

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on Thursday, June 21, 2018 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (14): Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Durante, Sager

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on May 17, 2018

Director Lewis moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on May 17, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Durante, Sager

Chairman's Report

Mr. Jim Derwinski, Metra CEO and Peter Zwolfer, Metra VP of Operations provided the RTA Board with an update on the federally unfunded mandate for Positive Train Control (PTC). Following a 2008 head-on collision between a Metrolink commuter train and a freight train in which 25 passengers died, Congress enacted a regulation requiring all passenger and freight trains carrying hazardous materials to install Positive Train Control (PTC) by the end of 2015. For the industry this covered 11 freight and 30 passenger railroads. At the time, PTC was a technology that was not yet developed. As the end of 2015 approached, despite all the resources put forth, PTC was not yet fully operational on any railroad. Therefore, Congress granted an extension of the implementation to 2018, or later, if certain conditions were met. For Metra, the deployment will cost about \$400 million, with the added operational cost of \$10 million to \$15 million annually. Metra has PTC components fully installed along the right of way and on all locomotives, cab cars and Electric Line cars by October 2018. In June, a new BNSF schedule was deployed to account for the additional time needed to set up the PTC on the line. This resulted in some overcrowding, which required adjustments to lengths of several of the trainsets. By October 2018, Metra will be in revenue service demonstration on its Rock Island Line. Metra will be applying this year for an extension, which will allow it until the end of 2020 to have PTC fully implemented. Metra plans to be fully deployed/certified in mid-2020 or earlier.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Leanne Redden reported through the end of May that the State owes the RTA \$452.5 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 11 months behind on ASA, 13 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 11 months behind on PTF. The year to date cost of short-term debt is \$2.0 million.

The Illinois General Assembly adjourned for the summer on May 31st, but not before passing a bi-partisan fiscal year 2019 budget agreement. The budget still contains a reduction of the statutory state sales tax matching formula (PTF) for FY 2019, however the cut has been rolled back from 10% in FY 2018 to a 5% for FY 2019. As a result, the region should have approximately \$20 million more available in state matching funding (not accounting for the potential for sales tax growth in 2019).

Similarly, the Illinois Department of Revenue administrative collection fee that was instituted in FY 2018 has been rolled back from a 2% fee to a 1.5% fee. As a result, the region should have approximately \$6 million more sales tax revenue available for state fiscal year 2019 (not accounting for the potential for sales tax growth in 2019)

The budget agreement contains \$17.5 million of reduced fare reimbursement, similar to the previous four fiscal years, as well as \$8.4 million in ADA paratransit funding. Also included is \$131 million in SCIP bond reimbursement funding.

In Washington, the majority of May and early June were focused on the Transportation-Housing & Urban Development (T-HUD) spending bill for FY 2019.

Ms. Redden then explained that June 21st was Dump the Pump Day. The RTA along with the CTA, Metra and Pace are celebrating the 13th annual National Dump the Pump Day. This event is nationally supported by the American Public Transportation Association, encouraging everyone to give up their cars for a day and explore alternative forms of transportation. Cubic Transportation Systems, the developer of Ventra™ is a supporting sponsor. The RTA provided free cups of coffee and donuts to transit riders during morning rush hour at three transit locations.

Consent Agenda

Director Ross moved, and Director Pang seconded the adoption of the following ordinances from the Consent Agenda:

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| 2018-32 | The first ordinance authorizes the execution of federal formula funding allocation |
| 2018-33 | attachments to the Letter of Understanding (LOU) agreements between Northeastern |
| 2018-34 | Illinois and Northwestern Indiana and between Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern |
| | Wisconsin to reflect their share of the region's full FFY 2018 federal funding allocations |
| | for the following federal transit formula programs: Federal \$5307 including \$5340 |
| | formula program, \$5337 State of Good Repair, \$5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, and \$5310 |

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. The second ordinance approves the amendment to the 2018-2022 Capital Program and incorporates changes in program revenue and expenditures for CTA and Metra. The third ordinance approves time extensions for implementation of CTA, Metra, and Pace's Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects.

2018-35 This ordinance approves the 2017 Combining Financial Report for the RTA and the Service Boards and certifies compliance with the RTA Act recovery ratio requirement for 2017.

2018-36 This ordinance approves and releases the RTA 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Durante, Sager

Contracts/Expenditure Items

Director Troiani moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following ordinances, as well as the approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

2018-37 This ordinance the execution of a contract amendment with Valid Identity Solutions, LLC for the production of Reduced Fare and Ride Free Permits. The original term of this contract was March 1, 2013 through March 1, 2018 and was extended until September 1, 2018 earlier in 2018 without adding additional funds to the contract amount of \$2,900,000.00. This amendment would extend the current contract from September 1, 2018 until February 28, 2019, and increase the contract amount by \$415,000.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Durante, Sager

Special Action Items

Director Fuentes moved, and Director Troiani seconded the adoption of the following ordinance as submitted:

2018-38 This ordinance authorizes the RTA to acquire a parcel of land with a common address of 5057 South Wentworth Avenue/160 West 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60609 (the Subject Property), using its authority to exercise eminent domain on behalf of Metra. The ordinance also authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metra related to the acquisition, in substantially the form attached hereto.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Durante, Sager

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Board of Directors, Director Melvin moved, and Director Coulson seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote.

The public portion of meeting ended at 10:10 p.m.

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Secretary of the Authority