



MINUTES

1302nd Meeting of the Board of Directors February 16, 2006

Mrs. Mack called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M. Present were:

DIRECTORS

Mrs. Gladys Mack
Mr. Charles Deegan
Mr. Christopher Zimmerman
Mr. Jim Graham
Mr. Robert Smith
Mr. Dana Kauffman

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

Mr. Daniel Tangherlini
Mr. James Hughes
Mr. Takis Salpeas
Ms. Carol O'Keefe
Mr. Charles Woodruff
Mr. William Scott
Ms. Polly Hanson

Mr. Harold Bartlett
Ms. Leona Agouridis
Mr. Edward Thomas
Mr. Steve Feil
Mr. Jack Requa
Mr. Frederick Goodine
Ms. Judy O'Leary

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By Metrorail:
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Red, Green and
Yellow Lines
By Metrobus:
Routes D1, D3, D6, P6,
70, 71, 80, X2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of January 19, 2006 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

1. Mr. Denis Jaffe, Chairman of the Riders Advisory Council (RAC) addressed the Board regarding the RAC's election of officers, meeting schedule, and committee assignments. Mrs. Mack noted a Report by the Riders Advisory Council will be included on the Agenda at future Board meetings.
2. Mr. Don Folden, Metrobus operator from the Landover division addressed the Board regarding the selection of the new interim General Manager.
3. Ms. Ann Pimley, a MetroAccess customer and a member of the Northern Virginia Disability Advocates addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN:

A. Remarks by New Chairman:

Mrs. Mack stated it is an honor for her to serve, once again, as Chair of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors. I have been privileged to serve on the Board of this critical regional transit agency for more than 20 years now, and I am ready to take on the challenges that lay before us as Chairman of this Board. First, I want to recognize the outstanding job that Dana Kauffman did as Chairman last year in moving the agency forward and in refocusing our efforts on our service and our customers. Dana's legacy includes an increased focus on Customer Service, the creation of the WMATA Citizen Advisory Panel, and inclusion of public citizen comments at WMATA Board meetings. These efforts added to the openness of the Town Hall Meetings that were started under Chairman Bob Smith of Maryland. I intend to continue to build on these openness and outreach policies.

I want to say welcome to Dan Tangherlini. We are excited about the new leadership that he will bring to us as we move into a new era here at Metro. The enthusiasm and freshness that Dan brings excites us all about the possibilities for the future.

I also want to thank Richard White for his nine and one half years as head of this organization. He has been our longest serving General Manger for almost one third of our history. During his tenure, we advanced Metro in some very significant ways and his accomplishments are a significant part the service foundation we have been building here over the last thirty years.

Despite our many successes and our many service improvements, WMATA still has many challenges ahead. This is an exciting but critical juncture for this organization. I, for one, believe that we have the capacity, the energy, and the know-how to continue to meet and overcome these challenges, but that we must have strong partners throughout this region if we are to ensure that Metro remains the premiere transit system in America.

I am sure this will come as no surprise to anyone who has known me during my more than 20-year tenure at WMATA, but I want to make it crystal clear that my top priority as Chairman will be Metrobus.

Metrobus is one of the most vital services we provide to our customers, and is critical to the continued growth and livability of our region. I am committed to continued improvements and enhancements to this service to ensure that Metrobus is clean, safe, and reliable for our riders.

We recently took some positive steps toward improving our bus service, such as the modernization of our fleet with the addition of 111 Compressed Natural Gas vehicles and 12 new diesel-hybrids, we replaced 270 beat up old bus destination signs with new, more user friendly signs, and we implemented important route adjustments to increase efficiency.

I also plan to seek additional information enhancements for bus patrons, including real time information on bus arrivals, increased placement of system maps on WMATA and local shelters, and I plan to develop a program to provide bi-lingual information for our Hispanic bus customers. I will direct staff to develop realistic time lines for when these improvements will be operational, so our customers will know what to expect from us, and when to expect it. But we can – and will – do more to significantly improve bus operations in 2006.

We must also continue to improve the MetroAccess program. Moving to a new contractor and re-establishing the MetroAccess program has been challenging, and in some cases difficult for our patrons. I want to publicly apologize to those riders who have had extraordinary issues with our service, and I commit to you that we will work out our problems.

Today, we are announcing the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee that was approved by the Board last month. This effort will be led by the Board and the Riders Advisory Council. I am asking the Committee to provide an interim report within forty-five days, with a final report in ninety days. During the review period, the Riders Advisory Committee will be holding a Public Forum to hear from the riders regarding the changes in our MetroAccess service.

In addition to our renewed focus on bus, we must prepare to tackle other critical challenges and priorities facing WMATA in the coming years. First and foremost among those challenges is the issue of long-term dedicated funding, to take us beyond the commitments of "Metro Matters."

