

- NOTICE OF MEETING -
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008 - 4:00 P.M.
2910 EAST FIFTH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78702

- MINUTES -

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Lee Walker
Commissioner Margaret Gomez
Mayor John Cowman
Council Member Jamie Allen
Council Member Mike Martinez
Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino

STAFF PRESENT

Fred Gilliam, President/CEO
Sallie Crosby, Chief Counsel
Gina Estrada, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison
SUPPORT STAFF

The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors convened its Meeting on January 23, 2008 and was called to order by Chairman Walker at 4:04 p.m.

- A G E N D A -

Pledges of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Board Minutes from December 12, 2007 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to approve the "Suburban Communities" FY 2008 Projects List and funding allocations disbursement in accordance with the approved FY 2008 budget for Build Central Texas (BCT).
3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cedar Park for the purposes of conducting a study to evaluate the potential for public transportation services and the development of transit-related facilities, for the greater Cedar Park area in an amount not to exceed \$170,400.
4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a Multiple Use Agreement (MUA) between TXDOT and CMTA for Mopac/Howard Station.
5. Approval of Election of Capital Metro Board Officers.
6. Approval of Election of Capital Metro Board Subcommittees.

The Board went into executive session at the worksession.

7. **Executive Session of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:**
Chapter 551.071 – Legal Advice, Labor Issues.
Chapter 551.072 – Real Property, Strategic Property Acquisitions/Dispositions.

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It was moved by Trevino seconded by Gomez to approve the above Action Items. The motion carried a vote of 6 ayes (Walker, Gomez, Cowman, Allen, Trevino and Martinez) and 0 nays.

Presentations Items:

- A. Fixed Route Planning and Analysis – Public Comments:
1. David Wittie - Access to bus stops, no documents in response to Open Records Request (for Bus Stop Inventory) from Cynthia Martinez. S. Lamar & Rundberg inaccessible stops
 2. Jennifer McPhail – Access to bus stop at S. Lamar & Braker. Have City check into.
 3. Joy Combs – S. Lamar barrier for bikes, access to stops too steep. Needs to be fixed.
- B. I-Ride – Rick L’Amie – see attached Report – Discussed new ridership campaign, information updates. Reality ridership concept, discussed campaign materials & showed IRide video. The campaign will go live in February 2008.

Reports:

- C. Great Customer Care – No Report.
- D. All System Go Long-Range Transit Plan, Regional Visioning and Mobility Projects. No Report
- E. Legislative Matters. No Report
- F. Central Texas Air Quality – No Report
- G. Board of Director’s Update by the President/CEO – Discussed updates regarding Accessibility Project. Improvements rolling into 2009 budget. Changes to CEO Report regarding sales (see attached presentation).
- What the criteria’s are?
 - Is the May date ample time to give what needs attention to?
 - M. Gomez asked that we pay attention to the Federal laws and let the public know.
 - Board asked for an updated ongoing list of what they are doing and make available to the public as well.
 - L. Walker stated to take advantage of & use the City’s work & involvement. Also, for bus stop activity information before now & May when John Hodges plan will be completed, he will provide a listing monthly.
- H. Update on the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) – Judy Wateford gave the attached report.
- Issues regarding the IVR system, STS & holiday schedule.
 - How are we addressing the fact that some Para transit trips were automatically cancelled over the holidays and people were unable to go to work?
 - Are we considering talking signs in our stop upgrades?
 - Provide the public and the disabled community an ongoing updated list of stops that we have addressed accessibility issues at since the Board passed additional budget funds for improvements. Include what upgrades have been made and what items are on the Agenda. Updated as completed and/or new stops are added.

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- a. Access Committee - provide chair the format and deadlines for submission for the Board Report so that he/she can submit it in the future.
 - b. Would like Board work session to educate the Board on para transit and how it works. They would like a 30 min. presentation from staff followed by a 20 min. presentation by the Committee to raise issues of concern to them.
 - c. Staff should stop calling people who have signed up to speak at the Board meeting to inquire about what they wish to speak about.
- I. Update on the Satisfactory Advisory Committee (CSAC), Rene Barrera – No Report

Public Comments:

1. Richard Schultz – Cellular Mass Transit – Board would like staff to revisit with him.
 2. Clarence Riley - regarding false information (see attached presentation)
 3. Barbara Epstein – No show
 4. Pam Scott – issues regarding access to bus stops, using IVR & signing up for the Board Meetings.
 5. Vanesta Davis – regarding discrimination of StarTran employees. (see attached presentation)
 6. James Wolske – Re: Rail issues – energy savings etc... Get accurate data compared to his assertions of energy use of streetcars/trolley.
 7. Skip Cameron – issues regarding accessibility related to commuter rail. Where is proof of data concerning Auto vs. Rail, Metrics, emissions etc? Have we appropriately responded to his open records request with any information we have? For our own sake, should we have some of the information he is requesting but we haven't done the research or testing? Compare his pollution data to our figures. Staff will be responding.
 8. Malcolm Graham – regarding STS & Accessible Transportation. Issues regarding accessible bus stops and signing up for the Board Meetings.
- **Comments from Board Members:** Chairman Walker wanted update on the current status of the Google effort. Ongoing relationships with them, coding out trips, adding Google to our page.
 - How we are thinking of using it for the future, product transit information, ease of use etc...

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lee Walker, Chairman; Commissioner Margaret Gomez, Vice Chairperson; Council Member Jamie Allen; Council Member Mike Martinez; Council Member Brewster McCracken; Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino; and Mayor John Cowman. Board Liaison: Gina Estrada 389-7458, email gina.estrada@capmetro.org (send e-mail request for any copies of attachments).

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The Board of Directors may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government code

It was moved by Cowman seconded by Allen to approve the above minutes. The motion carried a vote of 6 ayes (Gomez, Allen, Cowman, McCracken, Martinez and Trevino) 0 nays.

The board meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Date: January 23, 2008

Yvonne Allen
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