



MINUTES

1303rd Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 16, 2006

Mrs. Mack called the meeting to order at 11:15 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. Marcell Solomon

STAFF

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

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

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Transit Authority

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mrs. Mack requested that Agenda Item XI. (10) Approval of Paratransit Customer Service Contract be withdrawn from the agenda. The Agenda was accepted with that deletion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Zimmerman requested the Minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting, page 5, be revised to state "Mr. Zimmerman *proposed an amendment* to Appendix I, Standards of Conduct: (1) Article III. (F)..." to replace "Mr. Zimmerman *amended* Appendix I, Standards of Conduct: (1) Article III. (F)..." The Minutes were approved as amended.

REPORT BY RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC):

Mr. Jaffe noted the Riders Advisory Council met on March 1, 2006. The RAC hosted two sessions of MetroAccess public forums on March 13, 2006, which gave MetroAccess riders an opportunity to communicate with service providers, MetroAccess drivers, WMATA Board, and staff members. The Ad Hoc MetroAccess Advisory Committee will provide a 45-day interim report and a 90-day final report to WMATA's Board of Directors outlining specific ways to improve MetroAccess.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

1. Mr. Emil Abate, Assistant Director representing Unite Here, Local 27 Parking and Service Workers Union, addressed the Board regarding Laz Parking contractor and the employees' concern of wages, benefits, and the process that would allow unionization of workers.
2. Mr. Wayne Smith, Parking Customer Assistance Representative at Dunn Loring Station, addressed the Board regarding Laz Parking contractor and the employees' concern of wages, benefits, and the process that would allow unionization of workers.
3. Jemanesne Cetahun, Parking Customer Assistance Representative at Huntington Station, addressed the Board regarding Laz Parking contractor and the employees' concern of wages, benefits, and the process that would allow unionization of workers.
4. James Clarke, Vice President for Legislative Affairs of the Action Committee for Transit, addressed the Board regarding the Red Line turn backs during off-peak and on weekends.

Mrs. Mack requested that staff review and prepare a report for the Board on the issues to assure that the correct procedures and operations are being adhered with respect to LAZ Parking. Mr. Tangherlini noted he met with staff on March 15, 2006 and is prepared to move forward to explore issues raised today.

Mr. Smith requested that staff report to the Operations Committee on the status of the reduction/elimination the Parking Customer Assistance Representatives positions and the administration of the cashless parking program operations.

Mrs. Hudgins requested all Board Members receive a list of names of public comment speakers. Mr. Zimmerman suggested that speakers' names be shown on a screen. Staff will provide the list of names of public comment speakers to all Board Members, and determine the feasibility of projecting speakers names on a screen at future meetings.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN:

A. Approval of Resolution Commending Mr. Bartlett On His Retirement:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval of a Resolution commending Mr. Bartlett on his retirement. Mr. Bartlett has 23 years of dedicated service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Mr. Bartlett has served as a Budget Analyst, Senior Budget Analyst, Head of Management Analysis, Executive Officer for Finance, Associate Director for Business Planning and Development, Secretary to the Board of Directors, and Secretary and Chief of Staff. Mr. Bartlett was the recipient of the General Manager's Award for Meritorious Service in 1995 and the Jackson Graham Award for Extraordinary Achievement in 2005. The Board of Directors and the citizens of the Washington region thank Mr. Bartlett for his service to the Authority and wish him much success in his retirement.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the Resolution commending Mr. Bartlett on his retirement. 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 (2006-13) has been made a part of the official file.

Mrs. Mack presented Mr. Bartlett with a plaque in recognition of his many years of service to the Authority.

REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

Mr. Tangherlini reported he has attended the Dulles Steering Committee Meeting; MetroAccess Public Forums; Riders Advisory Council meeting; House Transportation Sub-committee budget hearing in Annapolis with Secretary Flannagan; APTA Legislative Conference; tribute to Senator Paul Sarbanes; and a courtesy visit with Congressman Hoyer. Mr. Tangherlini is continuing to

meet with customers and employees out in the system, and he is meeting with Rail employees on March 27, 2006 in Alexandria.

Mr. Tangherlini reported he has several key meetings scheduled next week: Columbia Pike Transit Initiative Forum; WMATA Budget Information Session; and WMATA FY07 Budget Hearing before D.C. City Council.

