



Minutes

1334th Meeting of the Board of Directors October 16, 2008

The motion for Executive Session was called at the conclusion of the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Solomon, that the Board meet in Executive Session to discuss safety and security matters with respect to security initiatives, consistent with Board Procedure VI.F.; and contractual matters with respect to financial advisor, consistent with Board Procedure VI.D. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, and Ms. Hewlett

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. Present were:

Directors

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

Alternate Directors

Mr. Bill Euille
Mr. Jeff McKay
Mr. Tony Giancola
Mr. Gordon Linton

Staff

Mr. John Catoe
Mr. Gerald Francis
Ms. Helen Lew
Ms. Carol Kissal

Mr. Emeka Moneme
Ms. Carol O'Keeffe
Ms. Loyda Sequeira-Castillo

Public Comment Period:

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

**Washington
Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority**

600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
202/962-1234

By Metrorail:
Judiciary Square--Red
Line
Gallery Place-Chinatown--
Red, Green and
Yellow Lines
By Metrobus:
Routes D1, D3, D6, P6,
70, 71, 80, X2

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

1. Mr. Michael Perkins presented a number of requests regarding technology such as Google Transit, Metro's progress on improvements to the SmarTrip[®] program, ridership information and suggestions concerning Public Access to Records Policy requests.

In response, Mr. Catoe stated that a briefing on the progress of Metro's SmarTrip[®] program is scheduled to be presented to the November Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee and that Metro is currently in negotiations with Google. Mr. Zimmerman added that some improvements to the SmarTrip[®] program would be implemented in the next few months.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was revised to include the consideration of a resolution to develop a prioritized FY2011-2020 Capital Needs Inventory as item C during the General Manager's Report. The revision to the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 25, 2008 Board meeting and October 2, 2008 Special Board meeting were approved as submitted.

Report by Riders' Advisory Council (RAC):

Ms. Iacomini referred to the report submitted to the Board, which included a comprehensive list of concerns, comments and suggestions regarding paper transfer elimination and the status of SmarTrip[®], including that known delays in technological improvements to SmarTrip[®] will create hardship for certain riders.

Mr. Zimmerman requested that a staff response to the specific items identified be incorporated into the briefing taking place at the next Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee. Mr. Graham stated that this summation should be the basis for the presentation.

Report by Chairman:

Mr. Zimmerman reported that he and Messrs. McKay, Linton, Catoe and other senior Metro staff members attended the APTA conference, where the APTA Board of Directors approved a statement of the APTA Board's position on

reauthorized federal funding for transit agencies. He also thanked Mr. Benjamin for his work throughout this process.

Report by General Manager:

Mr. Catoe's report included mention of strategies for reducing expenditures to meet the FY2010 Operating budget while maintaining current levels of jurisdictional operating subsidies and with no plans to raise fares. The FY2010 Operating budget is to be presented to the Board in the next few months.

WMATA's Capital Needs Inventory FY2011-2020

Request for approval of a resolution authorizing the General Manager to develop a prioritized FY2011-2020 Capital Needs Inventory and the successor agreement to the Metro Matters Funding Agreement by July 1, 2010.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, approval of the resolution. As a result of the ensuing discussion, the language of the resolution was amended by unanimous consent to read "successor funding *arrangements*" rather than "successor funding *agreements*". The resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-51) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Francis recognized Train Operator Anthony D. Barkley for his actions demonstrating a "safety first" attitude.

Report by Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee

A. Public Hearing Request for Discontinuance of Metrobus Routes 2W, 12, and 20

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to authorize a public hearing to discontinue non-regional Metrobus routes 2W, 12A-S and 20F-Y.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins, that the Board approve this resolution. Mrs. Hudgins requested that the motion reflect that service would

continue through June 2009. A discussion ensued with the result that, as noted in the record, there will be no change to the budget as a result of this action as Fairfax County is paying to extend the Metrobus service through the end of June 2009. This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-52) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Graham also reported that FY09 year-to-date operational performance indicators, crime statistics, safety performance indicators, a briefing on the impact of the transfer of DC Medicaid transportation services to MetroAccess, and an update on actions taken by staff to implement the elimination of paper transfers were all discussed as information items by the Committee. He noted that additional information would be provided to the Committee regarding the transfer of DC Medicaid transportation services to MetroAccess and the elimination of paper transfers at the November meeting.

