



# Fiscal and Management Control Board Transportation Board Room

10 Park Plaza December 17, 2018 11:00 a.m. **MEETING MINUTES** 

**Present:** Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Brian Lang and Director Brian

Shortsleeve

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Interim General Manager Jeffrey

Gonneville, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton, Laurel Paget-Seekins, Rachel Bain, Jeff Cook, Kate Fichter, Scott Hamwey, Gina Fiandaca, Vineet Gupta, Danny Levy, Steve Kadish, Rachel Bain, Jonathan Gulliver, Sam Salfity, and for photo op: MassDOT Board members-Directors Kathleen Murtagh, Dean Mozzarella, Robert Moylan, Joseph Sullivan,

Betsy Taylor and Tim King

## PROCEEDINGS:

At the call of Chair Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order at 11:14 a.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Before the start of the formal meeting, Secretary Pollack asked Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver to acknowledge Sam Salfity, an engineer in the Highway division who was retiring from MassDOT after 32 years. Mr. Gulliver thanked Mr. Salfity for his years of service and presented him with a Governor's

citation, followed by a photo-op with the Secretary and the MassDOT Board of Directors.

Before opening up the public comment session, Chair Aiello skipped to Agenda Item 3. Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville asked Boston's Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca to discuss Boston's bus improvements. Commissioner Fiandaca introduced Vineet Gupta, Director of Planning for Boston to begin the presentation. Mr. Gupta discussed Boston/MassDOT partnerships and Boston's Bus Rapid Transit projects, noting the dedicated bus lane pilot in Roslindale was now a permanent bus lane. Mr. Gupta continued to discuss neighborhood microHUBs and the Urban Rail that was coordinated with the MBTA's Rail Vision, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Go Boston 2030." Discussion ensued. Chair Aiello thanked the City of Boston for their leadership and Secretary Pollack said she was looking forward to getting these projects up and running.

Chair Aiello opened up the public comment session at 11:32 a.m.

The first speaker was Kristinara Lachiusa from Livable Streets who discussed the Allston I-90 project, AFC 2.0 and the Better Bus Improvements in Boston.

Next, Garrett Wollman commented on electrification of buses and the Governor's Transportation Commission report.

Beatrice Bell from MassADAPT was the next speaker, commenting on The RIDE.

The next speaker, Paul Regan from the MBTA Advisory board commented on the weekend commuter rail service pilot becoming permanent and interest in implementing Richard Prone's schedule for late commuter rail train service on the south side.

Next, Louise Baxter from the TRUI commented on The RIDE, bus routes and supported having a person from the non-profit sector fill Steve Poftak's seat on the FMCB.

Next, Marilyn McNabb commented on The RIDE.

The following speakers from Green Roots in Chelsea commented on the Chelsea Task Force update: Paula Garrity, Indira Garamendi, Sarah Levy, Roseann Bongiaianni and Maria Belen.

Next, Will Justice from the TRU requested that representation from Roxbury be included as a member to the FMCB.

Kathleen Carlson from A Better City commented on the rail vision.

The last speaker, Mela Miles, Chair of the Fairmount Indigo Commission said she would like to see representation of a T rider on the FMCB.

Next Chairman Aiello called upon Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville to present Agenda Item 1, the Acting General Manager's report. Mr. Gonneville updated the Board on the Green Line Type 9 LRV project, the status of the Green Line Vehicle Procurement Project, the Silver Line Capacity Study, the emergency subway evacuation drill that took place on Sunday, December 16 and the 2018 MBTA Fill-A-Bus, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Acting General Manager Remarks, December 17, 2018."

Next, Chair Aiello called upon MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to present Agenda Item 2. the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, December 17, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Chairman Aiello next asked Danny Levy, Chief Customer Officer to present Agenda Item 4, an update on the Chelsea Task Force. Ms. Levy said the presentation would update the Board on the efforts by MBTA management and staff to improve transit services for the riders in Chelsea, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Chelsea Update, December 17, 2018." Kate Fichter, Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination contributed to the presentation. The Chair wanted to ensure the scope of the work of the Task Forces focused on bus service and dropped trips; ridership; the possibility of permanent commuter rail service on weekends; and problems with the Chelsea Bridge. The Chair also requested a

study with input from the maritime community on dredging and the possibility of boats traveling at night. Discussion ensued.

