

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2010

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:23 p.m. by Chairman David S. Wolff. Vice Chairman George DeMontrond, III, Board Secretary, Jackie L. Freeman, and Board Members Burt Ballanfant, Carmen Trinidad Mendenhall-Sosa, Carmen Orta, and C. Jim Steward, III were present and constituted a quorum.

Chairman Wolff first called for approval of the minutes of the regularly-scheduled Board Meeting of January 21, 2010. Board Member Stewart moved for approval of the Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Board Secretary Freeman and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2010 – 5

Chairman Wolff next called upon those members of the public who had requested to speak before the Board. The persons who spoke and the substance of their comments were as follows:

1. Mr. Bruce Ryals - Mr. Ryals commented that he was disabled and would like to purchase a \$52.00 annual pass. It was explained to Mr. Ryals that the \$52.00 annual pass has been discontinued. However, disabled patrons may receive fare discounts. Mr. Ryals was referred to Art Jackson, METRO's Director of Transportation Programs, for more information.

2. Ms. Aleithia Artemis - Ms. Artemis did not appear to make her comments when called.

3. Ms. Crystal Garza - Ms. Garza did not appear to make her comments when called.

4. Mr. Melvin Kirks - Mr. Kirks did not appear to make his comments when called.

5. Mr. Mark Hogue - Mr. Hogue commented that he would like to see more METRO involvement in high speed rail projects that will provide service between major Texas cities.

6. Mr. Joseph Charles - Mr. Charles stated that his ADA paratransit disability card was stolen and complained of other injustices.

7. Mr. Jerry Asher - Mr. Asher commended the Board and management for the expansion and restoration of San Felipe Road. He also thanked METRO for the bus shelters on Post Oak Boulevard in the Galleria area. Mr. Asher requested that benches be provided for the bus shelters on San Felipe similar to those on Westheimer and Post Oak Boulevard.

Chairman Wolff stated that there were some questions raised in last month's meeting by public speaker, Mr. Paul Magaziner, that he wanted to address. Mr. Magaziner had asked why the projections in Table 17 in the Section 5309 submission of the New Start's Financial Plan for the North and the Southeast Corridors did not include METRO's payment of General Mobility funds past 2014. Chairman Wolff explained that there are two distinctly different financial analyses that have different requirements and purposes. One analysis is the Section 5309 New Start's Financial Plan and the other analysis is METRO's own financial capacity analysis. He stated that under Federal regulations, Table 17 includes current commitments. It is not necessary to include general mobility commitments, as the voters approved by referendum, beyond 2014. The table assumes that METRO's commitment of one quarter of its sales tax revenues to General Mobility projects will have been satisfied.

Mr. Magaziner thanked the Board for the work that it does and for Mr. Wolff's explanation of the general mobility expenditures. Mr. Magaziner further commented that he has received the traffic studies for the Southeast Corridor but not for the University Line or the Uptown Corridor. An attorney general opinion has been requested regarding release.

Chairman Wolff stated that METRO has made every effort to minimize disruptions that may be caused by construction. METRO receives reports on a corridor-by-corridor basis of the location of the utility work, the roadway modifications and station construction. He stated that METRO is sensitive to neighborhood concerns giving attention to the kind of complaints that are made, how these concerns are addressed and how quickly problems are resolved. Mr. Wolff stated that he welcomed Mr. Magaziner's comments, and invited him to continue to bring issues before the Board for public discussion.

The President & CEO, Frank Wilson stated there were no new business issues to bring before the Board.

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Chairman Wolff then read a letter that he had sent to Houston Mayor Annise Parker.

Chairman Wolff called for consideration of the Summary Agenda containing Agenda Items 5 and 7. Board Member Stewart moved for approval of the Summary Agenda. The motion was duly seconded and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2010 – 6

By way of Summary Agenda, the Board of Directors approved the following:

Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver appropriate agreements with FM Global for All Risk Property Insurance, for an amount not to exceed \$1,272,256.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 7

A resolution authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver contracts for the purchase of information technology equipment using various cooperative purchasing agreements for a total amount not to exceed \$6,340,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 8

Board Secretary Freeman moved that the President & CEO be authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver a modification to the Contract with HRT to increase the contract value by an amount not to exceed \$97 million. Board Secretary Freeman further moved that the contract be increased by \$32 million for remediation and a collision avoidance system. The motion was duly seconded and all Board Members present voted in favor.


MOTION NO. 2010 – 7
RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 9

There being no other matters to come before the Board for its consideration, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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The next regularly-scheduled Board Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010 at
1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant Secretary