

MINUTES

1300th Meeting of the Board of Directors December 15, 2005

Mr. Kauffman called the meeting to order at 11:17 A.M. Present were:

DIRECTORS

Mr. Dana Kauffman Mrs. Gladys Mack Mr. Jim Graham Mr. Robert Smith

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman

Mr. Charles Deegan

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Mr. William Euille Mr. Daniel Tangherlini Mr. Marcel Solomon Mrs. Catherine Hudgins Mr. Gordon Linton

STAFF

Mr. Richard White
Mr. James Hughes
Mr. Takis Salpeas
Mr. Edward Thomas
Mr. Carol O'Keeffe
Mr. Charles Woodruff
Mr. William Scott
Mr. Frederick Goodine
Mr. Polly Hanson
Mr. Judy O'Leary

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of November 17, 2005 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

One person spoke during the public comment period conducted at this meeting:

1. Mr. McRae, General Counsel representing the Central Prince Georges County Community Development Corporation expressed concern regarding the proposed development at the Morgan Blvd. Station Request for Proposal.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN:

A. <u>Approval of Resolution to Appoint Members to the Riders Advisory Council (RAC)</u>:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to the request for approval to appoint members to the Riders Advisory Council. The six council members selected from the District of Columbia are: Katy Chang, William Justin Chittlams, Dennis Jaffe, Don Pardou, Mary Williams, and Lataya Young. The six council members selected from Maryland are: Denise Brown, Sharon Conn, Rodney Elin, Susan Holland, Hitoshi Sakamoto, and Michael Snyder. The six council members selected from Virginia are: Mary Blyther, Stephen Cerny, Pedro Erviti, Nancy lacomini, Charles Metcalf, and Lillian White. The three selected at-large council members are: the Chair of the WMATA Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, Patrick Sheehan, Manel Lacorte, and Kevin Moore.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the appointment of the members to the RAC. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-51) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Kauffman noted the first RAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at WMATA in the Jackson Graham Building meeting room.

REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Mr. White referred the Board to the *Metro Board Digest* for December 2005, highlighting the following items:

 Mr. White reported Metrorail established three line management teams this year to take responsibility for all rail transportation activities on specific rail lines, as one part of a comprehensive program to improve rail reliability. The initiative started on the Red Line, our oldest and busiest line, in May. The Blue/Orange Line team followed in September, and last week the Green/Yellow Line team reported to work. We appointed three WMATA veterans to lead each team. Both Red Line Service Director BJ Jones and the newly appointed Green/Yellow Line Service Director Rita Davis have been with Metro for 31 years. Blue/Orange Line Service Director Charlie Dziduch has put in 27 years with Metro. The line service directors are responsible for directing and supervising all employees who work on their respective lines, including train operators, station managers, custodians and customer service representatives. They also have responsibility for management of the various rail transportation divisions and facilities on their lines, and rail service planning and analysis.

- Mr. White reported early winter snowfalls tested WMATA's readiness. On December 5 and 8, we put our snow-readiness to test when the region received a few inches of snowfall twice during the same week. Though snow accumulations fell short of predictions, Metro had approximately 700 employees available to support snow removal efforts around the clock. Metrorail service was generally unaffected by the early December snowfalls. Most Metrobus service ran on schedule, however, several Metrobuses in northern Virginia were confined to main roads on the morning of December 6 because of icy conditions on side streets. Today WMATA will begin running peak service at 1:00 p.m. due to the predicted precipitation.
- Mr. White reported on Wednesday, December 14, we held the third annual Metro Behind the Scenes workshop on snow operations. Nearly 50 representatives of major area employers registered for the workshop that provided participants with the inner workings of Metro and about the federal government's decisions on closings during snowstorms. For the first time, a representative from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management—the federal agency that decides on closings or early dismissals in case of inclement weather-participated in the workshop, discussing what the agency considers in making those decisions.
- Mr. White thanked the Board of Directors for joining us on December 1, when we dedicated a 1957 historic Metrobus to the life and legacy of Rosa Parks as part of a national tribute to the icon whose refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus, sparked the civil rights movement. The American Public Transportation Association declared December

- 1 "A National Transit Tribute to Rosa Parks Day" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Parks' courageous act of civil disobedience that triggered the 1955 bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. Decals featuring the likeness of Parks, along with inscriptions honoring her, appear both on the inside and outside of the Rosa Parks Metrobus. The interior plaque reads: "The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority dedicates this bus to the life and legacy of Rosa Parks, 1913-2005, the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement on the Fiftieth Anniversary of her act of defiance that changed the course of history and inspired us all." The 1957 bus also has been driven in the past three presidential inauguration parades and other special events throughout the region.
- Mr. White thanked the Board Members for attending the 23rd Annual Employee Awards Ceremony yesterday, December 14. Metro recognized the outstanding achievements of our employees. This year's theme, "Employees of Distinction," highlighted the efforts of both individuals and teams who have excelled in their professional roles during the year. The two highest awards were presented to: Mr. Harold Bartlett who received the Jackson Graham Memorial Award for Extraordinary Achievement and Mr. Clark McKenzie who received the Carmen E. Turner Memorial Award for Extraordinary Achievement.