Next was an update on the Early Morning Service, Agenda Item 5, from Laurel Paget-Seekins, Director of Fare Policy and Analytics. Ms. Paget-Seekins reviewed the pilot policy adopted by the FMCB on March 27, 2017 and discussed metrics, budget estimates and early morning pilot results. For this meeting, Ms. Paget-Seekins was seeking approval of moving the early morning pilot service into regular service at the conclusion of the pilot period in April 2019, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Early Morning Pilot, December 10, 2018." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made, and seconded, it was;

#### VOTED:

WHEREAS, the Fiscal and Management Control Board (the "FMCB") directed the Authority to conduct an Early Morning Service Pilot Program, which began on April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the FMCB has determined that the Early Morning Service Pilot Program, which added service to ten existing bus routes, has achieved its goals of providing new mobility, especially for work trips, as well as reducing over-crowding on key bus routes during the early morning period; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has recommended that the service changes implemented pursuant to the Early Morning Service Pilot Program be made permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has further recommended that additional trips be added to certain bus routes, such additional trips totaling approximately 15.3 service hours; and

WHEREAS, that the FMCB has determined that no "equity analysis" is required in connection with this action because the change does not constitute a major service change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED by the members of the FMCB, as follows:

The Authority, through the General Manager is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to make permanent the Early Morning Service Pilot Program, as of April 1, 2019 and to add additional trips to certain bus routes as described in the presentation to the FMCB during its regular meeting on December 17, 2018.

Next, the Chair discussed Agenda Item 6, the submission of the Annual Report to the Legislature.

On motion duly made, and seconded it was;

#### VOTED:

That the Fiscal and Management Control Board (the "FMCB") approve the report entitled "MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board Third Annual Report" (the "Report")," including any amendments and revisions as directed by the FMCB; and

# **VOTED FURTHER:**

That the Board authorizes that the Report as amended shall be submitted, in the name of and on behalf of the FMCB, to the Legislature by its due date, pursuant to Section 207(b) of Chapter 46 of the Session Laws of 2015.

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

Chairman Aiello Yes
Director Lang Yes
Director Shortsleeve Yes

**VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to the North Quincy Development Project at 12:45 p.m.

Chair Aiello reopened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. and asked Jeff Cook, Chief Administrative Officer to present Agenda Item 7, a discussion of the North Quincy Development (Development) Project. Mr. Cook discussed the project of the Development of a garage, bus way area and three mixed-use residential/retail buildings at the North Quincy Red Line Station, and the lease agreement and the financial obligation structure, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "North Quincy TOD Development; Approval of Land Lease with: Hancock Street Partners, LLC."

On motion duly made, and seconded it was;

#### VOTED:

That the General Manager be, and hereby is, authorized in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, to execute a 99-year Lease, and any other documents deemed necessary or desirable to lease North Quincy Station Parking Lot (known as "the Property") to Hancock Street Properties, LLC, consistent wit the lease summary attached hereto.

Chairman Aiello noted the Commuter Rail Performance Update was a written submittal and included in the Board Books.

At the call of Chair Stephanie Pollack, a meeting of the MassDOT Board of Directors (Board) was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts joining the Fiscal and Management Control Board meeting for Joint Board presentations.

Chair Pollack recognized Kathy Murtagh, an engineer from the MWRA and the newest MassDOT Board member who was replacing Ruth Bonsignore.

Secretary Pollack called upon Chair Aiello to present Agenda 8, the report from the Fiscal and Management Control Board. Chair Aiello provided the Board with topics discussed at the last three meetings of the FMCB including: updates on early morning bus service; the Better Bus Project; the new mobility marketplace strategy; the recent agreement with BCIL; and the Type 9 Green Line Cars. He noted the FMCB also had discussions on the future commuter rail contract; ridership; the strategic plan and governance of the FMCB.

Chair Pollack skipped to Agenda Item 10, an update on Tracker and asked Rachel Bain, Assistant Secretary for Performance Management and Innovation to begin the presentation. Ms. Bain said Tracker was MassDOT's report card to its stakeholders, including state and local elected officials, DOT administrators, and all who use and rely on its network. She noted it was a review of MassDOT's progress, designed to track and clarify where it was succeeding in meeting its goals and where it was falling short. She discussed the performance goals and announced that

Tracker was transitioning to an online platform that would be a more detailed, accessible and interactive reporting experience. Ms. Bain said the online Tracker was launched that morning and she presented an animation of how it would work, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Tracker FY18, Office of Performance Management & Innovation, December 17, 2018." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

Voted: to adjourn the Fiscal and Management Control Board Meeting at 1:32 p.m. due to a lack of quorum.

## **Documents relied upon for this meeting:**

Acting General Manager Remarks, December 17, 2018

FMCB Public Schedule, December 17, 2018

Chelsea Update, December 17, 2018

Early Morning Pilot, December 10, 2018

North Quincy TOD Development; Approval of Land Lease with: Hancock Street Partners, LLC

Tracker FY18, Office of Performance Management & Innovation, December 17, 2018