

Minutes
Board Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee
July 12, 2007
9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. Present were:

Committee Members:

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman (Chair)
Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett
Mr. Dana Kauffman
Mr. Emeka Moneme
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins
Mr. Anthony Giancola

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 14, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

Action Items

A. Multi-Year Programs for the Upgrade of Automatic Fare Collection System Equipment

Mr. Couch sought Committee concurrence and forwarding to the Board for approval the initiation and award of competitive contracts to procure required services, material and equipment for upgrade of Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) equipment. Staff will return to the Board for approval of modifications to existing sole source contracts.

A multi-year program has been developed that will bring the AFC equipment into a configuration that will fulfill long-term requirements. The program includes relocation/reconfiguration as well as upgrade/modification of Express Vendors and exit fares, and replacement of failing and obsolete gate displays, coin vaults, PIN pads and revenue transfer carts. This is a multi-part, multi-year program to upgrade the AFC system.

Mr. Zimmerman asked whether staff had an estimate of how much it would cost to comply with the Presidential Coin Act of 2005, which requires transit agencies receiving federal funding to be capable of accepting and dispensing the dollar coins by January 2008. Mr. Couch responded that it will cost approximately \$1.5M for the capability to both accept and dispense the dollar coins.

Mr. Moneme requested confirmation that passengers on the bus system, along with the rail system, would be able to use the new limited use Smart Cards. Mr. Couch responded that the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is testing a dispenser module. WMATA is awaiting the results of testing. WMATA's concept is to take that dispenser module and put it into our existing fare dispensing equipment so that WMATA can use the same case.

In response to Ms. Hudgins' question regarding whether WMATA is keeping track of technology changes, Mr. Couch responded that the limited use card uses the same chip (same card technology) as the current permanent plastic Smart Cards. Mr. Couch confirmed for Ms. Hudgins that software upgrades for the current Smart Card will also be in place for the limited use Smart Cards.

In response to a question from Mr. Kauffman regarding using Cubic, staff stated that some of the equipment will be procured on a competitive basis. However, WMATA must utilize Cubic for software work, for example, to accept and dispense the dollar coins. Going forward with the completion of NextFare4 with tri-readers, WMATA will have the opportunity to move further away from Cubic.

Mr. Kauffman moved approval of the motion. Ms. Hewlett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Dunn Loring Public Hearing Report

Nat Bottigheimer sought Committee concurrence and forwarding to the Board for approval a Resolution: 1) adopting staff recommendations presented in the Final Public Hearing Staff Report and amending the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metrorail Station General Plans to incorporate the WMATA replacement facilities and upgrades described in the Staff Report and 2) amending the Adopted Regional System plan for the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metrorail station to include the proposed improvements.

Mr. Kauffman moved approval of the motion. Ms. Hudgins seconded.

Mr. Zimmerman asked whether there would be significant changes to the Adopted Regional System. Mr. Bottigheimer responded there are no significant changes; WMATA is only adding parking.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zimmerman asked whether rail cars had been delivered this week. Mr. Catoe responded that 100 rail cars were delivered, and the delivery was covered by NBC News and The Washington Post. There are still 84 rail cars to be delivered. Mr. Zimmerman requested staff provide the delivery schedule for the remaining 84 rail cars and when they will be put into service by the next Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.