

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
August 14, 2018**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:44 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Bauman presiding.

City of Dallas

Sue S. Bauman – **Chair**
Ray Jackson
Patrick J. Kennedy
Jon-Bertrell Killen
Michele Wong Krause– **Secretary**
Amanda Moreno
Dominique P. Torres

City of Garland

Jonathan R. Kelly – **Assistant Secretary**

City of Irving

Rick Stopfer

City of Plano

Paul N. Wageman – **Vice-Chair**

City of Cockrell Hill and Dallas

Catherine S. Cuellar

Cities of Carrollton and Irving

Tim Hayden

Cities of Farmers Branch and Plano

Lissa Smith

Cities of Garland, Rowlett, and Glenn Heights

Mark C. Enoch

Cities of Richardson and University Park; Towns of Addison and Highland Park

Gary A. Slagel

Mr. Mark Enoch and Ms. Lissa Smith were absent.

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2018

Ms. Wong Krause moved to approve the July 10, 2018, Board of Directors' meeting Minutes, and be entered into record, as written.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the item was approved unanimously.

Mr. Wageman entered and stepped out of the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

2. This item will be discussed in Committee-of-the-Whole only.

3. PAAG Report and Most Valuable Driver Recognition

Ms. Annie Jones, Representative of the Paratransit Accessibility Advisory Group (PAAG), provided an overview of the PAAG meeting (Copy on file with the Office of Board Support).

Mr. Wageman reentered the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Doug Douglas, Vice President of Mobility Management Services, thanked Ms. Jones for her 30+ years of volunteer work with DART. He then presented two Most Valuable Operator Awards for second quarter. The awards went to Mr. Bryon Lively, Bus Operator and Mr. Fida Hussain, Taxi Operator.

4. Public Comments

Chair Bauman reviewed the rules that govern the Public Comments portion of the meeting, including the Code of Conduct for Citizens, News Media, and Visitors at DART Board Meetings (on file with the Office of Board Support).

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mr. Kenneth Day; DART Employee (Did Not Fill Comment Card):

Mr. Day, President of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) – Local Division 1338, commended the Board for balancing all the responsibilities they have. He then spoke on the medical insurance issues, stating staff and ATU, are trying to work through the issues. In regards to the Board's upcoming consideration of replacing the Paratransit model, Mr. Day cautioned the Board to be very cautious due to this dealing with the most vulnerable population.

Mr. DeBoss Christian; DART Employee:

Mr. Christian spoke on a several issues concerning DART employees regarding employee benefits, the 504 Program and the issues with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) physicals. He noted Mr. Michael Muhammad, Vice President of Diversity, including Employee and Labor Relations, had assured him that staff is working diligently with ATU to resolve that issue.

Mr. Emiliano Hector Palomo; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Palomo spoke in regards to DART's security systems and DART's current technology equipment. He also voiced concern regarding the sanitation of the buses.

Chair Bauman referred Mr. Palomo to Deputy Chief Edward Addison, DART Policy and Mr. Herold Humphrey, Assistant Vice President of Bus Operations.

Mr. Charles May; Dallas, TX:

Mr. May voiced concern regarding the upcoming fare increase.

Mr. Isaac Davis; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Davis opposed the fare increase.

Mr. Darrell Andre Humphrey; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Humphrey opposed the fare increase.

Mr. William Dockerey; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Dockerey commended DART. He stated, in the past year to a year and half, DART has assisting the homeless through a program provided through counseling services where they are placed on a list to be able to buy reduced passes to get to their destinations. He then recommended having a hardship pass, based on people who work with counselors and make below minimum wage.

Mr. Josh Crabtree; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Crabtree, member of the North Texas Transit Riders and a resident of the Dallas Design District, commended the Board and staff for their assistance regarding a previous issue concerning numerous bus stops on the south-side of the City of Dallas. He noted Mr. Todd Plesko, Vice President of Planning and Scheduling, and his staff, examined 13 stops and determined one stop qualified for a bench. He then recommended DART placing a point-base system for providing amenities similar to other entities, as recommended by a Board Member at the Operations, Safety and Security Committee on June 5, 2018.

Mr. Nathan Novy; Arlington, TX:

Mr. Novy voiced his opposition regarding the fare increase.

Ms. Monny Beyer; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Beyer voiced her opposition to fare increase. She then read an article she wrote in the Dallas Morning News in May 2018.

Consent Items:

Chair Bauman stated Board Members Killen and Torres, would be making a few comments. She then called Mr. Killen.

Mr. Killen made a few comments regarding the upcoming fare increase. He noted that the conversations will continue surrounding the fare increase. Mr. Killen commended the public for the continued input and engagement they are getting from the community. He asked the public to be patient with them, as a Board, as they work through what they feel will be a big change for how they do fare policy.

Ms. Torres echoed Mr. Killen's comments regarding this fare policy is an ongoing conversation. She further stated, although others did not see these conversations taking place in the Board of Directors' Meeting, there are conversations occurring on the committee level regarding what they hear at during the Public Comment segment of the Board agenda. She then thanked the public for their comments and their feedback.

Chair Bauman directed the Committee to the agenda items.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve Agenda Items 5 through 12, excluding Agenda Item 7, Approval to Amend the Agreement Among the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bus Service, LGC, the City of Mesquite, and STAR Transit to Extend the Operation of the Compass Route and Planning Services and to Amend the FY 2019 LGC Budget to Include the Extended Operations.

Administrative:

5. Contract for SPEAR System Software Maintenance

Moved for approval of Resolution 180061, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to award a two-year contract with two, one-year options, for SPEAR system software maintenance with Stellar Services, Inc. in the amount of \$340,302 for the base term.

