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**Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
June 3, 2019 #169
12:00 Noon
*MEETING MINUTES***

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

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: General Manager Steve Poftak, Deputy General
Manager Jeffrey Gonneville, Nathan Peyton, Owen
Kane, Marie Breen, Michelle Kalowski, Laurel Paget-
Seekins, Kat Benesh, Karen Antion, Michael Muller

At the call of Chair Aiello a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (Board) was called to order at 12:06 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 first speakers, Representative Bruce Ayers and Andrea Pessolano, Chief of Staff from Senator John Keenan's office, commented on Quincy ferry service ridership and pilots.

Next, Matt Moran from the Boston Transportation Department and Jarred Johnson from Transit Matters commented on late-night pilot service.

Next, Louise Baxter from the Transit Rider's Union commented on MBTA customer service and ridership.

Next, Raymie Parker and Erin Wortman from Stoneham Transportation Advisory Committee commented on the Route 132 Bus Service and Better Bus Project.

Next, Staci Rubin from the Conservation Law Foundation and Mela Miles from Alternatives for Community and Environment commented on the I-93 HOV lane, late night bus service, the recent commuter rail deaths on the Fairmount and Kingston Commuter Rail lines and the status the Fairmount to Foxboro Commuter Rail pilot.

Next, James Nickerson, President of Nickerson Associates commented on disaster training for MBTA staff.

Next, Marilyn McNabb commented on The Ride vehicles parking on sidewalks and driving down streets the wrong way.

Lastly, Tangi Cifuney from Winthrop commented on a potential partnership with the MBTA and ferry service from Winthrop.

Public comment period concluded at 12:29 p.m.

Next was the approval of the minutes of the May 13 and May 20, 2019 meetings.

**On motion duly made and seconded, it was:
VOTED: to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019.**

**On motion duly made and seconded, it was:
VOTED: to approve the minutes of May 20, 2019
(Director Kornegay abstained)**

Chair Aiello continued with the agenda and called upon General Manager Steve Poftak to present the Report of the General Manager, Agenda Item D. Mr. Poftak discussed the budget results for the first four months of 2019 and concluded with an update on Cape Flyer service that commenced on May 24, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "General Manager's Remarks, June 3, 2019."

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville to present Agenda Item E, the Deputy General Manager's Report. Mr. Gonneville updated the Board on the Gloucester Drawbridge replacement project and the Harvard Bus Tunnel rehabilitation project and concluded with the status of the new

Orange Line vehicles, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Deputy General Manager’s Remarks, June 3, 2019.” Discussion ensued.

Next, MassDOT’s Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton presented Agenda Item F, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “FMCB Public Schedule, June 3, 2019.” Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello next called upon Kat Benesh, Chief of Operations Strategy, Policy and Oversight to present Agenda Item G, an update of the Late Night Bus Pilot. Ms. Benesh first recognized the cities of Boston and Cambridge, staff, various organizations and advocates for the great collaborative efforts to create an overnight bus service proposal. For the meeting today, Ms. Benesh was seeking a formal vote from the FMCB on whether and how to continue service in accordance with the Transit Pilot Policy.

Ms. Benesh provided a brief history of the late night service pilots noting the goal of late night bus service was to provide new mobility, especially for work trips, and to reduce overcrowding during a time when resources could be added. Ms. Benesh noted that an evaluation showed increased weekly ridership and decreased crowding but not all changes were equally successful.

Ms. Benesh reviewed the evaluation criteria, methodology and performance measures of the three categories of the late night service pilot, as set forth in the

attached document labeled, "Late Night Pilot Update, June 3, 2019." Discussion ensued.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED:

WHEREAS, the Authority commenced a Late Night Service Pilot Program in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that those portions of the Late Night Service Pilot Program, known as "Categories 1 and 2," which added frequency on certain bus routes with high ridership, and provided additional "last trips" on certain bus routes, have been effective in providing bus transportation access, especially for work trips, during the late night period; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recommends that the service changes implemented pursuant to those certain Categories 1 and 2 of the Late Night Service Pilot Program be made permanent; and

WHEREAS, this 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 Categories 1 and 2 of the Late Night Service Pilot Program, as described in the presentation to the FMCB during its regular meeting on June 3, 2019.

Next, Chair Aiello called on Assistant General Manager for Policy Laurel Paget-Seekins to present Agenda Item H, an update on the Pilot Policy. Ms. Paget-Seekins stated the goal of her presentation was to decide whether to restart the pilot sponsored process and establish a timeline for proposals. Ms. Paget-Seekins

continued outlining background definitions, two pathways for external pilot ideas and proposed timeline for sponsored pilots in FY21, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "New Service Pilots Update, June 3, 2019." Discussion ensued. The Board requested Ms. Paget-Seekins revise the timeline and return on July 22, 2019 for further discussion in conjunction with the Bus Network Design that was scheduled to be presented that day.

Ms. Paget-Seekins continued with Agenda Item I, the Ridership Quarterly Update. Ms. Paget-Seekins noted that bus and rapid transit ridership increased slightly over last year's first quarter ridership, in part due to a more mild winter.

Ms. Paget-Seekins continued with a review of MBTA ridership reporting: NTD/APTA Raw Report, the MBTA Dashboard and FMCB Quarterly Reports. In the short-term, the MBTA was working on improvements to source data and factors and in the long-term, the MBTA would be shifting all modes to Automated Passenger Counters (APC) in order to directly measure ridership, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Quarterly Ridership Update, Third Quarter FY19, June 3, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Lastly, Chair Aiello called upon Positive Train Control Project Manager Karen Antion to present Agenda Item J, the Positive Train Control (PTC) Update. Ms. Antion updated the Board regarding the current activities and progress of the MBTA's PTC Program with a focus on the status of resolution of issues with Siemens

PTC Hardware and Software. She noted that despite the risks with the hardware and software the PTC program was still on schedule, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update, June 3, 2019." Discussion ensued.

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 and real estate at 1:48 p.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

- Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting
- Minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting
- General Manager's Remarks, June 3, 2019
- Deputy General Manager's Remarks, June 3, 2019
- FMCB Public Schedule, June 3, 2019
- Late Night Pilot Update, June 3, 2019
- New Service Pilots Update, June 3, 2019
- Quarterly Ridership Update, Third Quarter FY19, June 3, 2019
- Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update, June 3, 2019