Mr. Euille stated the City of Alexandria requires a Certificate of Occupancy for the new King Street station entrance, and he requested that WMATA comply with all regulations and codes in the future.

REPORT BY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- A. <u>Approval of Resolution for Parking Facility Collection Time Change At All Pay-on-Exit Parking Facilities</u>:
- Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval to authorize a system-wide time change for parking facilities revenue collection at "pay-on-exit" stations from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, effective January 2, 2006.
- Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board approve the parking facility collection time change at all pay-on-exit parking facilities. This motion was unanimously approved.
- Ayes: 6 Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-52) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Zimmerman noted staff briefed the Committee on two information items: 1) Strategies to Improve Passenger Flow on Platforms and at Stations; and 2) Space Utilization Master Plan.

REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:

A. <u>Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 Infrastructure Renewal Program</u> to Include Three Projects:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 IRP by \$23.5M to include an increase in funding for three projects: 1) add \$10M to Information Technology Renewal Program (ITRP) for continuation of its implementation; 2) increase the budget for Regional Fare Integration project by \$12.5M to implement Next Fare 4; 3) provide \$1M to Fire Alarm Systems to ratify expenditures for existing work and to provide funds for the remaining work. Staff identified \$45.2M of available funds in IRP from FY04 and prior, and requested to use \$23.5M for the three projects. The funding request of \$12M and contract action for the Carmen E. Turner Facility build-out was deferred by the Committee. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the Resolution to amend the FY06 Infrastructure Renewal Program. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-53) has been made a part of the official file.

B. <u>Approval of Funding for Programmatic Approval For The Continuance of the ITRP Implementation Efforts:</u>

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval of additional funding of \$10M: \$3M for scope increases; \$4M for infrastructure requirements; \$3M for implementation delays. The additional funds will increase the budget from \$40.8M to \$50.8M. The Administration Committee was briefed in October 2005 on the ITRP status and the additional funding requirement.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the program level funding for the continuation of the ITRP implementation efforts. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

C. <u>Approval of Contract Ratification to Complete Jackson Graham Building</u> (JGB) Fire Alarm System Regulatory Requirements:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval of a contract ratification and increase funding to complete JGB fire alarm system regulatory requirements. In June 2005, the DC fire Marshall inspected and found that the fire alarm system in JGB was non-functioning. The Authority was given 30 days to implement corrective actions or risk closure of the building. Due to the urgency, the work completed to date was done on emergency authority basis. Staff requested \$1M to ratify expenditures for work which had already been performed, and to provide funds for the remaining work.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the contract ratification to complete Jackson Graham Building fire alarm system regulatory requirements. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

Mrs. Mack noted the staff briefed the Committee on the September financial highlights; status report Performance Based Budgeting; proposed FY07 Operating and Capital Budgets.

REPORT BY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Resolution for Provision to WMATA's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM) Section 6.5, Paid Leave (Military Leave):

Mr. Deegan referred the Board to the request for approval of an additional provision to Section 6.5 of WMATA's PPPM permitting a pay supplement to those non-represented employees called for military duty, effective January 1, 2006. This provision would provide a pay supplement to those non-represented employees who are called for military duty. This pay supplement would be equal to the difference between their military base pay (plus allowances) and their WMATA salary. There is currently no provision for payment of this kind of a benefit in either WMATA policies or union contracts. The District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Virginia and State of Maryland all provide for a pay supplement to employees called for military duty. This benefit will also be offered to represented employees through their union representation.

Mr. Deegan moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the Resolution of an additional provision to Section 6.5 of WMATA's PPPM permitting a pay supplement to those non-represented employees called for

military duty, effective January 1, 2006. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-54) has been made a part of the official file.

B. Approval of Resolution to Amend WMATA/Local 2 Retirement Plan:

Mr. Deegan referred the Board to the request for approval of a Resolution to amend WMATA/Local 2 Retirement Plan to ensure the Plan's continued compliance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) by making lump sum payments of small benefits a participant election. On November 10, 2005, Local 2 agreed to modify Section 12.05 in the WMATA/Local 2 Retirement Plan making it a participant election.

Mr. Deegan moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board approve the Resolution to amend WMATA/Local 2 Retirement Plan be restated to ensure the Plan's continued compliance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-55) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Deegan noted due to time constraints the Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Report (Federal Fiscal Year 2005) information item was postponed for presentation at the next Administration Committee meeting.

