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Fiscal and Management Control Board

February 22, 2016, 2016
10 Park Plaza,
Conference Room 1,2,3 – 2nd Floor
Boston, MA

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Frank DePaola, Brian Shortsleeve, John Englander, Owen Kane

PROCEEDINGS:

At the call of Vice Chair Poftak, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m at the State Transportation Building, Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 on the 2nd Fl., Boston, Massachusetts.

Vice Chairman Poftak opened up the public comment period. The following members of the public spoke against a fare increase higher than 5%:

Kristina Egan, director of Transportation for Massachusetts; Marc Draisen, executive director of MAPC; Rebekah Gewirtz, vice president of CLF; Raphael Mares, vice president of CLF; Louise Baxter, TRU; Jarred Johnson, Transit Matters; Maddie Ribble, director of public policy, Mass. Public Health Assoc.,

Karen Narefsky; TRU; John McDougall, TRU; Jeremy Mendelson, Transit Matters and Louise Baxter, TRU.

The next speakers spoke against the fare increase and the elimination of late night service: Steven Kaiser; Stephen Gaun; Attorney Kirstie Pecci, MassPIRG and Doug Johnson, member of the Boston Cyclists Union.

The last two speakers spoke in favor of a higher fare increase: Abbie Goodman, executive director of ACEC of Massachusetts and Paul Regan, executive director of the MBTA Advisory Board.

Next, Mr. Poftak asked General Manager Frank DePaola to give his report. Mr. DePaola said there were several incidents affecting operations and service; as a result of the record-cold temperatures there had been 21 rail breaks on the commuter rail which caused interruptions on both transit and commuter rail operations, which have all been permanently repaired.

He also updated the Board of an incident on the Orange Line when a body panel had fallen off one of the cars causing the train behind it to strike it, pushing it into the third rail causing it to smoke. All passengers were safely evacuated and there were no injuries.

Lastly, Mr. DePaola reported that Amtrak's interlocking signal system at South Station failed preventing trains from entering and leaving the station for 24 hours on February 18. Amtrak resolved the problem by replacing the 1980's technology that controlled the switches and rebooted the program that had to be flown up from Washington, DC.

Next, Vice Chair Poftak asked Chief Administrator Brian Shortsleeve to give his report. Mr. Shortsleeve updated the board on own-source revenue, in particular advertising performance year-to-date, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Operations Budget Stability Committee Report to FMCB, Own Source Revenue Strategy – Advertising YTD Update, 2/22/2016."

Next, Mr. Shortsleeve continued his report, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Operations Budget Stability Committee Report to FMCB, Overtime, Absenteeism and Dropped Trips YTD Update, 2/22/2016."

Next, Brian Kane reviewed and discussed the upcoming FMCB agenda items, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Fiscal & Management Control Board Public Meeting Agenda Items."

Next, Vice Chair Poftak asked Chief Administrator Brian Shortsleeve to discuss Item F on the agenda, the FY16 Operating Budget Recast. Mr. Shortsleeve asked Mike Abramo, acting CFO to present the FY16 operating budget performance through the first half of the fiscal year, and recast of the operating budget based on savings and efficiencies, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Report to FMCB, FY16 Operating Budget Recast. 2/22/21016."

Next, Mr. Poftak asked Jeff Gonnevillle, COO, to present Agenda Item G, Bus Maintenance. Mr. Gonnevillle reviewed the report by C2MH on bus maintenance costs, processes, procedures and discussed ways to improve

efficiencies, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “MBTA/ CH2M Bus Maintenance Efficiency Study Progress Briefing, February 22, 2016.”

Next, Jim Logan, director of Internal Audit presented Agenda Item H, Overtime Audit. Mr. Logan updated the board on the status of ongoing audits of overtime by internal and external auditors, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “MBTA Overtime Audit Interim Update, February 22, 2016.”

Vice Chairman Poftak was informed that Craig Hughes, Secretary-Treasurer for the Machinists Local Lodge No. 264 had asked to address the FMCB previously about bus maintenance, and Mr. Poftak invited him to make some comments. Mr. Hughes wanted to update the board on progress made by the union as it related to the discussion of the cost of bus maintenance, and noted that they had a very robust conversation with the CH2M consultants.

Next, Mr. Poftak asked Astrid Glynn, Rail and Transit Administrator to present Agenda Item I, the Keolis Improvement Plan Update. Ms. Glynn updated the board on the first six months of Performance by Keolis under its improvement plan, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Report on MBTA-Keolis Service Improvement Plan August – December 2015, 2/10/16.”

Next was the approval of three sets of open meeting board minutes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016.

On motion duly made and seconded,

By roll call:

Director Calise	yes
Director Lang	yes
Director Poftak	yes
Director Tibbits-Nutt	yes

VOTED: to enter into Executive Session at 2:51 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter and pending litigation.

DOCUMENTS RELIED ON IN THE MEETING

Minutes of December 21, 2015 meeting
Minutes of January 4, 2016 meeting
Minutes of January 11, 2016 meeting
CA Report – Overtime, Absenteeism & Dropped Trips YTD Update 2/22/2016
CA Report – MBTA Own Source Revenue Strategy – Advertising YTD Update 2/22/16
FY16 Operating Budget Recast
CH2Mbus Maintenance Efficiency Study, February 22, 2016
Overtime Audit Interim Update
Keolis Improvement Plan Update