



**Fiscal and Management Control Board  
Transportation Board Room  
10 Park Plaza  
June 26, 2017  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Others Present:** Secretary Pollack, John Englander, Owen Kane, Brian Shortsleeve, Jeffrey Gonneville, Mike Abramo, Byron Lynn, David Scorey, Beth Larkin, Karen Antion, Jess Casey, Ben Schutzman, Paul Brandley, Evan Rowe, Astrid Glynn, Ryan Coholan

**PROCEEDINGS:**

At the call of Chairman Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order 12:03 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair Aiello opened up the public comment session.

The following speakers spoke against the planned installation of more than 300, 75-foot towers to improve Wi-Fi and cell phone service on the MBTA's commuter rail system: Representative Brad Hill; Rep. Jim Lyons; Erin Riley, Legal Counsel for Senator Barbara L'Italien; Isabel Vargas from the office of

Representative Frank Moran; Greg Federspiel, Town Administrator of Manchester By-The-Sea; Andover residents: Bob Zimmerman, Richard Fink, Pamplu Soltes, Kendall Storch, Jean Conkson, Corey Poe, Brian Herlihy, Anil Navkal, Naomi Navkal, Danny O'Toole, Vin Bradley, Brendan Smith, Coleen Smith, Georgeane Keer, John Mangiarotti; Manchester By-The-Sea residents: Brenda Furlong, Bruce Journey, Jessica McGovern; and Charles Furlong.

Next, Carolyn Villers, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council commented on The Ride call-in center.

Next, Jim McCarthy from the Alliance of Unions commented against outsourcing bus maintenance.

Next, Louise Baxter from the Transit Riders Union commented on bus maintenance and transit oriented development.

Next, Carl Seglem from Brighton commented on AFC 2.0 and bus service.

Lastly, Ralph Walfa from the Southwest Corridor Parks and Land Committee commented on excavation of Amory Street in the Southwest Corridor Park.

The Chair announced he would be adjusting the agenda to reflect the public's interest and opposition to the Wi-Fi monopolies and said he would bring forward Agenda Item O to be presented after the COO's report.

Chairman Aiello also commended Brian Shortsleeve for his leadership as General Manager and welcomed Steve Poftak as Interim General Manager. The Chair and Directors Poftak, Calise, Lang and Tibbits-Nutt each thanked Mr.

Shortsleeve for his service and looked forward to working with him as a member of the FMCB.

Secretary Pollack noted that this meeting was the 99<sup>th</sup> of the FMCB and thanked Director Poftak for stepping in as interim General Manager and Mr. Shortsleeve for agreeing to become a board member.

Mr. Shortsleeve thanked the Board, T employees and union members for their support and looked forward to getting to work on the FMCB.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Chief Administrator and Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve to present Agenda Item D, the General Manager's report. Mr. Shortsleeve updated the Board on operating budget sustainability, as set forth in the attached presentations labeled "GM Remarks, June 26, 2017."

Mr. Shortsleeve continued with the second part of his report regarding the MBTA Retirement Fund, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "MBTA Retirement Fund Update, June 26, 2017." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey Gonneville to present Agenda Item E – the Report from the Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Gonneville gave the Board the weekly reliability report, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "COO Remarks, June 26, 2017."

Next, Chairman Aiello asked General Manager Brian Shortsleeve to update the Board on the Wi-Fi Installation Contract. Mr. Shortsleeve said he took the public's opposition to the contract very seriously and asked Ryan Coholan, Chief Railroad Officer to present Agenda Item O. Mr. Coholan gave an overview of the

2014 contract the MBTA had awarded to inMotion Wireless to install, maintain and operate the Wi-Fi system, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, “Commuter Rail Wi-Fi Project, June 26, 2017.” Attorney Lauren Armstrong from the Office of Real Estate and Asset Development contributed to the dialogue. Discussion ensued, and the Board requested no poles be installed until MBTA staff provided a more detailed report to the Board at the next FMCB meeting.

Next, was the approval of the minutes of the June 5 and June 19, 2017 meetings.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of June 5, 2017.**

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017.**

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Byron Lynn, Deputy Director of Policy and Analysis to present Agenda Item F – the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Lynn reviewed the upcoming agenda with the Board, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled “FMCB Public Schedule, June 26, 2017.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello asked David Scorey, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Keolis to present Agenda Item G, the Commuter Rail/Keolis update. Mr. Scorey discussed recent locomotive availability, coach availability, on-time performance – 2017 to date and the Worcester Line Performance, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Commuter Rail Update, June 26, 2017.” David

Mitrou, General Counsel of Keolis presented the last slide and gave the Revenue and Ridership Growth Initiative progress update. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Assistant General Manager for Capital Delivery, Beth Larkin to present Agenda Item H – an update on Positive Train Control (PTC). Ms. Larkin introduced Karen Antion, the full-time project manager for PTC to provide the program update, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update and Replacement Service Discussion, June 26, 2017.” Discussion ensued. COO Jeff Gonneville, Deputy COO Jess Casey and Secretary Pollack contributed to the presentation.

