

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 does not think we should pay ITA dues any longer.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May opened the meeting summarizing the demonstration of the Proterra battery electric bus held on August 28. He said we put it into regular revenue service on our Route 3 on the East and West side of Bloomington. He said we ran it for 6-7 hours in regular revenue service and we had just under 200 people that rode it during that period. Mr. May shared pictures of the bus demonstration with the Board. He said some of the statistics that Proterra provided after the demonstration are miles operated: 85; average speed: 7 mph; average efficiency (miles per gallon equivalent) 14.4; regen capture: 41 percent; diesel fuel savings: 21 gallons; greenhouse gases prevented: 474 lbs. of CO₂; average temperature during the demo: 88; HVAC on during demo: 88 percent of the time. He said it was a good demonstration and we learned a lot. He said he was impressed with how far the technology has come in recent years. He said we expect to see continued advancements in electric bus technology.

Mr. May noted next on the agenda is the 2019 PMTF contract. He said shortly after the last Board meeting we learned what our final PMTF allocation is going to be for 2019. He said we were disappointed that Governor Holcomb has reinstated a 3 percent reversion on PMTF funds for 2019 due to lower revenues received by the state and a poor revenue outlook for the coming year. He said there is a possibility depending on how the state tax revenues go that they could potentially refund that money back into the PMTF fund and we could realize it in future years. He said from what he hears from INDOT is that corporate tax revenues have dropped by \$175 million in the last six months and are projected to drop further and other state tax revenues continue to be flat and that's the reason for the reversion. He said we were originally programmed to receive a 2.3 percent increase in 2019 over 2018 and we budgeted accordingly. He said we got the news after the last Board Meeting but before we went to City Council so we went ahead and made adjustments in numbers in the budget that we presented to Council. He

said we reduced PMTF by \$75,509 and increased local taxes by \$67,060. He said BT is going to receive \$2.521 million which is a reduction over the current \$2.597 million. He said these funds are used in our operating budget so these funds are paying for operating costs of fixed route and BT Access service. He noted that in the Board packet is Resolution 18-16 which authorizes the Chair to execute the agreement with INDOT.

Mr. May gave an overview of August ridership. He said August fixed route ridership was down 5.84 percent compared to August 2017. Year-to-date fixed route ridership is down 5.72 percent compared to the same period last year. He noted there were some encouraging signs that he saw in the statistics in that five of the nine routes were up compared to August 2017. He said the big drop in ridership is occurring primarily with IU students, especially on Routes 6 and 9.

Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was up 10.16 percent in August compared to August 2017. He said the year-to-date BT Access ridership was up 0.69 percent compared to the same period in 2017.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

Controller Browning gave an overview of the 2017 Audit Report.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – ACTION ITEMS

There was no public comment on actions items.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to approve Resolution 18-16; a resolution authorizing the BPTC Chair to execute a grant agreement for 2019 with the Indiana Department of Transportation for financial assistance through the Public Mass Transportation Fund under I.C. 8-9.5-6-4. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hartman. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

CLAIMS

The claims for September 18, 2018 were presented for approval by Board Member Hartman and seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The claims were approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



10-16-18
Nancy Obermeyer, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:



10-16-18
James J. McLary, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC