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Steve Poftak, General Manager



Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
July 23, 2019
2:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Joseph Aiello, Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt
and Director Chrystal Kornegay

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, General Manager Steve
Poftak, Jay Neider, Beth Larkin, Joanna Aalto,
Samantha Silverberg, Hope Patterson, Mike Muller,
Jody Ray, Laura Paget-Seekins, Owen Kane, Marie
Breen, Michelle Kalowski, Scott Hamwey, Caroline
Vanasse and David Panagore

At the call of Chair Aiello a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (Board) was called to order at 2:02 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair Aiello opened up the public comment period for items appearing on the agenda.

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The following speakers commented in support of the Foxboro Commuter Rail Pilot and the proposed schedule: Chris Osgood, Chief of Streets for the City of Boston; Cesar Rijo from the New England Regional Council of Carpenters; Paul Flaherty, Senior VP of Davios; Diana Griffin, Director of Marketing from NPP Development; Scott Liebman, General Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn in Foxboro; Socrates Ramirez, General Manager of the Renaissance Patriot Place in Foxboro; Karen Dumaine from NVTMA in Foxboro and Paige Duncan, Planning Director for Foxboro.

Mela Miles from the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition and Mike Kozo from Project Right expressed grave concerns about the potential negative impacts of the proposed Foxboro Commuter Rail pilot service on the Fairmount Line. (Both submitted written testimony).

The last speaker was Louise Baxter from the Transit Riders Union who commented on the need for low income fares and the Better Bus Project.

Public comment concluded at 2:24 p.m.

Next, was the approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019.

Chairman Aiello called upon General Manager Steve Poftak to provide the General Manager's remarks, Agenda Item D. Mr. Poftak provided an update to the Board on the budget process, noting the Legislature's Conference Committee's budget was sent to Governor Baker for approval with an additional \$23 million in base revenue allocated to the MBTA. The General Manager said there were several other smaller items in the budget, one dealing with the layover facility in Haverhill, a modest grant to link elderly commuter rail service to Maynard and Acton, and an outside section mandating a feasibility study to extend the Blue Line to Lynn. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Poftak introduced Agenda Item E, an update on the FY19 Capital Program. Mr. Poftak was pleased to announce that the MBTA spent more than \$1 billion in capital investments in FY19 and awarded over \$1 billion in new contracts, exceeding their financial goals by \$1M and far exceeded the amount of capital contracts. Chair Aiello congratulated Mr. Poftak in achieving "this great milestone" with the announcement. The General Manager introduced Jay Neider, Chief of Capital Programs to begin the presentation.

Mr. Neider thanked his team, introducing Beth Larkin, Joanna Aalto and Samantha Silverberg. Mr. Neider continued to discuss key performance indicators, capital investment by fiscal year and FY19 Lockbox spending and asked Capital Director Joanna Aalto to continue. Ms. Aalto discussed the \$849M awarded in

construction contracts and the \$406M awarded in vehicle contracts and the details behind the numbers.

Assistant General Manager Beth Larkin continued with the presentation and discussed FY19 milestones and achievements, including notable vehicle projects, construction programs, modernization programs and expansion programs.

Samantha Silverberg, Senior Director of Capital Programs concluded the presentation discussing the FY20-24 CIP by priority and programs and FY20 key performance indicators, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Capital Program Update: FY19 Year End, July 23, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Hope Patterson, Deputy Director of Stakeholder Engagement to present Agenda Item F, the FMCB Public Schedule. Ms. Patterson reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, July 23, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello next updated the Board on the Independent Safety Review Panel, Agenda Item G, noting the panel has been meeting regularly and providing briefings to him and Vice Chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt. The Chair said the members were examining how the MBTA could improve its safety practices and expected them to submit a report to the Board in September or October. The panel consists of former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, former Federal Transit Administration

Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and former NY City Transit President Carmen Bianco. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Scott Hamwey, Manager of Long Range Planning to present Agenda Item H, an update on the Bus Network Redesign. Mr. Hamwey said the MBTA bus network that carries one-third of our customers has not changed drastically since the mid-20th century. Since that time demographics have shifted, travel patterns have changed, traffic congestion has increased and ridership has declined. Mr. Hamwey said that in order to respond to the changes, the Network Redesign will recommend a new network that meets today's regional needs

Mr. Hamwey asked Caroline Vanasse, Transportation Program Planner to continue with the presentation. Ms. Vanasse discussed key policy statements, fleets and facilities and the timeline, noting the new service would begin in July 2022. Extensive discussion ensued concerning the time line.

Kat Benesh, Chief of Operation Strategy, Policy and Oversight contributed to the presentation discussing municipal partnerships. There was lengthy discussion of the budget and how to move things forward, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Bus Network Redesign, July 23, 2019."

Next, Michael Muller, Assistant General Manager for Strategic Initiatives was called upon to present Agenda Item J, an update on the Foxboro Commuter Rail Pilot. Mr. Muller provided an overview of the pilot scheduled to begin in October

2019 and noted the draft service schedule was to be finalized during the Fall of 2019 Schedule general update.

Jody Ray, Assistant General Manager for Commuter Ray and Ferry Operations continued and discussed grade crossing improvements, reverse commute options and the monitoring plan for on-time performance and crowding on the Franklin and Fairmount Lines. Chair Aiello requested a more specific monitoring plan for crowding and on-time-performance; a mitigation measure if problems arose on the Fairmount/Franklin commuter rail line; what the level of involvement of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition has been in terms of understanding the plan and participation in developing the schedules; and a successful schedule of the reverse commute, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Foxboro Service Pilot, Update and Performance Metrics and Monitoring, July 2019." Discussion ensued.

Lastly, Chair Aiello Chairman Aiello noted that Agenda Item J, the Pilot Policy update was a memo included in their Board materials, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Update on MBTA Sponsored Pilot Process. July 23, 2019."

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

Chair Aiello	Yes
Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
Director Kornegay	Yes

VOTED: to enter into Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to litigation 4:06 p.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

Minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting

Capital Program Update: FY19 Year End, July 23, 2019

FMCB Public Schedule, July 33, 2019

Bus Network Redesign, July 23, 2019

Foxboro Service Pilot, Update and Performance Metrics and Monitoring, July 2019

Update on MBTA Sponsored Pilot Process. July 23, 2019