

BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2011

At the call of the Chair, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority was held at Ten Park Plaza, Offices of the Board, Third Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 1:00.

There were present: ?

Also in attendance were: ?

The Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, presided.

Chairman Jenkins called the 1046th Open Meeting to order.

The Chairman announced the start of the public comment period and introduced the first speaker, Paul Regan from the MBTA Advisory Board who addressed the Board regarding the MBTA FY2012 Budget. He expressed concern for pushing debt onto future generations in the form of debt restructuring.

The next speaker, Judy Barbikian (sp) spoke about her concerns about The Ride changes in Chelsea, MA.

The next speaker, Mayor Kim Driscoll from the City of Salem. Addressed the Board regarding the Salem Station Parking Garage Project. She pleaded to the Board to move forward on this project into next phase.

The next speaker, Marjorie Delori requesting better bus service for seniors in Chelsea.

The next speaker, Victor Cantero requesting more bus service in Chelsea.

The next speaker, Remy Madones speaking on behalf of the people in Chelsea who have several issues with bus service in Chelsea. Respect from bus driver and more service after 8:00 pm on bus route 116 & 117. Concerns with changes with The Ride would like to make sure they have some input.

The next speaker, Marilyn McNab, a resident of Boston, addressed the Board regarding last month's statements on accessibility to public meetings. She also spoke about changes in paratransit.

The next speaker, Claus Lowenstein an advocate to seniors and disabled riders of the MBTA, addressed the Board regarding the lack of courtesy announcements and posters. Asking the Board to breathe life back into this campaign.

The next speaker, Steven Keiser, addressed the Board regarding the financing of the Green Line extension alternatives. Concerned with North Station Parking Garage debt burden he would like to see it sold.

The next speaker, Hugh Boyd, IBEW Local 104, thanked the Board on behalf of Eddie Rowe.

The next speaker, John Kapushio of TRU, requesting more bus routes to Admiral Hill #116 and #117 past 8:00 pm.

At this time, the Chairman closed the public comment period.

The General Manager, Mr. Davey, recognized two members of the Boston Fire Department who assisted MBTA employee Eddie Rowe injured at MGH Station.

The Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2011 were approved as presented.

The General Manager, Mr. Davey, gave the General Manager's Report. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. General Manger Davey also handed out to the Board a copy of the new comprehensive monthly safety report.

The General Manager's Report was accepted as given.

Director Loux thanked the GM for the analysis report.

At this time, Ed Hunter, Acting AGM for Design and Construction gave a presentation on Government Center Station. Green Line and Blue Line options for construction. Advantages and disadvantages for each option - closed station construction vs. open station construction.

Director Levin requests that the MBTA speak with the City of Boston before a decision is made.

Ed Hunter, Acting AGM for Design and Construction presented the immediately following item requesting authorization to grant permission to utilize Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) as an alternative project delivery method for the Salem CR Station parking garage.

After a discussion regarding the funding and timeframe of the project. The following action was taken and the item passed with a majority vote.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator, be and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and in a form approved by the General Counsel, permission to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) as an alternative project delivery method for the Salem Commuter Rail Station parking garage.

Robert Johnson, Director of Materials Management, presented the immediately following item concerning the execution of a contract with Michelin North America, Inc. for the lease of tires for the Authority's bus fleet over a three year period.

The following action was taken.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator, be and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and in a form approved by the General Counsel, a contract with Michelin North America, Inc., of Greenville, South Carolina, for the lease of tires for the Authority's bus fleet over a three-year period, at a total net cost not to exceed \$4,645,124.

Mr. Mark Boyle, AGM for Development presented the immediately following item concerning the authorization to enter into a second amendment to an existing license agreement dated March 4, 2003 with Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. to extend the term Agreement for only the converted Structure locations for an additional term of years beyond the current term.

Director Loux expressed concern with a 15 year extension of this contract due to the history of this company's behavior towards the MBTA and towards their own employees.

The following action was taken. The item passed with a majority vote for a 10 year term.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator, be and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and in a form approved by the General Counsel, a second amendment to an existing license agreement dated March 4, 2003 with Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. to convert certain existing and permitted outdoor advertising structures from static Structures to digital Structures and to extend the term of the Agreement for only the converted Structure locations for an additional term of years beyond the current term.

Victor Rivas, Deputy Director of Capital Budget, presented for approval, the MBTA Fiscal Year 2012 – Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Investment Program (CIP). The following action was taken.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator, be and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and in a form approved by the General Counsel, approval of the MBTA's Fiscal Year 2012 – Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Investment Program (CIP) and the releases of the CIP to the public and forward it to the Joint Committee on Transportation, the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature.

Jonathan Davis, Deputy General Manager & Chief Financial Officer, presented the immediately following item for Board approval of the Authority's budget of current operating expenses and debt service costs for a one year period – July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012.

The following action was taken.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the Authority's budget the Chairman thanked Mr. Davis and his team for their work on the budget. The item passed with a majority vote.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator, be and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and in a form approved by the General Counsel, approval of the Authority's budget of current operating expenses and debt service costs for a one year period – July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the 1046 Open Meeting.

