

- NOTICE OF MEETING -
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008; 4:00 P.M.
2910 EAST FIFTH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78702

- MINUTES -

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Lee Walker
Commissioner Margaret Gomez
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 May 19, 2008 and was called to order by Chairman Walker at 4:06 p.m.

- A G E N D A -

Pledges of Allegiance.

Recognitions:

American Public Transportation Association Rodeo Winners –General Manager, **Terri Garcia Crews** announced the bus operator winners Arthur Murillo, Abdel Tenouri, Pete Rivera and Tony Payton, also Mike Clements, Phillip O’Neal and Greg Talley in the Vehicle Maintenance category she thanked them for their great performance during the 2008 International BusRodeo – Chairman Walker congratulated them all.

I-Ride Winners – **Rick L’amie** announced the winners of the contest and thanked Judge Paul Bradshaw for helping out. Video presentation was shown of the winners & bill board displays. A scrap book of other rider’s testimonials was given to the Board Members; a specially bound cover was given to Chairman Walker. He also read the prizes that were won.

Honoring:

Edward Lee Walker, Chairman of the Board of Directors – **Fred Gilliam** introduced a video highlighting Chairman Walker’s service to the community. **Commissioner Gomez** presented a Plaque and read the Resolution on the Plaque, signed by all the Board Members. Then she presented him with the Gavel that he had used for the past ten years. **Mr. Gilliam** then thanked him for his Leadership, his contribution to public transportation & Service on the Board, then he presented him with a large bus pass, a Cap Metro goodie bag which included an Operators shirt and a carved wooden replica of the Cap Metro Rail car, one of a kind made just for him. He then thanked him again for his service and

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presented his wife and children with flowers and thanked them for their sacrifices and the service they have all done. **Chairman Walker** thanked all the Board Members and let them know how privileged he was for serving with all of them and he thanked staff for their work, dedication & wanted to express his appreciation for where all the real work occurs, the drivers, mechanics and everyone else. He also wanted to thank the people from the different agencies like Judy Watford from ADAPT, Jennifer & David. Thanked Fred Gilliam, then there were remarks from Council Members Jamie Allen, Mike Martinez & Margaret Gomez.

Board Meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m.

Board Meeting resumed at 5:13 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. **Glen Gadbois** – with Major Employers on Growth and Mobility - regarding service changes – gave letter to Board Members. (See attachment)
2. **Sean Horton** – regarding Dillo routes – student ridership, 12th and Rio Grande shelter stops – 5 or 6 stops are already covered stops; see what impact it would have on student population.
3. **Claudia Parker** – Dillo on south side – why it should stay – most ridden, tourism aspect, special events mess up the routes and good to have something else. More than just students take the Dillo.
4. **Debbie Russell** – ACLU – regarding closing bus stop. What legal avenues have been explored? Don't understand why this is happening. (see attachment)

M. Gomez- wanted to let everyone know about the positive emails from riders to staff, just wanted staff to know and let the public know there are some alternate bus stops. Issues with downtown transfer station – does not make any sense to move – issues will crop up- would like to vote her displeasure with issue – also would like the Board to send letters and see if they could keep the stop, would like suggestions from Board. **L. Walker** – letters have been sent saying this is the wrong thing to do, maybe you can send another letter to the powers that be, staff get with **Kerri Davidson** regarding this issue. If this was delayed would Board be willing to have a special session, if sooner than the Board Meeting? (proper notice needs to be provided)

5. **David Wittie** – regarding fare change, cost of bus pass and increase of fare. There have been improvements but we are not quite there yet.
6. **Jennifer McPhail** – ADAPT – bust stops not accessible – not equitable, fare increases.
7. **Lee Hill** – regarding route changes – agrees with a fair fare increase, proposal good start, needs structure to use for longer term passes. Compare to other cities how they built their system. Mr. Hill also wanted to thank Fred Gilliam and his team for working with the Planning team, great plan now, regarding bus stops. Thanked L. Walker for his leadership and the team he has put together, Dottie, Andrea, Roberto and the other staff.
8. **Local 1091** – labor issues – stated gratitude for Chairman Walker's service, desire to see independent Audit of the Agency to see where the Agency is, what's working, what's not and it would be beneficial to the public to know how the budget is spent. Hope to find the Board moving in another direction.

