

CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2910 East Fifth Street Austin, TX 78702

~ Minutes ~

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Monday, June 26, 2017
12:00 PM

12:07 PM Meeting Called To Order
1:59 PM Meeting Adjourned

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Safety Briefing

Donna Simmons, Vice President of Administration and Risk Management Compliance Officer, provided the safety briefing for this month. She made note of the importance of the City of Austin's Vision Zero plan, which aims to reduce pedestrian and traffic fatalities. The primary goal of this plan is zero traffic deaths and injuries by 2025.

III. Recognition

Dottie Watkins, Vice President of Bus and Paratransit Services, presented the 2017 Capital Metro Rodeo winners. All of the winners, except Jose Gutierrez, were present and congratulated by the Board and staff.

IV. Public Comment:

Amanda Barczyk, Associate Director of Research at Dell Children's Trauma and Injury Research Center provided a report on child maltreatment occurring in Travis County. Data gathered from Texas Child Protective Services indicates the highest concentration of child maltreatment is occurring in what the Research Center refers to as the "East Austin Crescent" area - this is the area that starts in the Rundberg area in Northeast Austin and extends east and further down southwest. This area is in demand of access to mental health and substance use services. However, there is an inequitable distribution of these services in our community, as these services are primarily located on the west side of I-35 - in the urban core area. East/West transit is desperately needed. Ms. Barczyk would like us to consider transportation services to the East Austin Crescent area as we modify bus routes. Staff will work with Ms. Barczyk to see how we can collaborate and identify some things that can be done.

Jay Blazek Crossley, member of the Multi Modal Advisory Committee, spoke in favor of adding Oltorf and Pleasant Valley corridors to Phase Two of Project Connect. He suggested investing higher frequency to these routes.

Susan Pantell, citizen, supports Project Connect Phase One recommendations and recommended projects. She supports high capacity transit but wants an equitable system that serves the people that depend on public transportation. Ms. Pantell also shared comments regarding the new Pick-up Pilot program.

V. Advisory Committee Updates:

1. Update on the Access Advisory Committee (AAC)

Sam Sargent, Community Involvement Team, provided the report for AAC. Members of the committee met on June 7th and heard reports on the following:

- Quarterly Capital Projects and Bus Stop Accessibility Update
- Update on the Pickup pilot service

The Customer Satisfaction Advisory Committee (CSAC) did not meet this month.

VI. Board Committee Updates:

1. Finance, Audit and Administration Committee; and

Board Member Mitchell, the Chair of Finance, Audit and Administration Committee as well as Capital Metro's CAMPO representative, was unable to attend today's meeting so no reports were given.

2. CAMPO update

VII. Consent Items

1. Minutes for the May 22, 2017 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO, or her designee, to finalize and execute a contract amendment with DuBois, Bryant & Campbell, LLP for legal services related to the Saltillo Property Project for a total not to exceed amount of \$630,000.

VIII. Action Items:

1. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO, or her designee, to execute a contract with Indra USA Inc. to provide maintenance and support of the TVM (Ticket Vending Machine) system in the amount of \$436,197 for the base year with 3 one-year options in an amount not to exceed \$1,495,824.

Charlie Jackson, Manager, Technology/Transit Systems, presented this item. The current maintenance contract will expire June 30, 2017, therefore a new contract is required to continue support until new TVMs can be procured. This contract is a continuation of vendor maintenance and support for the TVM system that supports rail customer ticketing. The maintenance includes software licensing and field support of TVMs and validators to ensure consistent availability of the TVMs to our customers.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rita Jonse, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ann Kitchen, Board Member
AYES:	Silas, Word, Cooper, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria
ABSENT:	Mitchell, Garza

2. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or her designee, to finalize and execute a contract with C.D.L. Electric Co., Inc. to furnish and install a grade crossing warning system with bells, flashing lights and gate arms at the Fricke Road private crossing located approximately one mile south of the Howard Station for an amount not to exceed \$195,623.