Mr. Tangherlini recognized MetroBus operator Mr. Ronald Majors for his heroic efforts on March 10, 2006. Ms. Denise Wilson, a Congressional staff person was a passenger on the #70 bus traveling northbound on Georgia Avenue when one passenger in the rear of the bus began striking other passengers with a hammer. The bus was at the intersection of Park and Georgia, NW at about 6:25 a.m. when the assault started. Upon hearing the commotion, the bus operator pulled the bus over, went to the back of the bus where the assault was happening, and diffused the situation. Ms. Wilson said that within a minute or two, that assault stopped, and two DC Metropolitan police officers were escorting the assailant off the bus. The operator demonstrated so much control throughout the incident, that only one passenger got off the bus. The operator went back to his seat, and for the rest of the ride, greeted boarding customers by apologizing for the delay in getting to their stop and telling customers that "he hoped he didn't make them late for work." Ms. Wilson was so grateful for the bus operator's control in handling a violent situation, and for the proactive approach he took in apologizing to customers, she contacted WMATA to report the operator's actions.

Mr. Tangherlini announced that Mr. Ronald Majors was present at the meeting. Mr. Major's actions were typical of the excellent work that is done day in and day out by our Metro employees that are not heard. Mr. Majors has been a Metrobus operator for about 26 years, since 1980, and currently works in our Northern Bus Division.

REPORT BY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Public Hearing Authorization for Glenmont Parking Garage Additional Sites:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval to hold a Public Hearing on the general plans and environmental evaluation on two prospective locations for the proposed Glenmont Parking Structure; and to authorize the General Manager to release the Public Hearing Staff Report including Staff Recommendations for public comment, as soon as the report is available.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve the Public Hearing authorization for the Glenmont parking garage additional sites. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

B. Approval of Resolution For the 2007-2030 Constrained Long Range Plan:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval of WMATA's input for Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and authorization for the General Manager to forward the funding requirements contemplated by the CLRP to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

The Board Members requested staff redraft the letter to TPB to include a narrative, label exhibits, clearly identify projects, and outline the explicit long range implications and assumptions of State, Local, and Federal funding of the CLRP.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board approve the Resolution to forward WMATA's input for Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP), and authorization for the General Manager to forward a redrafted letter, as requested above, to TPB. 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 (2006-14) has been made a part of the official file.

C. Approval of GSA Connection Agreement at Suitland Metrorail Station:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval for WMATA to enter into a connection agreement with GSA to construct and maintain a canopy connecting the new U.S. Census Bureau headquarters to the existing WMATA canopy at the Suitland Metrorail Station.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board approve GSA Connection Agreement at Suitland Metrorail Station. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

REPORT BY REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Deegan reported the Real Estate Committee met in Executive Session on March 2, 2006. Staff briefed the Committee on the potential relocation of the Jackson Graham Building and revisions to the Joint Development Guidelines and Procedures.

REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 Reimbursable Operating Budget For Southeast Facility:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 reimbursable operating budget by \$225,000 to relocate parking for the Southeast Facility and to provide employee bus shuttle operation. Staff also requested to include \$485,000 in the proposed FY07 reimbursable operating budget for annualized costs for the bus shuttle operation. Funding for the FY06 and FY07 items will be provided by the District, and there is no subsidy impact on the other jurisdictions.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve the amendment to the FY06 Reimbursable Operating Budget for the Southeast Facility. 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 (2006-15) has been made a part of the official file.

B. Approval to Initiate Temporary Employee Services Contract:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to initiate a competitively negotiated procurement of temporary employee services with a three-year base and two one-year options. Board approval must be obtained to award the contract. Funding for the FY07 contract award is included in the proposed FY07 operating budget.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board approve the initiation of a competitively negotiated procurement for the placement of temporary employees within the Authority. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

C. Approval of Behavioral Assessment Screening System Training Contract:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to: 1) ratify UASI sub-grant agreement with the District; 2) amend the FY06 operating budget by \$60,000; 3) initiate and award a sole source contract for behavior assessment screening system training.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board approve the Behavioral Assessment Screening System Training Contract. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