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1. Approval of Board Minutes and Public Hearing from April 28, 2008.
2. Approval of August 2008 Service Changes -regarding new services –all except 11th & Congress bus stop, not approved at this time, Board would like to wait until June to vote on this issue to see if all avenues have been exhausted.

It was moved by Gomez and seconded by Trevino to approve the above resolutions. The motion carried a vote of 5 ayes (Walker, Gomez, Allen, Martinez, Trevino and) 0 nays.

3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a task order contract with MWM Design Group for Jurisdictional and Development Support services for a base term of five years. The total contract amount shall be determined by the cumulative total of the task orders issued and orders shall not exceed \$1,400,000 for all contracts awarded for the service.
4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a contract with Forsythe Brothers Infrastructure, LLC for the purchase of approximately forty-seven (47) new bus stop shelters in an amount not to exceed \$307,300 for a base period of three (3) years.
5. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to acquire real property for use in connection with the construction and operation of a Capital MetroRail terminal and related facilities at the southwest corner of Howard Lane and the MoPac Expressway on terms substantially in accordance with those set forth in Attachment A.

It was moved by Trevino and seconded by Gomez to approve the above resolutions. The motion carried a vote of 5 ayes (Walker, Gomez, Allen, Martinez, Trevino and) 0 nays.

6. Approval of a resolution to begin the public information process for a change in fare structure. This will allow staff to begin Public Hearings and community outreach to let them know about the changes and get their input.

It was moved by Gomez and seconded by Trevino to approve the above resolutions. The motion carried a vote of 5 ayes (Walker, Gomez, Allen, Martinez, Trevino and) 0 nays.

Executive Session of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:

Chapter 551.072 – Real Property, Strategic Property Acquisitions/Dispositions.

Went into Executive Session at the Work Session from 2:01 p.m. to 2:14 p.m.

Presentations Items:

- A. Passenger Infrastructure – **John Hodges** gave presentation regarding bus stop accessibility – upgrading and improving to meet Law requirements, only 31% meet the new ADA requirements. Would like Board feed back or comments. **M. Gomez** – Do we have anything in proposed budget? **J. Hodges** – this is a 5yr. program with associated monies, budgeting parameters, reasonable scale – combination of all elements. We need help from other jurisdictions other entities like the City of Austin, TX Dot, which are willing to step in to help. The Board directed staff to incorporate into the FY 2009 budget. (see attachment)

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Reports:

- B. Great Customer Care. No Report
- C. All System Go Long-Range Transit Plan, Regional Visioning and Mobility Projects. No Report
- D. Legislative Matters. No Report
- E. Central Texas Air Quality. No Report
- F. Update on the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) – Judy Watford thanked Chairman Walker for his service and Council Member Martinez and Andy for meeting with the Access Committee and thought that some progress had been made between the committee and the STS staff for working out some issues. The committee continues to have concerns regarding the proposed STS changes, would like permanent vouchers, drivers not calling out stops and get with city concerning sidewalk bonds.
- G. Board of Director's update by the President/CEO – President Gilliam gave the CEO Report - Update on Finances, Average weekly ridership for April, Cap Metro's Budget and on time performance in April etc. (see attached report).
- H. Update on the Customer Satisfactory Advisory Committee (CSAC), Rene Barrera. Report - no report – will mail.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ADA Compliance: Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications are provided upon request. Please call 512-389-7583 (voice or 711 Relay) or email nancy.crowther@capmetro.org if you need more information.

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

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 Trevino seconded by Cowman to approve the above minutes. The motion carried a vote of 5 votes (Cowman, Allen, Gomez, Trevino and McCracken) 0 nays.

Yvonne Allen
Legal Support Specialist II

Date: May 19, 2008