As I stated recently when I testified before the D.C. Council Committee on Finance and Revenue on a proposal to create a dedicated funding source for Metro, WMATA is the only major public transportation system in the country without a substantial dedicated source of funding to pay for operating and capital needs and that the costs of operations, maintenance and rehabilitation have put an increasing burden on Metro finances. Metro is a critical asset to the national capital region, and we must work cooperatively as a region to keep it healthy and vital. Yesterday, the D.C. Council Committee on Finance and Revenue approved the dedicated funding Bill that was introduced in the District, and we look forward to the advancement of that Bill to the entire D.C. Council.

The Metro Matters Agreement was a significant step forward for this region, both in terms of regional cooperation and the recognition that both Metro and the region needs some certainty about the future WMATA funding needs. But we must act now to take the next step to put Metro's funding on a more predictable basis so that we can secure the systems future and to meet growing demand.

Let me say a word about our rail system. Increased ridership has been one of our biggest challenges. This a manifestation of the success that the system has been built. We are working hard to address the challenges that this has brought. Within rail operations we are already seeing the success of our eight car pilot program we must continue that effort and continue to modernize our fleet of rail cars. Newer, longer trains mean that we can move more people faster with fewer disruptions in our service. I am confident that we will see great improvements in our rail system in 2006 and beyond because of these efforts.

I want to thank Mayor Anthony Williams and the D.C. City Council for their continued confidence in me to represent the interests of District residents on this Board. And I want to thank my colleagues on the Board in particular the D.C. representatives for your support over the years and for your commitment to work cooperatively in the coming year. Together we will continue to move this organization forward, and we will ensure that WMATA remains America's best transit system.

B. Approval of Resolution for 2006 Board Procedures:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval of the proposed 2006 Board Procedures. Mrs. Mack noted the changes to the Board Procedures are the establishment of an Audit and Performance Committee, separate from the Budget Committee, in order to give a better focus to the Audit review process and the commitment for an Inspector General function. The former Administration Committee has been added to the Policy Legislative/Administration Committee. The number of Committees will remain the same.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that Board approve the 2006 Board Procedures.

Mr. Zimmerman amended Appendix I, the Standards of Conduct: (1) Article III. (F) (1), page 5 - Use of Official Position - use or permit others to information **the text "not generally available to the public" added** obtained from the Authority to further the direct or indirect, financial interest of a Board Member, any household member, or Member's business associates, or any party to any actual or prospective financial transaction with the Authority; and (2) Article VI. (B) page 7 - Sanctions - Any financial transaction, to which the Authority is a party, **the word "willfully" has been deleted** made in contravention of Article III, Section B hereof, may be declared void by the Board. Staff stated the amendment is consistent with the Compact requirements, and it gives the Board greater flexibility to determine if a particular contract should be voided.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the amended 2006 Board Procedures. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-07) has been made a part of the official file.

C. Approval of 2006 Committee Assignments:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the proposed 2006 Board Committee Assignments. Mrs. Mack noted the Committees are structured that each Committee is Chaired by a voting Director, and the Vice Chair is an Alternate Member. The Committee leadership is balanced between the States of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the 2006 Board Committee Assignments. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

D. Approval of Resolution for Recognition of Service for Richard A. White:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval of a Resolution in recognition of service for Richard A. White. The Board of Directors thanks Mr. White for exemplary service to WMATA and wishes him much success in the future.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the Resolution in recognition of service for Richard A. White. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-08) has been made a part of the official file.

REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Mr. Bartlett referred the Board to the *Metro Board Digest* for February 2006.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN:

A. Administer Oath of Office to Interim General Manager:

Mrs. Mack administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Daniel Tangherlini appointing him Interim General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Mr. Tangherlini thanked the Board and stated it is an distinct honor and incredible responsibility that has been bestowed upon me. Metro is an amazing accomplishment, and it is proof of what our region can do when we work together. Over 1.1 million riders a day rely on us to get them to where they need to go. I will work hard to maintain your trust and want the Board to know that. My one point plan is to put our customers first by listening to ideas for improvement from employees and customers. I have meet a number of enthusiastic and dedicated employees with great ideas to make service better. I know Metro has a bright future, and I look forward to leading it into that future to put customers first and improve services.

REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 System Access Capacity Program For TAGS Shuttle Buses:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to the request for approval of a Resolution to amend FY06 System Access Capacity Program for TAGS Shuttle Buses. Staff requested approval to amend the FY06 SAP by \$611,279 to procure buses for the Transportation Association of Greater Springfield (TAGS). TAGS provides bus service between Franconia/Springfield Metrorail Station and the Springfield Mall. This is a reimbursable project with funding coming from the Fairfax County.

Mr. Kauffman moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the Resolution to amend FY06 System Access Capacity Program for TAGS Shuttle Buses. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-09) has been made a part of the official file.

B. Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 System Access Capacity Program for Huntington Station Parking Structure:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 SAP by \$6 million to increase the budget for Huntington Parking Bus Garage. The increase is required to provide funding for additional works for different site condition and material cost increases. Fairfax County will provide the required \$6 million.

Mr. Kauffman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the Resolution to amend the FY06 System Access Capacity Program for Huntington Station parking structure. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-10) has been made a part of the official file.

