

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

APPROVED MINUTES – August 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) was held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Buhl Building, 535 Griswold, Suite 600, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

SMART Board of Directors:

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| Chairman | Mr. Abdul Haidous |
| Vice-Chairman | Mr. John Paul Rea |
| | Mr. Robert Daddow |
| | Mr. Royce Maniko (VIA Conference Call) |
| | Ms. Melissa Roy |
| | Mr. Khalil Rahal |

Absent Board Members: Mr. Gerald Poisson

SMART Board Secretary: Ms. Tiffany Martin-Patterson

SMART General Manager: Mr. John Hertel

SMART Staff Present:

- Mr. Brandon Adolph
- Mr. Fred Barbret
- Mr. Ronald Beier
- Mr. Robert Cramer
- Mr. Steve Dobbins
- Ms. Beth Gibbons
- Mr. Avery Gordon
- Mr. Dustin Hagfors
- Ms. Melissa Hightower
- Mr. Ian Holme
- Ms. Lynette Hurt
- Ms. Carol Jones
- Mr. David Sabuda
- Ms. Kirsten Silwanowicz
- Ms. Leeya Sutter
- Mr. Darrell Taylor
- Mr. Keith Taylor
- Ms. Patty Waling
- Ms. Malindia Westbrook
- Ms. Brenda Ynclan

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| Public Registered: | Passenger Mackinaw Administrators Farmington Transit Riders United Motor City Freedom Riders | Mr. Eugene Conway Mr. Bill Brown Mr. Mike Lewis Ms. Megan Owens Mr. Mason Herson-Hort |
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1. Call to Order

Chairman Abdul Haidous called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Abdul Haidous, Vice-Chairman John Paul Rea, Mr. Robert Daddow, Ms. Melissa Roy, Mr. Royce Maniko, and Mr. Kahlil Rahal

Absent: Mr. Gerald Poisson

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Kahlil Rahal, seconded by Mr. Robert Daddow, to approve the Agenda for August 23, 2018 meeting.

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. Board Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. Khalil Rahal, to approve the meeting minutes for July 26, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Public Participation

Chairman Abdul Haidous declared the meeting open for Public Participation.

DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Mason Herson-Hort, Motor City Freedom Riders
Mr. Herson-Hort requested SMART's leadership become more active in the next millage campaign.

- Mr. Mike Lewis, City of Farmington
Mr. Lewis distributed a document regarding SMART's bus transfer policy to the Board. He then voiced his concerns about SMART's Dial-a-Ride service and SMART's bus transfer policy. He also reminded the Board of the voting power of senior citizens.

- Mr. Eugene Conway, Passenger
Mr. Conway informed the Board that DDOT is changing some of their route numbers.

7. Chairman's Report

DISCUSSION:

None

8. General Manager's Report

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hertel informed the Board of the results of the successful millage vote for each county. He stated that there was a marginal increase of votes for Macomb County from 23 to 39 votes and that a recount was requested, which will take place in about three weeks.

Mr. Hertel was invited by Mike Duggan to a press conference on August 23, 2018 to announce the coordination and adjustments to passes and transfers which will allow seamless use of both systems. DDOT and SMART have been discussing this concept for over 2 years and will now enter the public involvement portion that will see the details ironed out. Final proposals will be brought to the respective bodies in the fall. Chairman Haidous and Mr. Rahal asked about Wayne County being notified of SMART's participation in this event. Mr. Hertel stated that Mr. Dave Massaron with the City of Detroit discussed the event with SMART and he informed Mr. Rahal as well. Mr. Rahal suggested that Chairman Haidous could attend as well.

Ms. Roy asked if there was an offer from the private community in Macomb County to help with a Yes Campaign, on behalf of SMART. Mr. Hertel said "No", there was no communication of any kind.