Danny Bailey, Interim Vice President of Rail Operations, presented this item. In August, 2012 the Board accepted Rail Operations' plan to signalize each private crossing within the Commuter Corridor at the rate of one each year. Private crossings are at-grade crossings which provide access across the railroad tracks for privately owned roads. Private crossings on the Capital Metro Railroad are required to have a stop sign, a private crossing railroad crossing sign, an emergency notification sign and a no train horn sign. Adding an active grade crossing warning system to the Fricke Road crossing will provide users of the crossing with an active grade crossing warning system consisting of bells, flashing lights and crossing gate arms.

Board Member Kitchen wanted to know why this particular crossing was selected. This crossing has the most traffic and was next on the list of projects to be completed. Board Member Renteria commented it also needed to be addressed due to a tragic accident near this crossing back in 2012.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sabino Renteria, Board Member
SECONDER:	Juli Word, Secretary
AYES:	Silas, Word, Cooper, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria
ABSENT:	Mitchell, Garza

3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO, or her designee, to negotiate, finalize and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin in order to design and build a 12" water line betterment on behalf of the Austin Water Utility as part of the Downtown Rail Station Improvements project for which the City of Austin will reimburse Capital Metro a proportionate share.

Marcus Guerrero, Project Manager for the Downtown Station, presented this item. The Board approved a Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA) last month with the City of Austin (COA) for Downtown Waterline Betterment. Capital Metro will design and build a 12" waterline betterment (upgraded from an existing 8") between Sabine Street and I-35 on behalf of the City of Austin Water Utility. The City will reimburse Capital Metro 33% of the design costs and the incremental construction cost difference between an 8" water line and the 12" betterment. The reimbursement to Capital Metro is estimated at approximately \$30,000.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rita Jonse, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ann Kitchen, Board Member
AYES:	Silas, Word, Cooper, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria
ABSENT:	Mitchell, Garza

4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO, or her designee, to authorize the Project Connect Team -staff and consultants- to initiate Phase 2 (Real Solutions for Real Problems) by approving the list of Investment Corridors and Enhancement Projects selected during the development of Phase I (Big Ideas – Bold Starts) of Project Connect.

Todd Hemingson, VP, Planning & Development, presented this item. Authorization by the Board will allow the Project Connect team to move forward with Phase 2 of the development strategy of Project Connect. Phase 2 will commence a detailed technical evaluation of each one of the recommended investment corridors and enhancement projects to define the best system of solutions with the most effective strategy for implementation. Todd recapped version 1 of the project and stated we are refining the Project Connect plan to select high-capacity transit solutions for travel into, out of, and within Central Austin from the surrounding metro region. The project timeline and the map of the investment corridors were also discussed. Lastly, recommendations to upgrade and improve MetroRapid, MetroRail, MetroExpress and the addition of mobility hubs were suggested.

Public Comment:

Zenobia Joseph, citizen, opposes moving forward with Phase 2 of Project Connect. She believes Project Connect and Connections 2025 go hand in hand and is concerned the public does not understand the difference between the two. She voiced her concerns regarding lack of accountability, integrity, transparency and conflict of interest regarding both projects. In addition, she had comments regarding routes 820, 20, 100 and 37 and stated a cost benefit analysis should have been done on some of these routes.

Susan Somers, citizen, serves on AURA's multi modal advisory committee for Project Connect. She spoke in favor of the Otorf and Pleasant Valley corridors and suggested they be added to Phase 2 of Project Connect for future study. She also expressed concerns regarding the proposed BRT commuter

routes and asked that we look at all data for the best routes before a decision is made.

Board Member Cooper asked for clarification on the following:

- *Equity issues related to Oltorf and Pleasant*
- *Regional approval for Project Connect*
- *Difference between Connections 2025 and Project Connect*

Todd Hemingson provided the following response:

- *Difference between Connections 2025 and Project Connect:* Whether the public is clear on the differences between the two studies depends on who you ask. Plenty of people are not aware of either studies. Nevertheless, we've engaged with stakeholders whom we believe recognize the difference. We've provided a map that illustrates the underlying Connections 2025 routes and how these two plans work together to form the overall system.
- *Regional approval for Project Connect:* We've briefed City Council, Travis County Commissioners and other policy boards.
- *Equity issues related to Oltorf and Pleasant Valley:* These two corridors scored the highest in the quantitative but not qualitative side of our evaluation process. On the qualitative side they scored very low in regional connectivity, state/federal funding opportunities, TOD recent developments, and other factors. However, both corridors are slated to receive frequent service.

