



**Fiscal and Management Control Board  
Transportation Board Room  
10 Park Plaza  
Boston, MA  
February 27, 2017  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Others Present:** Secretary Pollack, Brian Shortsleeve, Jeff Gonneville, John Englander, Dan Sullivan, Kate Fichter, Laurel Paget-Seekins, Brian Kane, Mike Abramo, Astrid Glynn, Secretary Jay Ash and Owen Kane.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

At the call of Chairman Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order at 11:07 a.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Next, Chair Aiello opened up the public comment session.

The first two speakers Senator James Timilty and Senator Jay Barrios commented on the Foxboro Commuter Rail Pilot Program.

Next, Representative Dan Cullinane, Sean Pierce, on behalf of Senator Dorcena-Forry, and Bill Buckley, on behalf Representative John Rogers, commented on the State of the Line: Mattapan PPC

Next, Jim Johnson, Town Administrator Walpole, commented on the Foxboro Commuter Rail Pilot.

Next, Greg Sullivan of the Pioneer Institute commented on bus maintenance.

Next, Karen Domain; Tom O'Rourke Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce; Fred Turkington from Sharon; Brian Earley, General Manager of Patriot Place; Michael Saegh of Route 1; Dan Krantz from the Kraft Group; Kara Griffin, Executive Director of the Tri Town Chamber of Commerce and Paul Matthews from the 495/ Metrowest Partnership all commented on the Foxboro Commuter Rail Pilot.

Next, Mela Bush Miles commented on the Fairmount Line.

Next, Steve Kaiser commented on Mattapan rolling stock.

Next, Louise Baxter commented on the Mattapan Line and Pilot Programs.

Next, Paul Regan, Executive Director of the MBTA Advisory Board, commented on Governance.

Next, Andrew Bagley, Mass Taxpayers Foundation commented on the Budget Recast.

Next, Peter Forman, President, South Shore Chamber of Commerce commented on potential outsourcing of bus operations maintenance.

Next, Mike Haywood of Machinists Local 264 commented on outsourcing of bus maintenance.

Next, Harry Mattison commented on the Fairmount Line,

Next, Roxanne Riviera, accompanied by members of SEIU 32BJ commented on quality of cleaning services performed by its employees.

Next, Mia Johnson, commented on the Fairmount Line.

Next, was the approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2017 and February 6, 2017 meetings.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting.**

The minutes of February 6, 2017 were deferred to a future meeting.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve to give the Report from the General Manager, Agenda Item D, a discussion of financial performance and other related matters. Mr. Shortsleeve updated the Board on the recent winter storms, modernizing MBTA operations thru flexible contracting, warehouse and logistics, cash handling and the weekly commuter rail update as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "General Manager Remarks." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Chief Operating Officer Jeff Gonnevillle to present Agenda Item E, the Report from the Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Gonnevillle updated the Board on weekly reliability and Hingham Ferry Dock Repairs as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "COO Remarks".

Next, Mr. Gonneville updated the Board on outreach beginning today to municipalities relative to 209 critical bus stops. Mr. Gonneville addressed the article on derailments published over the past weekend. Discussion ensued.

Next, Mr. Gonneville introduced Jessica Casey, the new Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Strategy and Planning.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Byron Lynn, Deputy Director of Policy and Analysis to present Agenda Item F, a discussion of upcoming board agenda items as outlined in the attached document labeled "FMCB Calendar". Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Kate Fichter, Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination, to present Agenda Item G, Foxboro Pilot Program. Ms. Fichter introduced Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash, who began with a presentation labeled "Secretary Jay Ash FMCB " attached hereto, detailing the benefit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts if this pilot were to be enacted.

Next, William Kiegan, Town Manager; Paige Duncan, Planning Director and David Feldman, Chair of the Board of Selectmen of Foxboro continued on with Agenda Item G, further discussing the justification, overview characteristics, costs/funding, schedule/timeline, evaluation metrics and work plan and next steps. Kate Fichter concluded the presentation. See attached presentation labeled "Proposed Foxboro Pilot". Discussion ensued.

Next, Kate Fichter continued with Agenda Item H, Evaluation, Selection & Implementation of Pilot Transit Services – Proposed Policy for Consideration. Ms.

Fichter provided draft policy background, process, reviewed key points of the draft policy and next steps. See attached presentation labeled “Transit Pilot Policy”. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Mike Abramo, Chief Financial Officer to present Agenda I, Operating Budget Stability – FY17 Recast. See presentation labeled “FY17 Budget Recast” attached hereto. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Brian Kane, Director of Operations Analysis, to present Agenda Item J, State of the Line Report: Mattapan High Speed Line. Mr. Kane provided an overview of the line including history of the line and the cars, investment strategy, planning for future service, due diligence and future needs assessment and public involvement strategy. See presentation labeled “Mattapan High Speed Line” attached hereto. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello announced the Agenda Item K – Fairmount Line Ridership Promotion would be deferred to a future meeting.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon General Counsel John Englander to present Agenda Item L, Governance Discussion. The Board conversed about the future of the FMCB Board and its governance providing for greater long-range stability at the MBTA. Discussion ensued. See presentation labeled “Governance Discussion” attached hereto.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Laurel Paget-Seekins, Director of Strategic Initiatives, to present Agenda Item M, Ridership Trends. See attached presentation labeled “Ridership Trends”. Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

**Documents relied upon for this meeting:**

FMCB Calendar

Transit Pilot Policy

Mattapan High Speed Line

Report

Extension of Term for FMCB

Ridership Trends

Secretary Jay Ash FMCB

Testimony

Proposed Foxborough Pilot  
Service

GM Remarks

COO Remarks