C. Approval to Amend FY06 Operating Budget for Non Regional Bus Route 9S:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 operating budget to implement a non-regional bus route S9. The bus route will operate from Crystal City to Potomac Yard via Crystal City Metrorail Station on weekdays only with all day service to serve EPA employees. Arlington County will provide the funding estimated to be \$499,000 annually, and \$84,000 for the remainder of FY06.

Mr. Kauffman moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the amendment to the FY06 Operating Budget for Non-Regional Bus Route 9S. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

D. Approval to Initiate & Award Professional & Technical Labor Legal Consultant Services:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to the request to initiate and award a contract for labor legal consulting services with a three year base contract, and two one year options. The current contract for specialized labor legal services will expire on June 30, 2006. Funding for the first base year contract is included in the proposed FY07 operating budget, subsequent base contract and option year awards are subject to availability of funds.

Mr. Kauffman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the request to initiate and award a contract for labor legal consulting services. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

REPORT BY CUSTOMER SERVICE, OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE:

A. Approval to Conduct a Public Hearing for the Elimination of Regional Metrobus Routes 9B Hunting Towers/Crystal City & 10P Mount Vernon Avenue/Crystal City:

Mr. Smith referred the Board to the request for authorization to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to eliminate regional routes 9B Hunting Towers/Crystal City and 10P Mount Vernon Avenue/Crystal City in the City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the request for authorization to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to eliminate regional routes 9B Hunting Towers/Crystal City and 10P Mount Vernon Avenue/Crystal City. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

B. Approval of Artwork Donation for Dupont Circle Metrorail Station:

Mr. Smith referred the Board to the request for approval of artwork proposal for the Dupont Circle Metrorail Station.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the artwork donation for Dupont Circle Metrorail Station. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-11) has been made a part of the official file.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

OTHER ITEMS:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to seven Administrative Actions. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board approve in block Administrative Items Numbered 1 through 7.

1. Initiate & Award - Contract for Regional Bus Transfers & One Day Passes:

Approval is requested to initiate and award a procurement for the printing of daily-dated regional bus-to-bus transfers and regional one-day passes for a one-year period, with two one-year options. This contract will contain a rider agreement to permit local transit providers to purchase directly from the contractor at the Authority's rates.

2. Modify - Contract for New Carrollton Yard Project for Restraining Rails and Car Progression System:

Approval is requested to issue contract modifications to Hensel-Phelps Construction Company under Contract Number 1D0118 for: 1) procurement of restraining rails; and 2) procurement of a car progression system for the New Carrollton Yard and Shop Improvement project in the aggregate amount of \$604,481.

3. Approval of Resolution for Grant Administration:

Approval is requested to authorize the interim General Manager or the Chief Financial Officer the authority to: 1) conduct public hearings; 2) file and execute grant applications on behalf of the Authority for funds from the Federal government and any other public or private entity consistent with the CIP.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-12) has been made a part of the official file.

4. Modify - Contract for Consavage Consulting, LLC For Vehicle Engineering Support:

Approval is requested for the modification of Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC for thirty additional weeks maximum to provide part-time vehicle engineering consulting services on the 5000 Series Railcar Procurement Program in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,080.

5. Modify - Contract for Cubic Transportation Systems to Implement the NextFare 4/Single Platform System:

Approval is requested for contract modification of Contract C44444 to Cubic Transportation Systems to implement the NextFare 4/Single Platform system.

6. Modify - Contract for the Anacostia Street Car Project:

Approval is requested to: 1) issue a task to Contract C05102, Vehicle Engineering Consultant Services, to support the Anacostia Streetcar Project; 2) issue a task to the "New Starts" A/E Contract (SF5111 - DMJM) to assemble the contract documents for a maintenance facility contract; and 3) obtain approval to issue a request for proposal for a design/build contract for a maintenance facility and to award if within budget.

7. Modify - Contract for Close-out of the New York Avenue Station Project:

Approval is requested to: 1) issue a contract modification in the amount not to exceed \$5,295,395 for the closeout of the New York Avenue Station Design Build Contract 1B0035; 2) award Contract GP5177 in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the completion and commissioning of the New York Avenue station double crossover; 3) increase the contract value by \$25,000 for contract FA3008 for design of the replacement materials for the station artwork. Relatedly, approval is sought to issue and award a contract for the replacement material in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, and 4) issue a task to P2d in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the design of a set of stairs for the Metropolitan Branch Trail.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board approve the seven Administrative Action Items listed above. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

REPORT BY D.C.: No report was given.

REPORT BY WSTC: No report was given.

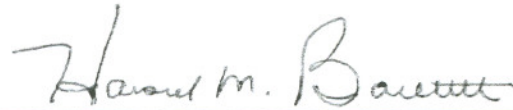
REPORT BY NVTC: Mrs. Hudgins reported the full funding legislation is continuing through the General Assembly and is hopeful it will stay on a positive track. Mr. Zimmerman reported it passed unanimously in the Senate Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

This meeting was adjourned at 11:47 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold M. Bartlett".

Harold M. Bartlett, Secretary/Chief of Staff