Mr. Hertel also reported on the following:

- SMART participated in the Dream Cruise with a free shuttle on the main event day. Initial responses have been very positive from both riders and SMART employees.
- FAST Ridership for July showed a continued growth in ridership year-over-year. Across all three FAST routes, weekday ridership is up over 34% compared to July 2017. Woodward FAST continues to grow the most compared to last year, with July ridership on the Woodward corridor growing 62% weekdays, 92% Saturdays and 75% Sundays.
- Started to take delivery of 22 new propane Connector buses (4 already in service) and approximately 50 gasoline community vehicles. These buses will take older, high-mileage small buses off the road and replace them with new, clean buses.

Human Resources

- Scheduled meetings with each of SMART's unions to begin contract negotiations.

Retirements in August, 2018:

1 Mechanic will retire in August, 2018

Filled Positions:

- 1 Mechanic
- 3 Coach Service & Shelter Attendants
- 1 Governmental Accountant

A. Resolution: Approval by the SMART Board of Nominating Committee Appointments

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby approves the appointment of Ms. Melissa Roy, Macomb County, Mr. Khalil Rahal, Wayne County and Mr. Robert Daddow, Oakland County, to the Nominating Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Board requested a Nominating Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday, September 27 at 1:45 PM.

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

B. Resolution: Authorization to Appoint Voting Delegates to the MERS Annual Conference

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, that the Board directs the General Manager to execute all documents necessary to ensure the appointment of David L. Sabuda, SMART Finance Director, as the Officer Delegate and Joe Kim, Manager of Compensation and Benefits, as the Officer Delegate Alternate as SMART representatives in the annual Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) executive board election process.

DISCUSSION:

None

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

C. Resolution: Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefit Act (PA 202 of 2017 – Application for Corrective Action Plan – Retirement Other Post Employment and Health Benefit System - SMART

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Robert Daddow, seconded by Mr. John Paul Rea, that the Board hereby approves the submittal of a Corrective Action Plan application to the State of Michigan, State Treasury, and Municipal Stability Advisory Board which includes:

1. Maintaining a Defined Contribution Retiree Health Care program for all eligible active employees as they retire and continuing pensioner contributions for retiree health care benefits received as required; and
2. Continuing to pay the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPRB) monthly pay-as-you-go contribution; and
3. Contributing an additional retiree OPRB Health System financial commitment of a minimum of \$4.1 million dollars annually over and above the Authority's pay-as-you-go OPRB costs starting in fiscal year 2018/19; and
4. The minimum financial commitment will be reviewed annually by the Authority's Budget Committee and the Authority's actuary bi-annually to determine if a larger financial commitment is required or if affordability of the financial commitment becomes an issue for the Authority's Annual Operating Budget.

It is further resolved that the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute State Treasury document 5597 Corrective Action Plan – Retirement Health Benefit Systems.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Sabuda informed the Board that the Corrective Action Plan application was received on May 17, 2018. SMART has 180 days to submit the application. Mr. Daddow informed the Board that most applications were denied. He requested Mr. Sabuda submit the application as is.

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

D. Resolution: Authorization to Award Interim Contracts for LETC Management Services Contract

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, that the Board authorizes the General Manager to award an interim, three month contract to First Transit, Inc. for LETC's Management Services from September 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 for a cost not to exceed \$80,728.00.

DISCUSSION:

None

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

E. Resolution: Authorization to Award an Interim Contract for Towing Services

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. John Paul Rea, that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the General Manager to award interim contracts with Boulevard & Trumbull Towing and Joey's Towing and Recovery for three months. The contract would provide service through September 30, 2018 with cost for all contracts not to exceed \$17,700.00.

DISCUSSION:

None

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

F. Resolution: FY2019 Unified Work Program

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Melissa Roy, seconded by Mr. John Paul Rea, that the Authority's FY'2019 Unified Work Program referred to herein is approved and that John Hertel, General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is authorized to execute a negotiated project agreement with SEMCOG for \$318,806 of FTA Section 8 technical studies funds; represent that \$70,694 is available for the local match of these funds; and to negotiate, as may be required, the scope, cost, emphasis, etc. of the content of this program.

DISCUSSION:

None

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

9. Board Member Business

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Maniko informed the Board that the Millage in Monroe County for Bedford Township was renewed by 70%.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Board member Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Mr. Khalil Rahal, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Martin-Patterson
Secretary to the Board of Directors