

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

~ Minutes ~

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Monday, February 25, 2019
12:00 PM

12:14 PM Meeting Called to Order
3:13 PM Meeting Adjourned

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Safety Briefing

Vice President of Risk Management and Safety Gardner Tabon gave the monthly briefing. The focus of this month's message was pedestrian safety.

III. Recognition

President Clarke and Board Member Travillion made remarks in support of Action Item #1, the dedication of the Capital Metro Boardroom in honor of civil rights icon Rosa Parks. A mural has been created for the area just outside the boardroom doors. Board Member Travillion recognized and introduced local historian and activist Creola Burns; NAACP Chapter President Nelson Linder; the Austin Urban League's Quincy Dunlap; and the Honorable Wilhelmina Delco. Ms. Delco, Mr. Linder and Mr. Dunlap each spoke in support of the resolution and gave personal reflections on civil rights in Austin.

IV. Public Comment:

David King, citizen, urged the board to analyze the Cap Remap changes and remedy any disparate impacts on low-income or minority populations. These populations are being displaced from Central Austin. He urged the City to make several policy changes to help mitigate this displacement.

Tom Noonan, President of Visit Austin, spoke in support of the award of the Downtown Station construction contract and thanked President Clarke and Capital Metro for their involvement with his organization.

Gus Pena, President and Co-founder of Veterans for Progress, thanked the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development for their support of his organization's work in housing veterans. He also spoke of the difficulty he believes people have in reaching the VA clinic on Capital Metro. The new Municipal Court will also be in this area and there will be more ridership. He spoke of his safety concerns with autonomous buses and the construction disruption there will be when constructing light rail.

Joyce Basciano, resident of Brykerwoods, believes that there may be racial discrimination behind Capital Metro's decision with Cap Remap to increase frequency on several West Austin routes while cutting service to areas of the city where there are more transit-dependent customers. She is also concerned about the service gap that now exists along Exposition Boulevard, where there are several community destinations that are no longer served. She commented on pedestrian safety and sparse amenities along several corridors. President Clarke asked the Planning Department to follow up with Ms. Basciano with more specifics on the overall equity of the Remap changes.

Ruven Brooks, citizen, has done his own analysis of the Cap Remap changes and presented several slides in support of the idea that overall there has been an increase in transit access for minority and low-income populations. Cap Remap clearly benefited the entire city.

Zenobia Joseph, citizen, feels that focusing on Rosa Parks as the symbol of bus desegregation in Montgomery eviscerates the history of Ms. Colvin and others from the Women's Political Council who came before her. She recently led a tour of routes in Northeast Austin and in contrast with Mr. Brooks analysis feels that service in this area remains inadequate, unreliable and disconnected.

Ms. Joseph also read comments from Mona Mehdy, who needed to leave earlier in the meeting. In them Ms. Mehdy comments that she is unhappy about services in Northeast Austin that continue to be truncated or infrequent after changes made under Cap Remap, including Routes 392 and 240. She believes there are continuing disparate impacts in violation of Title VI. She also opposes renaming the boardroom in honor of Ms. Parks until these impacts can be fixed.

V. Advisory Committee Updates:

1. Update on the Customer Satisfaction Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Deputy Chief of Staff Sam Sargent gave the report. CSAC met on February 13th and heard updates on the Customer Satisfaction Survey, new website dashboards, and Project Connect. They also did their annual review of the committee charter.

2. Update on the Access Advisory Committee (AAC).

Deputy Chief of Staff Sam Sargent gave the report. Access met on February 6th and reviewed their committee charter and bylaws as they do once a year. They also heard reports on ridership and technology, an update on pilot programs/innovation zones, and a presentation on the new website dashboards.

VI. Board Committee Updates:

1. Operations, Planning and Safety Committee

No report was given this month as there was not a February meeting.

2. Finance, Audit and Administration Committee

Chair Mitchell gave the report. The committee' only action was approval of the prior month's minutes. Three presentations were heard: recommendations on the board advisory committees; an update on Internal Audit projects; and the monthly financial report.

3. CAMPO update

Board Member Mitchell reported the CAMPO met on February 11th, and the most significant action was that Mayor Steve Adler was named as the new Chair. Williamson County Commissioner Long was named as Vice Chair. The committee also discussed a public participation agreement for the CAMPO 2025 plan and a discussion of increasing the recognition of Traffic Demand Management tools in traffic analyses.

VII. Consent Items

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rita Jonse, Board Member
SECONDER:	Delia Garza, Vice Chair
AYES:	Mitchell, Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion
ABSENT:	Stratton

1. Approval of Minutes from the January 28. 2019 Board Meeting

VIII. Action Items:

1. Approval of a resolution naming the Capital Metro Boardroom in honor of Ms. Rosa Parks, a lifelong champion of civil rights, American hero and icon of resistance.

After remarks from President Clarke, Board Member Travillion, the Honorable Wilhelmina Delco, NAACP Chapter President Nelson Linder, and the Austin Urban League's Qunicy Dunlap, Chair Cooper commented on the important reminder that this will send to all who enter the boardroom.