REPORT BY CUSTOMER SERVICE, OPERATIONS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

A. <u>Approval of Resolution for Car Deployment Strategy Improving Throughput on the Orange Line</u>:

Mr. Smith referred the Board to the request for approval of establishing a six-month demonstration program to operate the Orange Line with a minor adjustment in the number of trains to eight car trains. This program will reduce the overall number of peak hour trains on the Orange Line while maintaining the same number of rail cars and throughput capacity. The goal of this demonstration program is to improve reliability.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve

the Car Deployment Strategy. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Zimmerman noted the program will begin mid-to-late January 2006, and he requested a status report update after 30 days of the demonstration program.

Mr. Linton noted even-though the program will operate on the Orange Line the improvements should benefit the Blue Line riders, as well.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-56) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Smith noted staff briefed the Committee on three information items: 1) Re-Engineering Call Handling and Complaint Processing; 2) Rail Performance Update; and 3) Status and Tracking System for Implementing APTA Peer Review Recommendations - Quarterly Update.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to eight Administrative Actions. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board approve in block Administrative Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8. Administrative Items 5, 6, 7 were considered separately.

1. Approval to Exercise the Final Options for Car Sharing Contracts:

Approval is requested to authorize the General Manager to exercise the final options of the Car Sharing contracts with Flexcar and Zipcar subject to continued satisfactory performance.

2. <u>Approval of Settlement to Close-out Largo Stations & Parking Facilities</u>
Contract:

Approval is requested for the issuance of a contract modification in the amount of \$287,812 with no contract time extension to resolve all outstanding contract issues under Contract No. 1G0041 Largo Stations and Parking Facilities.

3. <u>Award - Contract to Install Scour Countermeasures at WMATA's Four</u> Piers of Potomac River Bridge: Approval is requested for additional funding from FY07 to award a competitive contract to install Scour Countermeasures at four piers of Potomac River Bridge of Metro.

4. <u>Modify - Contract for Rohr Car Fleet AC Traction Motor Rewind & Approval of Additional Funding:</u>

Approval is requested to modify Contract F05032, Rohr Car Fleet AC Traction Motor Rewind, to purchase ten new motors, rewind four additional motors that were provided to WMATA under the Breda/GE settlement offer, and to repair or replace out-of-scope defective parts that have been discovered in many of the motors. Approval is requested for additional quality control support from Booz Allen Hamilton to oversee Contract F05032, which will be provided under the Vehicle Engineering Consultant Services Contract.

8. Approval of International Travel for Two WMATA Employees to Regensburg, Germany to Review Plant Operations & Schedule for Transformer Equipment:

Approval is requested for international travel to Germany for Rick Shiflet, Project Manager and Moustapha Ouattara, Assistant Chief Engineer to review the plant operations and schedule for transformer equipment associated with the implementation of the Metro Matters Traction Power Upgrade.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve Administrative Items #1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 listed above. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

5. Approval of Resolution to Waiver Sovereign Immunity in Connection with Exercise of Eminent Domain Powers by the District of Columbia:

Approval is requested for the relocation of the bus parking facility from the current location and authorize staff to waive WMATA's immunity from condemnation of its leasehold interest by the District of Columbia subject to the District's agreement to pay the reasonable and necessary operating and capital costs of relocating the bus parking lot for the Southeast Bus Garage. This motion was unanimously approved.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-57) has been made a part of the official file.

6. Approval of Resolution to Use \$500,000 From The (District of Columbia)

TIIF or Other Unallocated District Funds Held by WMATA for Navy Yard
Improvements Design Work:

Approval is requested for the use of \$500,000 in TIIF or other unallocated District funds held by the Authority to begin detailed design work on the proposed installation of an elevator and additional stairs at the west entrance of the Navy Yard Metrorail station, installation of additional fare gates, and the expansion of the station platform; and that such amount be charged against the TIIF allocation controlled by the District of Columbia.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to amended the motion that the Navy Yard improvements design work will "not exceed \$500,000". This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Linton noted this action is for the approval of the District of Columbia's use of TIIF allocation and "design work" only, and it does not commit WMATA to any building improvements.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2005-58) has been made a part of the official file.

7. Approval to Negotiate & Execute Lease with PEPCO For Metrobus Parking:

Approval is requested to negotiate and execute a lease with Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) property in Lot 805, Square 661, 1st and R Streets, SW Washington, DC for Metrobus parking.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board approve Administrative Items #5, 6, 7 and contingent upon the outcome of District of Columbia's Council baseball stadium lease proposal vote next Tuesday. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

REPORT BY NVTC: Mrs. Hudgins reported the NVTC received the report

on Dedicated Funding at the December meeting, and it endorsed legislation for dedicated funding source for WMATA. The NVTC, NVTA, Fairfax County and other local jurisdictions will be addressing this issue at the

2006 General Assembly meeting.

REPORT BY D.C.: Mrs. Mack and Mr. Tangherlini recognized Mr. Douglas

Stallworth who will be retiring from the D.C. Government after 30 years of service to WMATA Board

Members and staff.

REPORT BY WSTC: No report was given.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kauffman moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board meet in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss personnel matters. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

This meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

Harold M. Bartlett, Secretary/Chief of Staff