

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) NOVEMBER 24, 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, Board Member Cartwright and Board Member 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

Mr. May said Mark Stoops drafted language for the next General Assembly for the Transit Expansion Bill. The initial draft had a lot of language about service boundaries and taxing districts. He said Mark sent the draft to Mr. May, Vice Chairman McDaniel and Kerry Conway. Ms. Conway expressed concern about the service boundary and taxing district language. Mr. May and Vice Chairman McDaniel met with Mark Stoops and Geoff McKim and explained to them how Indiana Code already includes language on service boundaries and the taxing district. As such, we don't need to change or rewrite that language as part of Senator Stoop's new bill. Senator Stoops asked Mr. May to rewrite the bill language, review it with Ms. Conway and see if agreement can be reached. He said he rewrote the bill and sent it to Ms. Conway. Shortly thereafter he went out and met with Ms. Conway who expressed satisfaction with the revised language subject to review by her Board who later endorsed the language as well. Mr. May has communicated that back to Senator Stoops. The plan is to now go forward with a very simple bill that simply talks about allowing Monroe County to use a local option income tax somewhere between 0.10 and 0.25 percent that could raise up to \$6.9 million annually for transit. He said the draft that Senator Stoops will propose to the General Assembly would give the County Council the right to adopt an ordinance for a local option income tax and the County Council would decide how that money is split between the BPTC and Rural Transit. Mr. May said there was some interest on Ms. Conway's part for a memorandum of understanding between BT and Rural Transit that would outline our specific routes and services that each would provide.

Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that we have another regulatory issue we are working on where the BMV would reinstate our ability to test our own drivers for the CDL. We are hopeful that such legislative authority can be adopted by the General Assembly.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May noted that the STP subrecipient agreement is on the agenda for the Board's consideration. He said as discussed at prior Board Meetings earlier this year the MPO Policy Committee approved the programming of \$150,000 in Federal STP road and highway funds for use by the Area 10 Agency on Aging for preventative maintenance activities for the Rural Transit bus fleet. He said the way it works is when Federal STP funds are used for transit purposes they are flexed to Federal Section 5307 funds. Those 5307 funds flow through the designated recipient for that urbanized area. He said Bloomington Transit is the designated recipient for this area so the funds have to flow through Bloomington Transit as the recipient and then we pass those funds through to Area 10 Agency on Aging via a subrecipient agreement. He said we developed a subrecipient agreement which was included in the Board Packet and has been reviewed by our legal counsel and Area 10. He said Resolution 15-25 is included under New Business for the Board's consideration and approval of the subrecipient agreement.

Mr. May gave an overview of October ridership noting that October 2015 fixed route ridership was down 1.57 percent compared to October 2014. He said the primary reason for the decline is there was one fewer weekday in October 2015 calendar compared to October 2014. He said on a day-to-day basis ridership was up 1.3 percent. Year-to-date fixed route ridership is down 0.32 percent or about 9,400 fewer riders than the same period last year. Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was up 1.67 percent in October 2015 compared to October 2014. He said the year-to-date BT Access ridership is up 15.72 percent compared to the same period last year.

Mr. May noted during the holiday season we will be working together again with WCLS 97.7 and the Salvation Army on the 2015 Stuff-A-Bus. Brenda Underwood noted this is our 15th year for Stuff-A-Bus. She said the bus will be at 12 different locations this year December 2 through December 13 collecting new toys, hats, coats and mittens for kids in Monroe County. She said if anyone is interested in volunteering to staff the bus there are still times available.

Mr. May noted that each year we have a holiday party for BT and the IU Campus Bus employees and the reason why we do a joint party is we share the vending machines and the proceeds from those vending machines that both entities contribute to are used to fund our employee events. Mr. May invited the Board to attend the employee holiday party.

Mr. May said that Miller Transportation service will start operating out of our Downtown Transit Center next Tuesday, December 1. He said it will be making the move from the Yellow Cab office and there are six buses a day that will depart Bloomington for various destinations. He said three will go to the Indianapolis Greyhound station, one to the Evansville Greyhound station, one to the Louisville Greyhound station, and one going to the Terre Haute downtown transit center. He said Miller is doing most of the publicity for the change. He said information will also be on the BT website. He said the service runs 365 days a year holidays although the BT Downtown Transit Center passenger waiting/ticketing area is not open on Sunday or major holidays. Miller Transportation service will still operate on Sundays and holidays from our Downtown Transit Center and their passengers will have to wait outside the transit center for the buses.

Mr. May noted a few months ago a member of the public attended a Board Meeting asking about the photo IDs and how we should make those available at our Downtown Transit Center. He

said we have starting taking the photo IDs at the downtown transit center. We purchased new photo ID-making equipment and trained employees and we have a notice on our website about the availability of the cards downtown.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning noted on the agenda is Resolution 15-26; a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the procurement of transit management services and approving the evaluation criteria for the RFP for the Board's consideration and approval.

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 15-25; a resolution approving a subrecipient agreement between the BPTC and the Area 10 Agency on Aging to authorize the transfer of \$150,000 in Federal 5307 funds, flexed from Federal STP funds, to the Area 10 Agency on Aging to support preventative maintenance activities for the Rural Transit fleet. The motion was seconded by Board Member Cartwright. Resolution 15-25 was approved unanimously.

Also under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to approve Resolution 15-26; a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the procurement of transit management services and approving the evaluation criteria for the RFP. The motion was seconded by Board Member McLary. Resolution 15-26 was approved unanimously. Member Cartwright seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the current slate of officers for the Board and the appointment of a representative to the MPO Policy Committee to remain unchanged from 2015 to 2016. Officers include Nancy Obermeyer as Chair, Kent McDaniel as Vice Chair, Gloria Hasler as Secretary, and Alex Cartwright as Treasurer. Kent McDaniel was also appointed as the Board representative to the MPO Policy Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

MINUTES

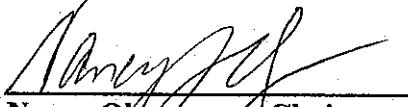
There were no minutes for approval.

CLAIMS

The claims for November 24, 2015 were presented for approval by Secretary Hasler and seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The claims were approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

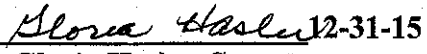
APPROVE:



Nancy Obermeyer, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

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ATTEST:



Gloria Hasler, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC

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