

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) SEPTEMBER 12, 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, and member of the public Bob Babbitt, President/CEO McDonald Transit Associates, Inc.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions and communications from the public.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chairman McDaniel noted he attended an I-69 meeting where they discussed Section 5. He said he has a list of common request between the City and County that he will provide so that BPTC will know what roads and intersections are being affected by the project.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May opened with an update of the downtown transfer facility. He noted Monday night he went to the Bloomington Planning Commission for review and approval of our site plan and project design. He said we received unanimous approval for our site plan and project design from the Planning Commission with several platitudes and compliments from the Commission relative to project design. He noted that on Tuesday night, the Board of Public Works approved our request for a partial encroachment of the north/south alley that traverses our project site. Mr. May said there is one more approval step whereby the City will have to secure construction funding for the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center from the Redevelopment Commission to fund the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center. Once the City secures funding for 911 Dispatch Center, we will be to go out to bid on construction for the project in November. Mr. May said we are looking at a special board meeting on December 31, 2012 to award the construction contract. He noted that we need to award the construction contract before the end of this year because the appropriation authorization for the project is part of this year's amended budget. Mr. May presented the final renderings for the downtown facility to the Board and discussed notable details of the design.

Mr. May said over the past 18 months Eli McCormick and himself have been working with a group of advocates for people with disabilities in the community and we have created a coalition known as MCCAM (Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility). He said this coalition

includes members from the disability community, public agencies and private individuals including Stonebelt, Options, SICIL, the MPO, Area 10 Agency on Aging, E2 Taxi, IU Campus Bus, and the IU Institute on Disability. He noted that the goal of the organization has been to improve transportation accessibility throughout Monroe County for people with disabilities. This mission is not limited to just public transportation services but includes all modes of transportation including roads and highways, pedestrians, transit, and taxis. He said Raymond Hess with the MPO, BT and Area 10 jointly developed and submitted a grant application to Project Action – Easter Seals to help facilitate the formation of a Bloomington/Monroe County coalition to advocate for improved transportation accessibility. He said we were successful in getting the grant and held a two day workshop last summer to get the coalition started. Mr. May noted that the coalition has been fruitful for BT in that it has helped cultivate good and productive relationships with many disability advocates and organizations in the community that we didn't previously have. The coalition has helped to foster trust and cooperation toward the ultimate goal of improved accessibility. Mr. May said an important objective of the coalition is to develop a mobility management program to help improve access to transportation for persons with disabilities. He noted key tasks coming out of the mobility management objective are to create a volunteer driver network possibly among faith-based, social service, and non-profit agencies that have vehicles that could be used to transport persons with disabilities and to create a subsidized voucher program so persons with disabilities who don't have access to public transportation could use these vouchers to purchase rides on accessible taxis. He said the grant was prepared and submitted to INDOT recently by Area 10 and INDOT replied back saying that the New Freedom grant was only available to urban transit systems. He said the grant was resubmitted by BT to INDOT for consideration since we are an eligible agency. He said the idea is for BT to be the grant applicant and if successful in getting the grant, BT would contract with Area 10 to implement the mobility management program. He noted the deadline for submitting the grant was September 7 and he consulted with Chairman McConn who approved the submission of the application pending further discussion with the BT Board at this Board Meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning gave an overview of the August Financial Report.

MINUTES

The minutes for August 28, 2012 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Cartwright. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CLAIMS

The claims for September 12, 2012 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Cartwright. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

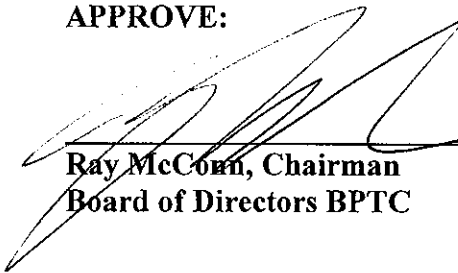
There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

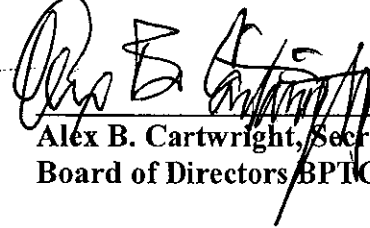
Under New Business, Board Member Obermeyer moved to approve submission of a New Freedom grant application for mobility management and voucher programs. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hasler. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:


10-09-12
Ray McCann, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:


10-09-12
Alex B. Cartwright, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC