

**- NOTICE OF MEETING -**  
**CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007; 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 Brewster McCracken  
Council Member Jamie Allen

**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 November 14, 2007 and was called to order by Chairman Walker at 4:18 p.m.

**- A G E N D A -**

**Recognitions:**

- A. "Thomas the Tank Engine," Austin Steam Train Association.  
Three representatives from the ASTA wanted to thank Capital Metro for the outstanding job staff had done to help with their event. Fred Gilliam and Veolia staff members were thanked personally for their help with the event.
- B. Governor's Trophy from Committee on Persons with Disabilities Employment Award.  
Governor's Trophy was presented to Nancy Crowther by CEO/President Fred Gilliam. Mr. Gilliam stated this was one of the highest honors in Texas and wanted to thank Nancy for her passion for what she does in transportation for persons with disabilities. Nancy stated that she does have a passion for helping people in the service industry and wanted to thank everyone for the award.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Approval of Board Minutes from September 17, 2007, Public Hearing regarding Proposed Fare Adjustment, September 20, 2007 Public Hearing regarding Proposed 2008 Budget, September 24, 2007 Board Meeting and October 22, 2007 Board Meeting.
- 2. Approval of a resolution ratifying the award of contract to Verizon for maintenance and on-site telephone systems support in an amount not to exceed \$ 131,249 for a period of 12 months.
- 3. Approval of a resolution acknowledging an annual review of the investment policy as required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

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4. Approval of a resolution to formally accept the proposed FY2008-FY2009 Audit Services Plan.
5. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a task order contract with HDR, Inc. for Real Estate Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$ 440,000 for a base period of two (2) years with three (3) twelve month (12) options.
6. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc. for Facilities Programming Consulting services for a base term of one (1) year with five (5) option years in an amount not to exceed \$758,919.

There were public comments from ADAPT:

- 1) David Wittie, Safety and accessibility cannot be compromised regarding right of way on sidewalks.
- 2) Jennifer McPhail, Accessibility of all bus stops.
- 3) Spencer Duran, Bus stops located on islands.
- 4) Sarah Watkins, Bus stops located on islands.
- 5) Felix Briones, Accessibility of bus stop on route 1.
- 6) Dolores Carrillo, Trees need to be trimmed buses are passing her by.
- 7) Franklin Stacey, Agrees with speakers but the main thing is sidewalks.
7. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a task order contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc., TCB, Inc., URS, Kimley Horn & Associates, Klotz Associates and HDR/WHM for Transportation Engineering Consulting services for a base contract of five (5) years in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. Question asked, Are you satisfied with past performances, do you have other options?
8. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a task order contract with McGray & McGray Land Surveyors, Inc., MWM Design Group, Inc., Baker-Aicklen & Associates, Inc., SAM, Inc., SURVCON, Inc. and Doucet & Associates, Inc. for Professional Surveying services for a base term of five (5) years in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.
9. Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or his designee to finalize and execute a contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer) to purchase twelve (12) forty-foot low floor diesel transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$4,329,406.
10. Extension of Resolution No.: CMTA-2007-0319-025, Capital Metro Structure.

It was moved by Gomez seconded by Cowman to approve the above Action Items. The motion carried a vote of 5 ayes (Walker, Gomez, Cowman, Allen and McCracken) and 0 nays.

The Board went into executive session at the worksession.

11. **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.

**Presentations:**

12. City of Austin Station Area Planning – see attachment.

13. Route 1 Case Study – Todd Hemingson, VP of Planning gave an excellent presentation, Council Member McCracken asked at what point do we see rail becoming a better option than Rapid Bus? What are operatives, passengers per hour? How long is signage expansion? Focus our efforts on the 10 routes with high ridership rather than spending money on routes with lower ridership. He also wanted to know about a chart comparing 2006 to now regarding ridership. He wanted exact figures, where do we see the drop off, & the increase? Analyses of key routes, what would package look like? Also each stop information, what would make it more accessible? Members also wanted to know why only 25% of our stops are covered. How can we do it sooner than later? Why is it that every year ridership has gone up on certain routes? If we understood better we could learn some lessons on other routes (presentation attached). The Board requested this to be an agenda item for next meeting.

**Reports:**

C. Great Customer Care – Discussed call volume.

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 – President/CEO Gilliam gave an update on ozone. There were 6 ozone action days this year compared to 16 last year.

G. Board of Director's Update by the President/CEO - Discussed Financial focus year to date, interest rates declining, is income earmarked? Discussed the budgeted projections on Diesel & Regular gas, what percentage of the 4.6 million is health benefits, labor benefits & salary increases. Staff will have the information for next meeting (see attached presentation).

H. Update on the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) – Judy Watford gave the attached report and a recommendation. The committee would like to encourage questions from the Board.

I. Update on the Customer Satisfactory Advisory Committee (CSAC), Rene Barrera. Report attached.

**Public Comment:**

Local Union 1091 regarding Labor Relations- Becky Mueller gave the attached notes.

Glenda Pittman regarding Labor Relations – Atty. –Labor relations, discussed meet & confer, why the DOL meeting is important, explained what union is thinking, StarTran obligations, good faith negotiations, provisions in government code, opinion by AG, and Statutes. Mark Shank Attorney for Cap Metro spoke and stated he will meet with Ms. Pittman on issues. He will get a copy of her remarks.

Anthony Walker regarding Relationship between CMTA and Star Tran, Inc.- Mr. Walker discussed concerns regarding union, critical needs of the people to communicate with leadership, no leadership, no trust, lack of communication, get union involved.

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Carla Cheatham, Director of Religion of Labor Network of Austin regarding Union Workers. – discussion regarding union workers right to collective bargaining, religious values, improved working conditions etc..., treat workers fairly, support service employees to collecting bargaining.

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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

The board meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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

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Yvonne Allen  
Legal Support Specialist II

Date: November 14, 2007