

**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, September 13, 2018 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (13): Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Anderson, Pang

Vacancies (1): Kane County

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2018

Director Frega moved, and Director Sager seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson, Pang

Ms. Leanne Redden reported through the end of August that the State owes the RTA \$444.8 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 14 months behind on ASA, 14 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 9.9 months behind on PTF. The YTD cost of short-term debt is \$4.7 million.

The State Legislature is out of session until November of this year. In Washington, the House and Senate are now both back in session; however, they are focusing on executive branch nominations, spending bills and smaller legislative action.

Last month, the RTA released its annual Community Planning Program Implementation Report. The report was developed by asking communities who completed a plan through the program to identify any policy changes or infrastructure improvements that were put in place to support the plan recommendations. In addition, communities were asked to list any new developments that were approved, under construction, or completed in their suburban TOD area during the previous calendar year. By providing funds and technical assistance to

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complete plans, as well as support to implement those plans, the work of the RTA's Community Planning program has encouraged municipalities in the region to develop walkable and more sustainable communities near transit stations and along transit corridors. The RTA currently has an active Call for Projects open, with applications from local governments due October 26.

Ms. Redden then reported that RTA staff attended several outreach events aimed at promoting transit as a way to get back to school and promoted the CTA free ride on the first day of school offer. On September 22nd, staff will participate in Car Free Day. Also, staff will continue to talk about regional funding needs and educate residents about the Regional Transit Strategic Plan. Regional transit leaders have been invited to discuss our region's transit future at an Executive Clubs Civic Affairs Forum in October. Chairman Dillard will be on a panel with McDonald's communications chief Robert Gibbs and Senate President John Cullerton hosted by MPC later in October.

Update on RTA Transit Access Citizens' Advisory Board

Mr. Michael VanDekreke, Director, Mobility Services provided an update on the activities of the RTA Transit Access Citizens' Advisory Committee (RTACAB) on behalf of the Committee's Chairman, Greg Polman who was unable to be in attendance. Mr. VanDekreke indicated that the last meeting of the RTACAB was July 17, 2018. During this meeting, in addition to the regular updates on the status of the Mobility Services Department programs and RTA's legislative activities, RTA staff provided information on the RTA Eligibility Review Board (ERB) and a new educational video series. The ERB is a board that convenes to listen to and deliberate over customer appeals of their eligibility decision for ADA paratransit. The RTA requested that the RTACAB assist the RTA in recruitment of community members to be representatives on the ERB. In addition, staff provided a presentation on a new Mobility Management Video Series that was created to provide information to customers and community based program providers on transportation options throughout the region. The videos are meant to increase knowledge about accessible fixed route possibilities, options for transportation services in each community, and various tips on using transit.

Director Magalis asked how many people appeal their ADA paratransit certification decision and what is the rate of decisions being overturned upon appeal. Mr. VanDekreke explained that due to a robust up-front screening process, many customer self-select out of the program before submitting their applications, which results in a lower rate of customers being found ineligible. However, the appeal rate is just over 1% of all applicants, and of that 1%, less than 20% of decisions are over-turned by the ERB.

Director Magalis also asked for additional information on the RTA's decision to close the Travel Information Center (TIC) on Sundays as of September 16, 2018. Mr. VanDekreke stated that between 2013 and 2017 there has been an 80% decline in call volume. The RTA attributes this to the availability of travel information from other sources, such as third party apps. In

addition, CTA stops and stations now have next bus/next train information, which has reduced calls requesting this information. In addition, Sundays have the lowest call volume at TIC and regional ridership is also the lowest on Sundays. Due to these and other TIC staffing related issues, the decision was made to eliminate Sunday service at TIC. The center will continue to operate Monday through Saturday from 6 am until 7 pm.

Metra Update

Mr. Peter Zwolfer spoke about the two incidents that occurred on August 20th and August 27th involving a major service disruption each day to our BNSF and SWS customers. He assured the Board that Metra was fully engaged, as well as Amtrak in containing the crowds considering the challenging layout at CUS. He also spoke about the Van Buren Street station and the major capital needs at this location. Mr. Zwolfer also touched on the BNSF A/C issues they experienced earlier in the summer. He assured the Board those problems have been resolved and Metra was programming money in the budget to replace the units in 30 cars used on the BNSF to be completed by spring of 2019.

Mr. Bruce Marcheschi provided an update on Metra's current progress and status of PTC. He explained that Metra was ahead of schedule to complete the milestones necessary for the extension to 2020. He also talked about the progress that the BNSF is making with commissioning PTC, and also the upcoming implementation by the UP.

Consent Agenda

Director Magalis moved, and Director Frega seconded the adoption of the following ordinances from the Consent Agenda:

- 2018-49 This ordinance approves the amendment to the 2018-2022 Capital Program and incorporates changes in program revenue and expenditures for CTA and Pace.

- 2018-50 This ordinance approves time extensions for implementation of CTA, Metra, and Pace's Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects.

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

13 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson, Pang

Contracts/Expenditure Items

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

2018-51 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract with AT&T for voice and data network services. The services will be provided for a term of sixty (60) months following activation and for an amount not to exceed \$732,500.

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

13 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson, Pang

Executive Session

Ms. Nadine Lacombe, RTA General Counsel cited Section 2(c)(5) – Real Estate and Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel as the reasons for the closed session. Chairman Dillard pointed out the Board would return to open session afterwards for an action item.

Director Higgins moved, and Director Durante seconded that the Board move into Executive Session.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote at 9:40 a.m.

13 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson, Pang

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Item coming out of Executive Session

Director Coulson moved, and Director Durante seconded the adoption of the following ordinance as submitted:

2018-52 This ordinance authorizes the RTA to acquire a parcel of land with a common address of 1825-1929 North La Fox Street, South Elgin, Illinois 60177 (the Subject Property), using its authority to exercise eminent domain on behalf of Pace. The ordinance also authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pace related to the acquisition

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

13 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson, Pang

ADJOURNMENT

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

The public portion of meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority