



## Minutes

### NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 22, 2009

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- I. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was held in the MTA Board Room, 130 Nestor Street, on October 22, 2009. Present were: Gail Williams, Chair; Thomas F. O'Connell, Vice-Chair; Lewis Lavine, member; Marian Ott, member; Jeffrey Yarbrow, member; Secretary Margaret Behm and CEO Paul J. Ballard. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.
- II. The meeting was opened by Chair Gail Carr Williams.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2009 Board of Directors meeting with noted corrections. The vote of approval was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.
- IV. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- V. **Transportation Committee Report:** Chair Thomas F. O'Connell reported that the passenger revenue per passenger has shown an increase because Metro Nashville Public Schools purchased a bulk amount of 31 day passes in one month rather than their per usual monthly purchase. AccessRide continues to indicate a stabilization trend in ridership. A generally favorable trend line in passenger counts from April to August was seen suggesting that system ridership is stable. We were very close to goal in miles between road call. For the second straight month we were below goal in miles between preventable accidents. We were above goal for on time performance and almost right on goal for passengers carried per complaint on buses and well above goal for passengers carried per complaint on AccessRide. Customer care volume tended to be high for August. On the Passenger Survey for the #3 West End, we saw an increase in the 19-29 years of age demographic as well as 21% of the respondents selecting school as their purpose of trip which is likely reflective of trips to Nashville Tech and other educational resources on that route. The C+ for on-time in that survey is probably related to the high number of stops requested or standing room only buses.
- VI. **Planning and Marketing Report:** Chair Lewis Lavine deferred his report to Marian Ott for the Finance Report.

**VII. Finance Report:** Chair Marian Ott reported on the following item:

- **Disposition of the Nance Landport Property (A-09-021):** MDHA has made an offer of \$60 per square foot for the property located at 220 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South which is in the construction footprint for the future Nashville Convention Center. The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve to sell the Nance Landport property for no less than \$60 per square foot subject to FTA approved appraised value to the MDHA/City of Nashville; and, to redirect the proceeds from the sale for the building and property rehabilitation project on the main operating and maintenance facility located at 130 Nestor Street. Motion was made and the vote of approval was unanimous.
- **Bus Parking Lot Repairs (A-09-022):** The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the award of contract to repair the sinkholes in the parking lot to Division Two Constructors at a cost not to exceed \$275,000. Grant monies set aside for building rehab are available and will be used for this repair work. The Committee further recommends that staff contract with industry experts to find the root cause of this recurring problem. Motion was made and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**VIII. Chair's Report:** Chair Williams expressed her appreciation to those who attended the Board Retreat. She stated that she was proud to recently have had the pleasure to accept the 2009 Best New Bike/Pedestrian Friendly Development Award from Walk/Bike Nashville on behalf of MTA. With that in mind, Chair Williams asked if MTA could arrange to have unclaimed bikes from the lost and found donated to community groups that could put these bikes to good use.

**IX. Chief Executive Officer's Report:** Paul Ballard reported the following:

- In September the Senior Staff spent 36% of their time on RTA matters. A large portion of that time revolved around the spending of the stimulus which is a very time sensitive activity.
- RTA ran a demonstration train to Lakewood for two weeks sponsored by the Marketing Committee of the RTA and designed to generate interest in the Music City Star garnering great media coverage.
- The Titans train ridership has thus far not achieved break even.
- There was an emergency practice session at Hermitage Station earlier in the week with a simulated bus/train collision.
- The RTA Board voted to begin commuter service to Williamson County.
- Regional bus service to Williamson County will start December 1<sup>st</sup> with three trips in the morning and three trips at night to Franklin/Brentwood, Thompson Station and Spring Hill. A five year contractual service with Gray Line Nashville for these services was put into place.
- The November and December MTA meetings will be one week earlier.
- The TPTA state conference is set to begin next week with a great program and great participation – registration higher than last time.

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.