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Fiscal and Management Control Board

August 24, 2015
MassDOT Boardroom
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3830
Boston, MA

MEETING MINUTES

Members: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Lisa Calise, Director Brian Lang, Director Steven Poftak, and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Present: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Lisa Calise, Director Brian Lang, Director Steven Poftak, and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

Other Participants: Secretary Pollack, Frank DePaola, Brian Shortsleeve, Marie Breen and Owen Kane, John Englander, Christine Ciampa

PROCEEDINGS:

Call to Order by Chairman Aiello

The Chair called the meeting to order of business at 1:00pm.

The Chair opened up the meeting for public comment.

The first speaker was Louise Baxter. Ms. Baxter is from TRU who commented on the privatization of bus routes.

The next speaker was Marilyn MacNab. Ms. MacNab opposed the privatization of bus routes and also proposed that all para-transit buses use picture IDs.

The next speaker was Steve Kaiser. Mr. Kaiser commented about the On Time Performance of Keolis.

The Chair invited Russell Gittlen, the new member of MassDOT Board of Directors, to address the board (out of order). Director Gittlen wanted the FMCB to

recognize the great job the machinists union does for the MBTA and said that privatization is not the answer.

Public comment session was closed at 1:20pm

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Next was the approval of the minutes for August 4 and 14, 2015 meetings.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2015 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

Next the General Manager gave his report. Mr. DePaola updated the board on Government Center Station. There was an issue with workmanship of the glass panels at the station and the contractor will be removing all of the glass, at the contractor's expense, which will be re-manufactured and re-installed concurrent with the completion of the work. The Chairman wanted to know how long this would take, and Mr. DePaola said it should take three months and the station should open on time as scheduled. Next Mr. DePaola updated the Board on a civil action matter with two transit police officers. An investigation on the issue was done internally and the two officers were exonerated but based on video the MBTA is going to reopen the investigation to be taken up by an independent third party.

Director Lang inquired about the video and wants to make sure when the third party is investigation they also investigate the internal process. Mr. Englander added that the process will be looked at so a new process could be put in place.

Next was the presentation by Chief Administrator Shortsleeve. Mr. Shortsleeve presented the Bus Service Request for Information (RFI) they plan to send out. Mr. Jerry Polcari ended the presentation on defining how they send their RFI's. Director Lang asked if they were looking to get ideas from the industry and also if there is an openness to talk about ideas and if they have analyzed what it would cost to do it internally. The Secretary also noted that adding any new vehicles to the numbers would still need maintenance and a facility which the MBTA is already at full capacity. The Chair asked if the RFI is open to other ideas. Mr. Shortsleeve said that they are open to new or better ideas through this RFI. Director Lang asked why some routes that were noted in the Expert Panel report had not been looked at adding that maybe some routes don't make sense anymore. General Manager DePaola stated that they will be doing a service plan review.

Next Jeffrey Gonneville, Chief Operating Officer gave a presentation on the Winter Resiliency Plan. Jody Ray, Randy Clark and Rose Yates also presented items during the presentation. Director Calise asked Mr. Gonneville to come back in December with another update. The Chair asked about the coordination with municipalities and the state. Mr. Clarke answered that with large scale events the coordination is at the bunker with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). They are currently working on getting the plans out in advance

with the groups so they have time to go over them before an event happens. The Board had no further questions.

The next item on the agenda was the Key Performance Indicators report presented by Director Tibbits-Nutt and Dominic Tribone.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation on the Green Line Extension presented by General Manager DePaola. The Chair asked what the implications would be if they canceled the contract. The GM answered that they would have to relocate Lechmere at a minimum. The Secretary noted that legally and financially they need to understand a substantial amount of the money and what has already been spent. How much money would be freed up to the State of Good Repair (SGR). The Board discussed the reasons for the jump in costs. There was a trend of higher than budgeted prices and the FFGA. The first three contracts were awarded in the fall of 2014. It was thought the contingency would cover the overages. The third came in almost double which they then had to use the unallocated contingency. It was assumed that by the time the project was done it would all be used down to zero. Mr. DePaola added that the unallocated money was to cover the items that came in over. The Chair asked what the engineers believe caused the overage to jump 25-30%. Mr. DePaola noted that foundations got deeper, drove costs up dramatically and there was significant utility growth. The Chair added that they need to find a way to fix the way they do business. Director Calise asked who developed the estimates for the FFGA. The consultants and program managers together with their estimates were from throughout the project. The

Board discussed options for private participation, the community path and looking for other sources to fund the project. Secretary Pollack noted that one requirement from the Central Artery Tunnel Project was an annual reporting requirement on the project. This new development changes the schedule. The report must be filed by July 31 each year. They asked for an extension this year and the report is now due on August 7th. There will be public hearings on this in September. They will give a status report to the Board. Mr. DePaola noted that they will also be going before the MassDOT Board. The Board ended the discussion with the next steps of coming before the two Boards and filing the report.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: To adjourn

DOCUMENTS RELIED ON IN THE MEETING

Chief Administrator Report
General Managers Report
Minutes for August 4 and 14, 2015
Winter Resiliency Plan
Work Plan Presentation
Green Line Extension