



Minutes

1329th Meeting of the Board of Directors April 24, 2008

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m. Present were:

Directors

Mr. Chris Zimmerman
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins
Mr. Emeka Moneme
Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett

Alternate Directors

Mr. William Euille
Mr. Jeff McKay
Mr. Gordon Linton

Staff

Mr. John Catoe
Mr. Gerald Francis
Mr. Andrew Clemmons
Ms. Carol O'Keeffe

Mr. Shiva Pant
Mr. Michael Taborn
Mr. Chuck Woodruff
Mrs. Leen'da Chambliss

Public Comment Period:

One person spoke during the public comment period conducted at this meeting:

1. Mr. Cory Siansky requested that the Board reconsider the prohibition of sale of food on WMATA property outside of Metrorail stations.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as submitted by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Washington
Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority**

600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
202/962-1234

*By Metrorail:
Judiciary Square-Red Line
Gallery Place-Chinatown
Red, Green and
Yellow Lines*

*A District of Columbia,
Maryland and Virginia
Transit Partnership*

Report by Riders' Advisory Council (RAC):

Ms. Iacomini referred to the RAC report submitted to the Board. She commended WMATA for its performance during the Washington Nationals' home opener and Pope Benedict's visit, expressing the RAC's appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback during the planning for these events. She stated that at the April RAC meeting, WMATA staff gave a presentation highlighting changes in various forms of communications used with riders, and presented suggestions from the RAC's subsequent discussion of the subject. She also stated that three RAC members attended the display of various types of railcar flooring at the National Airport on April 22, 2008. The members who experienced the flooring stated that it could be an improvement over carpeting, and she said the RAC would like to hear what riders think of the flooring as some of the test cars are put into service. Lastly, RAC subcommittees had the opportunity to learn about WMATA's Bus Stop Customer Information Study and plans for a realignment of service on the Blue Line, stating that the RAC looked forward to receiving additional information on the proposed realignment, especially concerning how any changes in service would be communicated to customers.

Mr. Zimmerman thanked Ms. Iacomini on the RAC's work on customer communications issues, an item on Mr. Catoe's workplan for the year, and requested that Mr. Catoe provide an update specifically addressing each of the recommendations Ms. Iacomini presented on behalf of the RAC. Mr. Catoe stated that the update would be coming in June 2008.

Report by Chair:

Mr. Zimmerman stated that, to date, Metro experienced three days with ridership over 800,000 in April 2008, and that increasingly, the days of highest ridership are occurring on ordinary weekdays without a special event and with no specific advance planning. However, the opening of the ballpark, the Papal visit was a special event with much advance planning, and Mr. Zimmerman thanked WMATA staff for rising to the occasion and showing the Metro system and the city to best effect when on a world stage. Mr. Zimmerman spoke about the challenge of augmenting WMATA's fleet of railcars while also needing to replace railcars nearing the end of their service life, and he also invited Board members to the Pedestrian Safety Workshop co-sponsored by WMATA and the Council of Governments on April 29, 2008.

B. Swearing-In of Chief Safety Officer Ronald Keele

Mr. Zimmerman administered the oath of office to Mr. Keele.

Report by General Manager:

Mr. Catoe thanked Metro employees for their hard work to meet the challenge of delivering service for the Papal visit, thanked customers for their patience in dealing with crowds and street closure delays related to the Pope's travel, and thanked the RAC for their advice as WMATA prepared its customer communications. Mr. Catoe also thanked all those who volunteered during the event, including Mr. Benjamin.

Report by Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee

There were no action items discussed by the Committee. Mr. Graham reported that, starting with the May 2008 meeting, each Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee would begin with enhanced Operational Performance Reports to include a monthly report on crime statistics, a monthly safety report, and, for May, a report on security cameras and a report on the span of MTPD's jurisdiction to enforce the law. A briefing on the FY08 year-to-date operational performance indicators including Rail and MetroAccess on-time performance, bus mean distance between failures, bus failures by fleet, railcar failures by delay times and vertical transportation reliability was discussed as an information item. The Committee requested additional information be provided for vertical transportation to include detail failure data and associated hours for the chronic inoperable elevators and escalators and a chart identifying all escalators and elevators that have been non-functioning for several weeks.

