

Minutes

1336th Meeting of the Board of Directors December 18, 2008

The motion for Executive Session was called at the conclusion of the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the Board meet in Executive Session to discuss labor matters consistent with Board Procedure VI.C; contractual matters consistent with Board Procedure VI.D; safety issues consistent with Board Procedure VI.F; and legislative strategy consistent with Board Procedure VI.H. This motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. Present were:

Directors

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins
Mr. Neil Albert
Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett

Alternate Directors

Mr. William Euille
Mr. Jeff McKay
Mr. Anthony Giancola
Mr. Gordon Linton

Staff

Mr. John Catoe
Mr. Gerald Francis
Ms. Helen Lew
Ms. Carol Dillon Kissal
Mr. Emeka Moneme

Ms. Carol O'Keeffe
Mr. Shiva Pant
Ms. Loyda Sequeira-Castillo

Public Comment Period:

Five people spoke during the public comment period conducted at this meeting:

1. Mr. David Alpert spoke regarding Google Transit.

2. Ms. Susan Udry requested that the implementation of random bag searches be delayed until after public hearings on the issue.
3. Ms. Wendy Guyton raised concerns regarding the effect the elimination of paper transfers would have on disadvantaged groups and the social service groups that assist them.
4. Mr. Adam Rocap echoed the concerns of Ms. Guyton.
5. Mr. Leroy Morgan commented on the need for Metro's service levels to match demand.

A discussion ensued wherein Mr. Moneme stated there were legal, financial, and technical issues yet to be resolved with Google and Mr. Zimmerman requested a report regarding progress and possible action on this issue. There was also a discussion about the elimination of paper transfers during which Mr. Zimmerman requested that Mr. Catoe be prepared to respond to Ms. Guyton's recommendations, and Mr. Graham requested that he be contacted directly regarding the number of cards allotted to the District that had been distributed to the intended recipients of the cards.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as amended with the deletion of Item VI.B, and the addition of XI.12, Approval to Amend the Tariff to Cover the Cost of a Transfer from TheBus to a Metrobus by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 20, 2008 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

Report by Riders' Advisory Council (RAC):

Ms. Iacomini referred to the report submitted to the Board, which expressed concerns about the random bag inspection policy and planning for the Inauguration.

Report by General Manager:

Mr. Catoe outlined some of the plans regarding the elimination of paper transfers and the implementation of balanced transfers between bus and rail, and the inauguration events of January 2009.

Mr. Francis recognized Train Operator Glendora Williams, whose actions saved the life of a man she saw lying on the track bed as she was pulling into the Mt. Vernon Square Metrorail station.

Mr. Catoe requested authorization to provide up to 50,000 additional SmarTrip® cards to social service organizations as needed. A discussion ensued during which Mr. McKay suggested that social service agencies receiving the cards be required to distribute them before a certain date prior to receiving more cards. Mr. Zimmerman requested that a report on actions, including actions as a result of this vote, regarding the implementation of SmarTrip® card distribution be presented at the January 8, 2009 Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee. Mr. Zimmerman then moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the request to provide the 50,000 additional SmarTrip® cards. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

Mr. Catoe requested approval of a resolution authorizing the General Manager to charge peak level fares, as appropriate based on projected demand, from January 17-20, 2009; establish a charge for parking on Metrorail lots on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009; and a day pass for Inauguration Day service for \$10. Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Albert, approval of this resolution. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-64) has been made a part of the official file.

Report by Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee

A. Authorization for Public Hearing to Discontinue Route N22

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Albert, to send this item back to committee for further deliberations. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

Mr. Graham also reported that operational performance indicators, safety crime statistics, and an introduction of Metro's new website were all discussed as information items by the Committee. He noted that staff will provide a comprehensive report detailing the management of the escalator/elevator program at the February Committee meeting, and that staff will provide a complete Operations Plan for January 17-20, 2009 upon finalization of the plan.

Report by Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

A. Initiate Advertisement of Procurement for 7000 Series Railcars

Mr. Benjamin referred the Board to the request for approval to add to the Phase 1 Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project procurement an option for the Dulles Phase 2 railcar requirements of 64 cars and options for up to 620 railcars to renew the oldest portion of the Metrorail fleet, subject to Board approval, prioritization and the availability of funds. Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins, approval of this action. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

B. Rosslyn Station Access Improvements

Mr. Benjamin referred the Board to the request for approval of a resolution amending the FY2009 budget of reimbursable projects for the Rosslyn Station Access Improvements Project in order to complete final design of the project.

Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, approval of this resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-65) has been made a part of the official file.

Report by Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee

A. Bus Facilities 1 – System Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Mrs. Hudgins referred the Board to the request for approval to initiate only a competitive contract to provide system infrastructure rehabilitation for three bus maintenance facilities: Northern Bus Garage, Western Bus Garage and Landover Bus Garage and selected Metro auxiliary facilities using FY09 and FY10 funding and staff is directed to aggressively pursue joint development options at Northern Bus and Western Bus Garages.

