

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) FEBRUARY 9, 2016, 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 Cartwright. 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 Thursday is Transit Day at the State House. He said there are about 50 people registered for it. He said there are three committee meetings schedule upon adjournment and hopefully that will keep a good number of legislators there.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May said Senate Bill 128 passed in the Senate by a vote of 40-10 last week with no amendments. He said Mark Stoops was the Democratic co-sponsor of the bill and Luke Kenley from Noblesville was the Republican co-sponsor on the bill. Senator Kenley is also the Chair of the Appropriations Committee so it was good to have him as the co-sponsor on that bill. He said Senator Stoops and Senator Brent Waltz are the two who spoke in favor of the bill at the full Senate. He said now the bill goes on to the House for consideration where Matt Pierce our local Bloomington representative will sponsor it from the Democratic side and Jerry Torr, who represents the Carmel area, will co-sponsor on the Republican side. He said we were not able to get a local Republican as a co-sponsor. He said the battle now is getting a hearing in the Ways and Means Committee which is what it has to go through to have a chance to get a full vote in the House. He said Mark is talking with the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee in effort to persuade him to have a hearing.

Mr. May said next on the agenda is the STP funding update. He noted there is more good news to report on the discretionary funding front. He said the MPO staff recently contacted him to let him know they are going to have some unobligated STP funds that are available for our use because some of the road and highway projects that were previously going to use STP funding are now going to be funded by INDOT instead of local STP funds. He said MPO staff will be recommending to the MPO Policy Committee that a TIP amendment be approved that would provide BPTC with \$688,000 in additional STP road and highway funds for the purchase of two

40-foot diesel buses. These would replace 2003 model year buses. Mr. May said he will be preparing a TIP amendment that will be heard at the MPO Policy Committee at their March 11, 2016 meeting. He said assuming that TIP amendment is approved and we get that additional \$688,000, we will have total sufficient dollars programmed to replace 12 of the 15 buses that were purchased in 2002, 2003 and 2005.

Mr. May gave an overview of December ridership noting that December 2015 fixed route ridership was down 5.65 percent compared to December 2014. He noted the primary reason for the decline was one fewer IU class day in December 2015 compared to December 2014. He said year-to-date fixed route ridership is down 0.47 percent or ½ of 1 percent compared to 2014. He said 2015 was our 2nd highest fixed route ridership in BT history. He said if you look at some of the national transit statistics, bus ridership was down nationally 2.71 percent through the 3rd quarter of 2015. He said if you look at systems below 100,000 in population like Bloomington, bus ridership was down 0.98 percent. He said Bloomington continues to buck the national trend as our decline was not nearly as much as the national decline for bus ridership. He said the most likely reason for the decline in local and national bus ridership is extraordinarily low gasoline prices. Mr. May directed the Board's attention to the APTA ridership report for Indiana systems. Included in the APTA report was ridership data for Bloomington, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Muncie and South Bend. He said all of those systems reported ridership declines through the 3rd quarter and they were down more than what Bloomington was down. He said Ft. Wayne is down 4.31 percent; Indianapolis is down 4.68 percent; Muncie is down 4.55 percent; and South Bend is down 10.5 percent. He said another interesting system that is a college town similar in some respects to Bloomington as shown in the APTA report is Champaign-Urbana which was down 1.86 percent through the end of the 3rd quarter of 2015.

Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was up 8.85 percent in December 2015 compared to December 2014. He said year-to-date BT Access ridership for 2015 was up 16.25 percent compared to last year. He said it was our 4th highest year ever for BT Access ridership.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning gave an overview of the December Financial Report and overview of the year 2015. She noted operating expenses were 3 percent less in 2015 than 2014 primarily due to the decline in fuel prices. Operating revenues were up about 2 percent in 2015 compared to 2014.

Controller Browning noted that Resolution 16.01; a resolution authorizing the encumbrance of appropriations from the Calendar Year 2015 budget was on the agenda for the Board's consideration. Ms. Browning summarized the Class IV capital outlays of \$1,021,401 for the encumbrance to include primarily new vehicles that are currently on order and expected to be delivered next year. She also noted that \$5,573 were included in the encumbrance for professional services and charges in Class III of the 2015 budget.

Controller Browning gave an overview of the January Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to approve Resolution 16-01; a resolution authorizing the encumbrance of appropriations from the Calendar Year 2015 budget in the amount of \$5,573 in Class III – Professional Services and Charge in the 2015 budget and \$1,021,401 in Class IV – Capital Outlays for the 2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hasler. Resolution 16-01 was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business.

MINUTES

The minutes for December 31, 2015 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The minutes for January 12, 2016 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The minutes were approved unanimously.

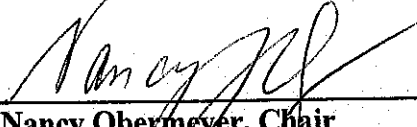
CLAIMS

The claims for February 9, 2016 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The claims were approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

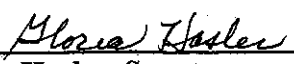
APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Nancy Obermeyer, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC

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Gloria Hasler, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC

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