Board Member Kitchen motioned and suggested the following amendment to the list of investment corridors and enhancement projects to study in Phase 2:

- As additional connector corridors, Oltorf and Pleasant Valley
- Extension of North Lamar north of Rundberg to study potential opportunities to leverage mobility bond investments
- Extension of South Lamar further south along Manchaca Road, and extension of South Congress further south.

Include in Phase 2 analyses the following:

- Opportunity to leverage with mobility investments and land use development, including CodeNext and affordable housing investments
- Equity analysis of each of the corridors
- Analysis of the beginning and end points of each proposed corridor, including factors such as ridership, leveraging investments, population and other relevant factors.

Renteria seconded. Motion carries: 6-0

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ann Kitchen, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sabino Renteria, Board Member
AYES:	Silas, Word, Cooper, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria
ABSENT:	Mitchell, Garza

IX. Presentations:

1. Transit Empowerment Fund

Eric Bustos, Interim Government Relations Manager introduced Janet Allen, the Board Chair of the Transit Empowerment Fund. Ms. Allen provided a comprehensive overview of the Fund. The mission of the TEF is to enhance access to transportation for low-income, transit dependent individuals in the Austin area. The Fund was established with an allocation of funding from CapMetro in 2011 to address

the needs of low income transit dependent riders by providing support to nonprofits who serve them. The report included the following:

- History of Funding
- Impact on Community
- Primary Purposes of Passes and Rider Eligibility for Passes
- Pass Process and Board Considerations when Making Awards
- List of Recipients Currently Distributing Bus Passes
- Gender and Age of Pass Recipients
- Demonstration Projects
- Microgrants
- Other Accomplishments and Future Plans

Board Member Kitchen requested a copy of the AGE of Central Texas Senior Transportation Research Project report.

Lastly, Board Members Cooper and Kitchen commented that it would be helpful to see a report, if possible, on the areas of town that are transit “deserts” and the Fund's recommendation on how to address those transit service gaps.

X. Reports:

1. Operations

Dottie Watkins, Vice President, Bus & Paratransit Services, presented the Q2 FY18 Operations Report. The report included information on the following service modes:

- Bus
- BRT
- Paratransit
- Rail
- Overall Customer Satisfaction Index: 6.08

2. President's Report

President/CEO Linda Watson presented her report. The report included the following:

- APD Evacuation bus - Board member Silas related a personal experience that we recently provided a bus for residents of an apartment complex that were evacuated due to a SWAT situation. The residents needed a place to be cool. The café next door to the apartment complex donated two cases of water and she provided food for everyone in the bus. That same week IRS received a bomb threat and we provided circular bus to its employees from IRS to Travis High School. She thanked the contractors and operators for their service
- Capital Metro has been awarded a \$9.8 Million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration to assist with implementation efforts on Positive Train Control (PTC). President Watson thanked Melvin Clark for his efforts with this grant.
- Last Mile Summit and MetroWorks Program. The Last Mile Summit was a recent event co-sponsored by the Austin Chamber of Commerce that brought together area employers who want to find new ways to get their employees to work. And our business program MetroWorks has been having a great year bringing in these types of employers and signing agreements for them to provide discounted passes. President Watson thanked staff Lonny Stern & Greg Buford for their work on these initiatives.
- Austin Youth Film Fest Winner - Transit Category. President Watson showed a short film created by students participating in the Austin Youth Film Fest with transit as the topic. The winning entry in the transit category was called Every Swipe is Something New, created by students at the Headwaters School.

Lastly, President Watson reminded the Board about the Plaza Saltillo Groundbreaking on June 28 and

stated we have 160 RSVPs to date. She gave special thanks to Kerri Butcher and Gerardo Castillo for their work on getting the final agreements signed.

XI. Items for Future Discussion:

XII. Adjournment

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Date: June 26, 2017

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