Mrs. Hudgins moved, seconded by Ms. Hewlett, approval of this action. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

Administrative Actions

Mr. Benjamin moved, seconded by Ms. Hewlett, to approve Administrative Items 1 and 3-11 en bloc. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

1. Approval to Initiate & Award Contracts for Bus and Rail Operators Uniforms

Approval to initiate and award contract(s) to one or more vendors for a competitive two-year base and three one-year options for the manufacture, distribution and sale of uniforms.

3. Approval to Initiate & Award Various FY2009 Infrastructure Contracts

Approval to initiate and award various contracts and contract modifications, consolidating the Urgent Capital Needs actions into one action.

4. Approval to Initiate & Award Various FY2009 IT Contracts

Approval to initiate and award various contracts and contract modifications for the approved FY09 IT Budget.

5. Approval to Initiate & Award a Contract to Purchase Trash Vacuum Trucks

Approval to initiate and award a competitive procurement to purchase two trash vacuum trucks.

6. Approval to Initiate & Award a Contract to Purchase Rail Train with Threader Car

Approval to initiate and award a competitive procurement to purchase one rail train with a rail threader car.

7. Approval to Award Sole Source Contract for CAF Railcar High Speed Coupler

Approval to initiate and award a two-year sole source contract with Bombardier Transportation to procure 800 high speed couplers for the CAF railcar truck overhaul program.

8. Approval to Award a Contract for Car Sharing Services

Approval to award a revenue-producing, one-year contract with four renewal options for car sharing services at Metrorail stations.

9. Approval to Modify a Contract for Brentwood Yard

Approval to modify Contract FN5147, Metro Matters, Yards, Brentwood Yard.

10. Approval to Modify a Contract for DC Circulator Contract Extension

Approval to continue the MOU with the District to manage and operate the DC Circulator through December 31, 2009; to continue the performance period of the current contract with First Transit, including the existing routes through December 31, 2009; and to include the possible addition of future routes.

11. Amend FY2009 Budget for Reimbursable Project to Include West Falls Church Canopy

Approval to amend the FY09 budget of reimbursable projects to include \$1,250,000 in Virginia CMAQ funds for the West Falls Church Bus Bay and initiate and award a contract to design, fabricate and install the Pedestrian Canopy for the entire commuter bus loop/bays at the north end of the West Falls Church Metrorail station.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-66) has been made a part of the official file.

2. Approval to Initiate & Award a Contract for PROTECT System Installation

Approval to initiate and award a new sole source contract for providing the PROTECT system at one additional Metrorail station for an amount not to exceed \$606,000.

Mr. Benjamin requested that this item be brought back to the Board with a request that the item be put into a specific budget.

12. Approval to Amend the Tariff to Cover the Cost of a Transfer from TheBus to a Metrobus

Approval of a resolution, effective February 1, 2009, to value a transfer issued by TheBus at \$1.00 with a resulting step up charge of \$0.25 to be paid when transferring to a Metrobus.

Mr. Benjamin noted the need, upon future consideration of a fare increase, to establish a single policy for step up fares that would reflect the needs of each jurisdiction to change fares for their bus systems and would not require the Metro Board to make individual changes to the Tariff.

Ms. Hewlett moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, approval of this resolution. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, and Ms. Hewlett

A copy of the approved Resolution (2008-67) has been made a part of the official file.

Report by D.C.: None

Report by WSTC: None

Report by NVTC: None

Mrs. Hudgins and Mr. Zimmerman requested that a list of projects involved in the stimulus package as soon as possible, to be discussed at the next meeting.

At 12:50 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman suspended the public meeting to enter into Executive Session under the previously-approved motion.

Reconvene

At 1:43 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman reconvened the Public Session. Present were:

Directors

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Peter Benjamin
Mr. Neil Albert
Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett

Alternate Directors

Mr. Jeff McKay
Mr. Anthony Giancola

Staff

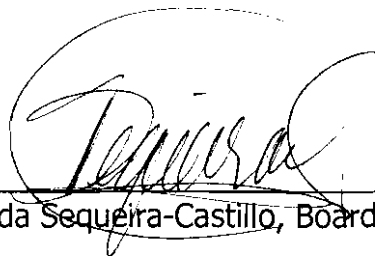
Mr. John Catoe
Ms. Carol O'Keeffe
Ms. Loyda Sequeira-Castillo

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to certify with no individual member dissenting that at the just-concluded Executive Session, only such matters identified in the motion by which the Executive Session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Ms. Hewlett, approval of a contract modification to add \$108,000 to Contract CO4118 to acquire the Advanced Geospatial Petroleum Product Management System to implement the approved Supplemental Environmental Project in the Consent Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.



Loyda Sequeira-Castillo, Board Secretary