D. Approval to Conduct Public Hearings on Proposed Fare & Parking Increase for Four Holidays & FY07 Service Changes For Metrobus:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to conduct public hearings for the proposed fare and parking increase for four Holidays; and Metrobus FY07 service changes.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board authorize staff to conduct public hearings for the proposed fare and parking increase for four holidays and FY07 service changes. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

E. Approval of FY07 Metro Matters Annual Work Plan and Amend FY06 Metro Matters Program:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval of the FY07 Metro Matters Annual Work Plan. The Budget Committee approved forwarding the FY07 Metro Matters work plan marked as a draft copy to the Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee for comment. The request to amend and reprogram the FY06 Capital Improvement Program was referred to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve to forward the proposed FY07 Metro Matters work plan marked as a draft copy to the Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee for comment. This motion was unanimously approved.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

OTHER ITEMS:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to nine Administrative Actions. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board approve, en bloc, Administrative Items Numbered 1 through 9.

1. Approval of Resolution for Addition of Deferred Retirement Option Program to WMATA Transit Police Retirement Plan:

Approval is requested of a Resolution to amend WMATA's Transit Police Retirement Plan to provide for the addition of a Deferred Retirement Option Program to the pension plan in accordance with the award issued by an interest arbitration board convened pursuant to the Compact.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-16) has been made a part of the official file.

2. Approval to Initiate & Award A Contract for Rohr Car Door Overhaul Project:

Approval is requested to initiate and award a sole source contract for the acquisition of the material required in the overhaul of Rohr passenger doors operator assemblies.

3. Approval to Initiate & Award A Contract for Police Training For the Authority's Police Personnel:

Approval is requested of a Resolution to amend Board Resolution #98-04 and to initiate and award a procurement for police basic and in-service training at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-17) has been made a part of the official file.

4. Approval to Initiate & Award A Contract for Turnouts & Crossovers:

Approval is requested to initiate and award a competitive procurement of a multi-year contract to procure turnouts and crossovers for FY07 through FY09.

5. Approval to Modify A Contract for Ballston-MU Station East End Elevators and Passageway:

Approval is requested to modify contract 1K0045 Ballston-MU Station East End Elevators and Passageway in the negotiated amount of \$570,134.

6. Approval to Initiate & Award A Contract for (6) Buses for TAGS Shuttle Service:

Approval is requested to initiate and award a competitive procurement for the purchase of six small passenger buses and on-board equipment, spare parts, indirect costs, and project management for TAGS service in Springfield. The procurement will include an option for up to 30 additional buses.

7. Approval of Settlement in Condemnation for the Acquisition of Property for the Metrorail Blue Line Extension:

Approval is requested of a proposed settlement in condemnation for the acquisition of real property owned by the Norair Corporation required for the construction and operation of a portion of the Metrorail Blue Line Extension to Largo Town Center.

8. Approval to Modify RCSC Contract for Settlement of Identified Claims & Charges:

Approval is requested for contract modifications to Contract C05034, Regional Customer Service Center, for settlement of identified claims and changes.

9. Approval to Modify - Paratransit Services Contract:

Approval is requested to modify the paratransit services contract, C-05108, with MV Transportation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,096,956 to retain 77 vehicles for continued use in the dedicated fleet, and purchase the requisite number of Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), DriveCams, and radios for full communication and performance tracking capability as well as necessary insurance coverage. Additionally, two extra dispatchers will be needed to monitor the movement of these 77 vehicles. The additional vehicles, the majority of which are wheelchair accessible, are needed to meet demand based on actual trip data and current demand patterns. Also, the additional vehicles will reduce the dependability on taxis. The additional wheelchair accessible vehicles should improve the reliability of the paratransit service.

10. DELETED

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the nine 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.:

Mr. Graham reported approval of legislation for dedicated funding is scheduled for D.C. Council's April meeting. The District of Columbia is the first jurisdiction to take formal action in support of the Metro system and its long-term needs. The District's commitment to dedicated funding continues to be strong.

REPORT BY WSTC:

Mr. Linton reported he testified at the Annapolis hearings last week and three legislative bills are being considered that would have a positive effect for WMATA and dedicated funding.

REPORT BY NVTC:

Mrs. Hudgins reported the Virginia General Assembly will be back in session on March 27th and recognized the importance of communications regarding dedicated funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, that the Board meet in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss legal 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 12:17 P.M.



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