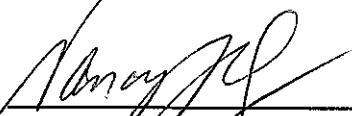
### CLAIMS

The claims for May 12, 2015 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The claims were approved unanimously.

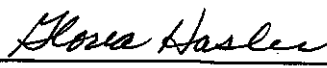
### ADJOURNMENT

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