Public Affairs & Communications:

6. Approval to Execute Interlocal Funding Agreements between the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bus Service, LGC and the North Central Texas Council of Governments for FTA Grant Funding

Moved for approval of Resolution 180062, stating authorization of the President of Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bus Service, LGC, or his designee to execute interlocal funding agreements with the North Central Texas Council of Governments to receive federal grant reimbursement of allowable expenses for the following grants, substantially in the form included as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 to the Resolution, and subject to legal review:

Section 1: Agreement TRX 2465, (New Freedom Grant) Amendment 2, for taxi voucher services in selected communities (Exhibit 1); and

Section 2: Agreement TRN 4819 for software integration services to allow DART access to more taxi and non-traditional (TNC) providers for taxi voucher programs (Exhibit 2); and

Section 3: Agreement TRN 4820 for the purchase and installation of fare payment technology, including mobile technology, to non-service area providers connecting with DART (Exhibit 3).

Operations, Safety & Security:

7. Approval to Amend the Agreement Among the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bus Service, LGC, the City of Mesquite, and STAR Transit to Extend the Operation of the Compass Route and Planning Services and to Amend the FY 2019 LGC Budget to Include the Extended Operations

This item was discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole only.

8. Contract Award for Access System Replacement

Moved for approval of Resolution 180063, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to award a contract for replacement of an access system at DART administrative and operating facilities and crew rooms at passenger stations with Convergent Technologies LLC, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$258,497.

9. Approval to Use Board-Authorized Contingency for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Operations and Maintenance Contract for Additional Flagging for the TRE Valley View Project

Moved for approval of Resolution 180064, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to approve use of contingency (Resolution No. 170075) for the Trinity Railway Express operations and maintenance contract with Herzog Transit Services, Inc., [Contract No. 2005858-01] for additional flagging to support

the general contractor for the TRE Valley View Project through completion in the amount of \$178,000. This amount will be funded from existing contingency for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$324,138,868.

10. Funding for a Portion of a Regional Positive Train Control (PTC) Contract Between Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) and Xorail, Inc., a Subsidiary of Wabtec Corporation, for PTC Hosting Services for Trinity Railway Express

Moved for approval of Resolution 180065, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to fund DART's portion of a purchase contract between Trinity Metro and Xorail, Inc. a subsidiary of Wabtec, for PTC hosting services in the amount of \$714,166, plus a supplemental work contingency of \$71,416 for unanticipated expenses, for a total amount not to exceed \$785,583, funded by DART local funds.

11. Approval of a Site-Specific Shuttle Agreement with Amazon Fulfillment Center FTW1

Moved for approval of Resolution 180066, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute an Agreement between Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and a designated Amazon entity, substantially in the form as shown in Exhibit 1, and subject to legal review, for the operation and funding of a site-specific shuttle for weekend GoLink service, with a net cost to DART not to exceed \$20,000, for a one-year term, ending September 30, 2019.

Planning:

12. Approval of a Confirmation Letter by DART to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Acknowledging Funding in Support of Design Services and Construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project

Moved for approval of Resolution 180067, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to transmit a confirmation letter to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) recognizing NCTCOG funding in support of design services and construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail project.

Mr. Slagel seconded and the items were approved unanimously.

Individual Items:

13. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole Only.

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Ms. Moreno moved for approval Agenda Items 15 through 17.

15. +Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Coppell Providing Property Contributions in Support of Design Services and Construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project

Moved for approval of Resolution 180068, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Coppell, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, providing property contributions in support of design services and construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail project.

16. +Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Plano Providing Funding and Property Contributions in Support of Design Services and Construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project

Moved for approval of Resolution 180069, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Plano, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, providing funding and property contributions in support of design services and construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail project.

17. +Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Richardson Providing Funding and Property Contributions in Support of Design Services and Construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project

Moved for approval of Resolution 180070, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement (ILA) between DART and the City of Richardson, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, providing funding and property contributions in support of design services and construction of the DART Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail project.

Mr. Slagel seconded and the items were approved unanimously.

18. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole Only.

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20. +Approval to Distribute the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget and Twenty-Year Financial Plan to Municipalities Within DART's Service Area for Review

Mr. Wageman moved for approval of Resolution 180071, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to distribute the Proposed FY 2019 Annual Budget and Twenty-Year Financial Plan to the governing bodies of the municipalities within DART's Service Area for their review.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the item was approved unanimously.

Other Items:

21. Public Comments

Mr. Stopfer, and Mr. Slagel, left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ms. Alex Telecky; McKinney, TX:

Ms. Telecky voiced her opinion regarding the reinstatement of a former Bus Operator and her opposition of the fare increase.

Mr. Bob Crawford; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Crawford voiced concern regarding the Paratransit Taxi Operators. He opined the Taxi Operators needed to have fair evaluations done by passengers if they are in their cabs.

Ms. Moreno left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Gary Stuard; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Stuard, one of the founding members of the North Texas Transit Riders and member North Texas Democratic Socialist of America, emphatically voiced his opposition of the upcoming fare increase.

Chair Bauman requested Mr. Stuard modulate his speech, however after several attempts, Lieutenant Ronald Lindsey, DART Police, assisted in bringing order to the situation.

Mr. Marvin Reese; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Reese opposed the upcoming fare increase.

Ms. Sherlyn Samuel; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Samuel spoke in reference to the Poor People's Campaign and her participation with this group.

Coach Norris Johnson; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Johnson addressed the Board regarding initiating more incentive program and expressing appreciation of the DART employees.

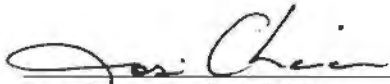
Ms. Olinka Green; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Green voiced concern regarding the fare increase.

22. **This item will be discussed in Committee-of-the-Whole only.**

23. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Josefina Chavira, CAP
Board Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item

* Briefing Item