Mr. McKay commended Chief Taborn and other safety officials for their work in the investigation and apprehensions of those responsible for vehicle theft at the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail station.

Report by Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

Mr. Benjamin stated that there were no action items discussed by the Committee.

Report by Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee

A. Royal Street Relocation Project

Mrs. Hudgins referred the Board to the request for approval to establish a project for the replacement of the Royal Street Bus Garage, establish a \$4.3 million project budget, and authorize tasks to P2d for the alternatives analysis and public hearing process. The motion reflected adjustments made from the Committee discussion of this item.

Mrs. Hudgins moved, seconded by Ms. Hewlett, approval of this action. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-21) has been made a part of the official file.

B. Policy Concerning Use of WMATA Property for Non-WMATA Transit Projects

Mrs. Hudgins reported that the request for approval of a proposed policy allowing the no-cost transfer of WMATA-owned real property to local jurisdictions and state governments for reimbursable and other transit projects and to apply any sale proceeds from land transfers with non-governmental entities in connection with these projects to the particular reimbursable or transit project was deferred by the Committee.

C. Sale of Rosslyn Bus Alley

Mrs. Hudgins referred the Board to the request for approval to enter into a sale agreement with The JBG Companies for purchase of WMATA's bus alley at the Rosslyn Metrorail station and allow Arlington County to use the proceeds from the sale to partially fund enhancements to the Rosslyn Metrorail station.

Mrs. Hudgins moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, approval of this action. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

D. Florida Avenue Developer Selection

Mrs. Hudgins reported that the Committee requested that this item be deferred for a period of not less than 60 days.

Mrs. Hudgins also reported that a briefing on Metro Matters was discussed as an information item.

Administrative Actions

1. Approval to Initiate & Award a Sole Source Contract to Aon Consulting

Approval to initiate and award a sole source contract to Aon Consulting for Employee Health & Welfare Benefit Consultant services.

Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, approval of this item. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

2. Approval to Initiate & Award a Contract for Mystery Shopping Services

Approval to initiate and award a competitive contract for the procurement of professional and technical consultant services for a Mystery Shopper program.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins, approval of this item. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

3. Approval to Execute Standby Trust Agreement with Indemnification Provisions

Approval to enter into a Standby Trust Agreement that includes trustee indemnification by WMATA.

Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins, approval of this item. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-22) has been made a part of the official file.

4. Approval to Enter Into a Short-Term Loan Arrangement with Wachovia Bank

Approval to execute a short-term loan agreement for up to \$100 million with Wachovia Bank.

After questions from Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Ms. Hewlett, approval of this item. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-23) has been made a part of the official file.

5. Approval of a MOU with Arlington County for Fueling and Compressed Natural Gas Buses

Approval to provide Arlington County with access to WMATA facilities to fuel Arlington County Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, approval of this item. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-24) has been made a part of the official file.

Report by D.C.: Mr. Graham reported that the District Council had their hearing on the WMATA budget on April 18, 2008, and that there were still issues needing resolution.

Report by WSTC: None

Report by NVTC: Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Governor of Virginia may still call a Special Session of the General Assembly to address the transportation funding issue including dedicated funding for WMATA.

Executive Session

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, that the Board meet in Executive session immediately following the meeting to discuss labor issues with respect to Local 689 labor negotiations, personnel issues and contractual issues with respect to automated fare collection systems, consistent with Board Procedure VI.C and VI.D. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Moneme and Ms. Hewlett

The meeting was suspended to enter Executive session at 12:19 p.m.

Reconvene

At 1:40 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman reconvened the public session. Present were:

Directors

Mr. Chris Zimmerman
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins
Mr. Emeka Moneme

Staff


Mr. John Catoe	Mr. Shiva Pant
Ms. Carol O’Keeffe	Mrs. Leen’da Chambliss

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to certify that at the just-concluded executive session, only such matters identified in the motion by which the Executive session was convened, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 4 – Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, and Mr. Moneme

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



Leen’da Chambliss, Acting Board Secretary