**Fiscal and Management Control Board**

**Transportation Board Room**

10 Park Plaza

April 9, 2018

12:00 noon

***MEETING MINUTES***

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

**Quorum Presen**t: Yes

**Others Present:** Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Luis Ramirez, Jeffrey Gonneville, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Mike Abramo, Paul Brandley, Jamey Tesler, Paul Regan, Evan Rowe and Dan Grabauskas

At the call of Chair Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (Board) was called to order at 12:08 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair Aiello opened up the public comment period for items appearing on the agenda.

The first speaker, Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu, commented on fare equity on commuter rail.

Louise Baxter from the TRU, the only other speaker, commented on bus service and fare equity on the commuter rail

Next, was the approval of the meeting minutes of April 2, 2018.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018.**

Chairman Aiello called upon General Manager Luis Ramirez to present Agenda Item D, the Report from the General Manager. Mr. Ramirez provided an update on the recent Silver Line transit way closure, with contribution from Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville. Mr. Ramirez continued updating the Board on the MBTA reconciliation with Massport for Silver Line service to Logan International Airport and concluded with updates on AFC 2.0 and the FY19 budget, as set forth in the attached document labeled “GM Report, April 9, 2018.”

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville to present Agenda Item E, the report from the Deputy General Manager. Mr. Gonneville presented a video of the new orange line pilot car and provided an update on the delivery schedule. Mr. Gonneville announced the formation of a City of Boston transit team that would be committed to work with the MBTA on dedicated bus lanes, as set forth in the attached document labeled “DGM Remarks, April 9, 2018.” Discussion ensued, and the Chair and Secretary both publically thanked the City of Boston for a terrific milestone in working towards getting more dedicated bus lanes.

Next, the Chair called upon MassDOT’s Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to present Agenda Item F, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “FMCB Public Schedule, April 9, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Chairman Aiello next called upon Chief Administrator Mike Abramo to present Agenda Item G, a discussion on the proposed MBTA Budget, and noted that Paul Regan from the Advisory Board would also be addressing the Board. Mr. Abramo introduced MBTA Advisory Board Executive Director Paul Regan who said the focus of Management at the MBTA had been on cost control. He noted that many of the actions that have been taken, most importantly the negotiations with the labor unions, have succeeded in terms of limiting the overall increase in operating expenses to 1%, which was a very impressive accomplishment, as set forth in the attached document labeled “MBTA Advisory Board FY19 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Operating Budget Oversight Report, March 29, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Mr. Abramo asked Director of Revenue Evan Rowe to provide a follow-up up on the previous conversation the Board had on a proposed parking policy, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Parking Policy, April 9, 2018”. Board members noted that since the parking policy was not included in their Board packages, they would send written comments to staff after reviewing the policy and the issue would be discussed at a future meeting. Discussion ensued.

Next, Paul Brandley, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer continued with the final proposed FY19 Itemized Operating Budget presentation. Mr. Brandley began with an overview including challenges and efforts to work diligently to close the operating budget deficit. Mr. Brandley continued providing a FY19 summarized operating budget and potential risks, as set forth in the attached document labeled “FY19 Final Itemized Operating Budget, April 9, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED:**

**That the Fiscal and Management Control Board approves the Authority’s itemized budget of current operating expenses and debt service costs for a one year period – July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – in the amount of $2,057,316,471 in the form submitted at this meeting; and**

**That the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit the approved itemized budget, in the name and on behalf of the Authority, to the MBTA Advisory Board no later than April 15, 2018 in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 161A of the Massachusetts General Laws.**

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Dan Grabauskas, Executive Director of Commuter Rail to present Agenda Item H, the Commuter Rail Performance Update. Mr. Grabauskas provided the Board with an update on equipment availability, legacy locomotive fleet performance, cancellations and terminations, on-time performance, and the Worcester and Haverhill line plans, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled “FMCB Commuter Rail Update, April 9, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello noted that the final Agenda Item I, the Bus Service Planning Update, was a written document and is attached hereto and labeled “The Better Bus Project – Update.”

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

**VOTED:** to adjourn at 1:24 p.m.

**Documents relied upon for this meeting:**

Minutes of April 2, 2018

GM Report, April 9, 2018

DGM Remarks, April 9, 2018

FMCB Calendar, April 9, 2018, 2018

MBTA Advisory Board FY19 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Operating Budget Oversight Report, March 29, 2018

Parking Policy, April 9, 2018

FY19 Final Itemized Operating Budget, April 9, 2018

FMCB Commuter Rail Update, April 9, 2018