Next, Chairman Aiello asked Ben Schutzman, Director of Transportation Innovation to present Agenda Item I, an update of the RIDE call center. Mr. Schutzman said the consolidation of the RIDE call centers was designed to improve the experience of RIDE customers by improving accountability and enabling the MBTA to offer more travel options. For this presentation he said he would be reviewing customer concerns and the transition challenges related to the new Access Center and efforts to improve service, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled “The RIDE Access Center (TRAC) Update, June 26, 2017.” Discussion ensued.

Next, the Chair called upon Treasurer Paul Brandley to present Agenda Item J, an update on the investment policy. Mr. Brandley said that similar to the Debt and Swap Policies that were updated in June 2016, the Authority’s

Investment Policy had not been updated since June 2002 and it needed to be amended, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Updated Investment Policy, Overview and Request for Adoption, June 2017.”

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED:**

**That the members of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (the “FMCB”) hereby approve the Investment Policy of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in the form presented at this meeting.**

Next, Chairman Aiello asked Evan Rowe, Director of Revenue to present Agenda Item K, a discussion of the alcohol advertising policy. Mr. Rowe said the MBTA banned alcohol advertising in 2012 and that staff was recommending a limited re-introduction of alcohol advertising to assist in assuring the fiscal sustainability of the Authority, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, “Advertising – Proposed Policy Changes, June 26, 2017.” Discussion ensued, and the Board asked staff to redraft a proposal that would reduce exposure to young transit riders.

The Chair next asked Rail and Transit Administrator Astrid Glynn to present Agenda Item L, a request for the Authority to execute an agreement with Amtrak. Ms. Glynn said the FMCB was being asked to approve a contract to implement a settlement agreement reached by the MBTA and Amtrak in December 2016 concerning the Massachusetts portion of the Northeast Corridor, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Amtrak-MBTA Agreement, June 26, 2017.”

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED:**

**That the General Manager be, and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, an agreement consistent with the terms of the December 2016 Settlement Agreement with Amtrak.**

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Assistant General Manager for Capital Delivery, Beth Larkin to present the next two agenda items, M and N, requests for the Authority to execute construction contracts related to Ruggles Station and the Charlestown Bus Garage.

Ms. Larkin said she was seeking authorization to award and execute a contract for Ruggles Station Commuter Rail Platform Project with L.M. Heavy Civil Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$19,667,000.00, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "MBTA Construction Contract No. S31CN02: Ruggles Station Commuter Rail Platform Project, June 26, 2017." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: That the General Manager be, and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, Construction Contract No. S31CN02 Ruggles Station Commuter Rail Platform Project with L.M. Heavy Civil Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$19,667,000.00.**

Ms. Larkin continued and requested authorization to award and execute a contract for the Charlestown Bus Garage Shoreline Stabilization and Yard Improvements with the Middlesex Corporation for a sum not to exceed

\$31,733,373.21, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "MBTA Construction Contract No. R54CN02: Charlestown Bus Garage Shoreline Stabilization & Yard Improvements, June 26, 2017." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: That the General Manager be, and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, Construction Contract No. R54CN02: Charlestown Bus Garage Shoreline Stabilization & Yard Improvements with the Middlesex Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$31,733,373.21.**

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call;

Chair Aiello	Yes
Director Poftak	Yes
Director Calise	Yes
Director Lang	Yes
Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes

**VOTED:**

**To enter into Executive Session at 4:09 p.m. for a discussion of strategy related to real estate, collective bargaining and non-union personnel. Chairman Aiello departed the meeting and did not go the executive session.**

**Documents relied upon for this meeting**

-Minutes of June 5, 2017

-Minutes of June 19, 2017



- GM Remarks, June 26, 2017
- MBTA Retirement Fund Update, June 26, 2017
- COO Remarks, June 26, 2017
- FMCB Public Schedule, June 26, 2017
- Commuter Rail Update, June 26, 2017
- Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update and Replacement Service Discussion, June 26, 2017
- The RIDE Access Center (TRAC) Update, June 26, 2017
- Updated Investment Policy, Overview and Request for Adoption, June 2017
- Advertising – Proposed Policy Changes, June 26, 2017
- Amtrak-MBTA Agreement, June 26, 2017
- MBTA Construction Contract No. S31CN02: Ruggles Station Commuter Rail Platform Project, June 26, 2017
- MBTA Construction Contract No. R54CN02: Charlestown Bus Garage Shoreline Stabilization & Yard Improvements, June 26, 2017
- Commuter Rail Wi-Fi Project, June 26, 2017