The board then took a brief recess to allow for photographs to be taken.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeffrey Travillion, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ann Kitchen, Board Member
AYES:	Mitchell, Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion
ABSENT:	Stratton

2. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO, or his designee, to execute a contract with Whiting Systems for the removal and replacement of two Smart Wash Super Scout gantry wash systems and an option for one Smart Wash Super Scout gantry wash system used for articulated buses, located at North Operations and Maintenance Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$666,399.

Vice President of Property and Asset Management Shanea Davis presented this item.

These washers are to replace existing equipment which is well past its expected service life.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Mitchell, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rita Jonse, Board Member
AYES:	Mitchell, Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion
ABSENT:	Stratton

3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO, or his designee, to finalize and execute a contract with Jay-Reese Contractors for the construction of the new MetroRail Downtown Station Project for \$30,720,967, plus \$6,144,193 (20%) contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$36,865,160.

Vice President of Capital Projects Ken Cartwright presented this item.

Ken presented an overview of the proposed project, siteplan, and procurement process. Capital Metro has worked with the proposed contractor in the past and they are currently working with the agency on the Plaza Saltillo double-tracking project. There will be an interruption in train service during construction - a shuttle will provide service from Plaza Saltillo Station for about 5 months. Ken thanked Project Manager Marc Guerrero and then introduced Mr. Ron Albee from Jay-Reese to say a few words.

President Clarke thanked additional staff members who have been part of this project team. This project will help us to fulfill the potential of the Red Line and potential Green Line. Chair Cooper also made comments acknowledging the importance of today's vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Delia Garza, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Terry Mitchell, Board Member
AYES:	Mitchell, Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion
ABSENT:	Stratton

4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO, or his designee, to finalize and execute a contract with Luminator Mass Transit LLC to provide ePaper Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) for a base period of one year with five optional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$1,782,333.

Vice President of Bus Operations and Maintenance Dottie Watkins presented this item.

These signs will replace existing DMS signs, which are being retired partly because they operated on the 3G network.

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

IX. Presentations:

1. Cap Remap Service Analysis

Executive Vice President for Planning and Development Todd Hemingson gave the presentation.

This is a six-month review of the Cap Remap changes, which were implemented with the June, 2018 service change. Since the changes occurred system ridership is up about 3%, including 6% in January compared with January of last year. Todd reviewed the overall goals of Cap Remap and some history leading up to the implementation. He reviewed areas that are currently exceeding expectations, meeting expectations, and not meeting expectations, but stressed the generally it takes about a year of a new service before a full evaluation can be performed. He also reviewed a history and lessons learned from the agency's Mobility Innovation Zones and previewed what future zones are proposed. Finally he gave a summary of the upcoming June 2019 proposed service changes.

Board member Kitchen asked about future Mobility Innovation Zones south and east of the city. She feels we need to be able to show some timelines for these areas in the near future. Board member Travillion expressed support for efforts to find alternative ways to provide transportation services for areas that might have lost frequent transit services.

2. Project Connect Update and Community Engagement Plan

Program Officer Dave Couch gave a brief update on the Blue, Orange, and Bus Rapid Transit lite line procurement processes. Dave then introduced Jackie Nirenberg, Manager of Community Involvement. Jackie then provided an overview of the draft Project Connect Community Engagement Plan. This plan has been put together based on feedback from community members, the Board/Council community engagement work session, and the Multimodal Community Advisory Committee (MCAC). The plan is just a framework and is expected to change over time as we move through the process. Jackie reviewed the goals and strategies for making the engagement plan a substantive, effective process.

The new Project Connect Community Office at 607 Congress Avenue is now open and will be a central place to focus our engagement offices and for the public to learn more. Jackie's team will be reporting back to the board and other stakeholders quarterly and adjusting and adapting the program.

They will also create an online engagement dashboard that will be available to the community with community engagement data and metrics.

Board member Kitchen asked if the board could be involved in the development of the metrics used in the dashboard. There was also a discussion on how the success of the plan will be measured, and on corridor-specific outreach plans.

3. Performance Dashboards

Chief Financial Officer Reinet Marneweck demonstrated the latest iteration of the Performance Dashboards and enterprise data warehouse. These dashboards are now available on the Capital Metro website.

Reinet also previewed several items that are planned to be included when Phase II of the dashboards launch. She thanked several staff members who have been involved in getting this project launched and live on the website.

X. Reports:

1. President's Report

President Clarke gave his monthly report, which this month included reviews and updates on the following: a Saltillo Development construction update; the Project Connect Community Office Opening Open House; a CTRMA/MoPac Express Lanes ride that he took with Mayor Adler; a Best Workplace for Commuters award presented to us by Movability Austin; an a ribbon-cutting at the Fairfield MetroRapid station. President Clarke also thanked staff for all their hard work during his first year at Capital Metro.

XI. Memo

1. Financial Report - December 2018

XII. Items for Future Discussion:

XIII. Adjournment

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