

**SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES – June 22, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Buhl Building, 535 Griswold, Suite 600, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

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| SMART Board of Directors: | Chairman | Mr. Gerald Poisson |
| | Vice-Chairman | Mr. Abdul Haidous |
| | | Mr. Robert Daddow |
| | | Mr. Khalil Rahal |
| | | Mr. Royce Maniko |
| | | Ms. Melissa Roy |
| Absent Board Members: | | Mr. John Paul Rea |
| SMART Board Secretary: | | Ms. Tiffany Martin-Patterson |
| SMART General Manager: | | Mr. John Hertel (Excused Absence) |
| SMART Staff Present: | | Ms. Colleen Astalos |
| | | Mr. Fred Barbret |
| | | Mr. Ron Beier |
| | | Mr. Robert Cramer |
| | | Ms. Beverly Crockett |
| | | Mr. Stephen Dobbins |
| | | Mr. Mel Evans |
| | | Mr. John Foster |
| | | Ms. Karen Foster |
| | | Ms. Beth Gibbons |
| | | Mr. Avery Gordon |
| | | Mr. Ian Holme |
| | | Ms. Lynette Hurt |
| | | Mr. Joe Kim |
| | | Mr. Keith Taylor |
| | | Mr. Darrell Taylor |
| | | Ms. Madonna Van Fossen |
| | | Ms. Malindia Westbrook |

Ms. Brenda Ynclan

Public Registered:	Passenger	Mr. Eugene Conway
	HNTB	Jeremy Papuga
	Motor City Freedom Riders	Mr. Joel Batterman
	Motor City Freedom Riders	Mr. Idrees Mauhr

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gerald Poisson called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Gerald Poisson, Vice-Chairman Abdul Haidous, Mr. Khalil Rahal, Mr. Royce Maniko, Ms. Melissa Roy and Mr. Robert Daddow

Absent: Mr. John Paul Rea

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, to approve the Agenda for June 22, 2017.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Certification of Public Notice

The Secretary read the Public Notice into the record.

5. Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Abdul Haidous, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, to approve the Board Meeting minutes from May 25, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Public Participation

Chairman Gerald Poisson declared the meeting open for Public Participation.

DISCUSSION:

- Joel Batterman – Mr. Batterman suggested SMART Board members ride SMART busses in their counties and survey the service and riders. He also voiced his concerns regarding lack of service on 13 Mile Road and stated that he is looking forward to the RTA proposal being on the ballot in 2018.

7. Chairman’s Report

DISCUSSION:

None

8. General Manager’s Report

DISCUSSION:

None

9. Financial Report

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. Abdul Haidous, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, hereby receive and file the 3rd Quarter Financial Report.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Foster provided an overview of the report. There were no questions.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

10. New Business

A. Resolution: Standing Resolution Setting Regular Board Meetings

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Maniko, seconded by Mr. Abdul Haidous, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, hereby adopts the foregoing schedule as its own for Fiscal Year 2018.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Section 5310 Scheduling Software for MyRide2 Mobility Management Service

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. Abdul Haidous, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract to Kevadiya Inc. for the purchase of scheduling software for The Area Agency on Aging 1-B Mobility Management Service. The amount of the contract is estimated at \$174,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Poisson stated that AAA 1B is the recipient of this grant funding, however he is disappointed the RTA has decided to take discretionary funding away from SMART and retain it to increase the funding for MyRide2 program for the City of Detroit. He stated he understands that the funding is needed for the City of Detroit, however it is also needed in the cities that were previously receiving the funding. There are transit needs everywhere. He expects staff to vigorously oppose these types of decisions in the future.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Storage and Computer Server Equipment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Abdul Haidous, seconded by Mr. Robert Daddow, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for the purchase of storage and computer server equipment from UTEC. The amount of the contract is estimated at \$67,899.00.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Resolution: Authorization to Execute an Agreement with the RTA for Reflex Service through December 31, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to execute a Pass-Through Agreement with the RTA for Reflex Service along Gratiot through December 31, 2017. The value of the agreement is estimated to be \$1,438,198.00.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Poisson informed the Board that Staff provided the answers to Mr. Daddow's questions prior to the Board meeting by way of email. Below are the questions and answers as follows:

1. Is the funding secured now?

The RTA has tentative approval for the CMAQ money from SEMCOG. We're confident based on meetings that we have been a part of that their CMAQ will be approved.

2. Have they honored their prior agreements? Are they current with the amounts owed to SMART?

Yes. They have been submitting our invoices to MDOT, and promptly send along remittance as soon as MDOT sends it to them.

3. How has the Reflex service impacted the SMART line haul service on Gratiot?

There is a general downward trend in ridership system-wide (but not on all routes), which makes it very difficult to establish a direct relationship between ridership on Gratiot and the Reflex ridership. It is still safe to assume that the vast majority of Reflex riders would be riding local Gratiot and Woodward service if Reflex was not available, but they may also still be making a connection to another SMART route. The good news in the latest agreement is that SMART keeps all of the farebox revenue generated by Gratiot Reflex without having to apply any of it to deferring the cost of service – removing the potential negative financial impacts inherent to your question.

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4. And, they still aren't investing in marketing to expand the service - does this bode well longer term on the larger transit projects if they can't get something that simple right?

It does not bode well for future RTA projects.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Resolution: Authorization to Make Payment for Closure Provision of Leased Bus Tire Contract

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Mr. Abdul Haidous, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to make payment for the one-time contract closure provision to purchase Goodyear fixed-route bus tires in SMART's possession. The total cost is \$630,003.00

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Poisson asked if there was an exchange for the value.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Board Member Business

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Poisson stated that due to the Boulevard & Trumbull Towing Federal indictment, he asked Staff to review SMART's contract with them and to seek cancellation of the contract with SMART.

Mr. Maniko attended the TEAMCOG meeting on behalf of SMART. He thanked the Board for appointing him to the Board and Mr. Cramer for attending the meeting on his behalf when he was not available.

Mr. Cramer thanked Mr. Foster, SMART Finance Director for his service at SMART and wished him well on his retirement.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany C. Martin-Patterson
Secretary to the Board of Directors