Report by Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee

A. Authorization to Negotiate Amendment of Lease at the Bethesda Station

Mrs. Hudgins reported that, coming out of Executive Session, the Committee elected to defer this item until the November meeting.

B. Approval of Priority Corridor Network Report and Implementation Strategy

Mrs. Hudgins referred the Board to the request for approval of a resolution to accept the Metrobus Priority Corridor Network Plan list of corridors and near-term schedule for project planning of Metrobus service adjustments, MetroExtra service additions and coordinated capital investment programs by jurisdictional stakeholders. Mrs. Hudgins moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, approval of the resolution. Mr. Zimmerman noted that the resolution incorporated the changes directed by the Committee but that he wished to make additional changes. He asked to insert ", for example" after "identifying" in the second *Resolved* clause, so that the clause would read:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors directs staff to identify the benefits of going forward with each Priority Corridor, specifically identifying, for example, the increased ridership and capacity (for both WMATA and parallel providers), reductions in congestion and improvements in air quality.

This amendment was adopted by unanimous consent. He also proposed to add "and a plan for approval" after the word "briefing" in the third *Resolved* clause so that the clause would read:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors accepts the Metrobus Priority Corridor Network Plan list of corridors and schedule for near-term planning dated October 16, 2008, with the understanding that Staff will provide the Board with a new briefing and plan for approval in January 2009 responding to the Board's direction.

This was also approved by unanimous consent. The resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-53) has been made a part of the official file.

Mrs. Hudgins reported that the Transfer of Metro Property Rights at Shaw-Howard U Station and the proposed relocation of the Jackson Graham Building were both deferred by the Committee.

Administrative Actions

Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, approval of Administrative Actions numbered 1-3 en bloc. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Giancola, and Ms. Hewlett

1. Approval to Initiate & Award a Sole Source Contract for 6000-Series Truck & Bolster

Approval to initiate and award a sole source contract to Atchison Casting Corporation to provide the Authority with twelve spare truck & bolster subassemblies for the 6000 Series railcars.

2. Approval of Indemnification of Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Inc. and Agreement

Approval to enter into a "No Cost" scrap tire agreement that will indemnify Goodyear for WMATA's use of those scrap tires.

3. Approval of Contract Modification for Provisional Spare Parts – 6000 Series

Approval for authorization to issue the Part I Modification with Alstom Transportation Inc. to supply provisional spare parts in an amount not to exceed \$1,702,723 for maintenance support of the 6000 Series railcar fleet.

Report by D.C.: Mr. Graham reported that the District's vacant Board seat would in all likelihood be filled on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 with the District Council's appointment of Neil Albert.

Report by WSTC: None

Report by NVTC: Mrs. Hudgins reported that Messrs. Zimmerman and Francis joined Fairfax County for the opening of the Public Safety Transportation Operations Center.

At 12:06 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman suspended the public meeting to re-enter the Executive Session.

Reconvene

At 2:04 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman reconvened the public session. Present were:

Directors

Mr. Chris Zimmerman
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins

Alternate Directors

Mr. Jeff McKay
Mr. Gordon Linton

Staff

Mr. John Catoe
Ms. Carol O'Keeffe
Ms. Loyda Sequeira-Castillo

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, to certify with no individual member dissenting 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.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, approval to terminate a leaseback transaction. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 4 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, and Mrs. Hudgins

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-54) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Zimmerman moved approval of a competitive solicitation and award of a contract for specialized financial advisory services associated with restructuring various Metro tax-advantaged leases, the contract not to exceed \$350,000. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 4 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, and Mrs. Hudgins

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.



Loyda Sequeira-Castillo, Board Secretary