

MBTA

BOARD MEETING OF August 10, 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, August 10, 2011, at 1:00.

There were present: Messrs. Jenkins, and Whittle and the Misses Loux and Levin, being all members of the

Also in attendance were: the Secretary, Mr. Mullan, the General Manager, Mr. Davey, and Messrs. Kelley, and Wallace, Miss Estey, Special Counsel and Miss Fallon, Acting Recording Secretary to the Board.

The Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, presided.

Chairman Jenkins called the 1050th Open Meeting to order.

The Chairman announced the start of the public comment period and introduced the first speaker, Mayor Ambrosino from the City of Revere who addressed the Board regarding speak in support of the Revere Transit Facility and Streetscape Project in regards to item 5 on the Board agenda. He said any cost overruns said that any cost overruns would be paid by the City of Revere.

The next speaker, Gary Talbot from the MBTA wanted to thank the Board, the General Manager and the Secretary before his departure at the end of the month.

The next speaker, Wig Zamore from STEP and a Somerville citizen wanted to briefly comment on the threat of the funding in Massachusetts on projects that are federal funded. He would like stress that a timely completion of SIP transit commitments is a requirement if you expect a positive conformity decision in October for future projects in Massachusetts.

The next speaker, Marilyn McNab resident of Boston started thanked Secretary Mullan for all his efforts with moving accessibility forward through the state. Miss McNab also commented on some RIDE concerns regarding the RIDE logo, requesting ID cards with photos and the application process.

The next speaker, Chris Horton from IHCD wanted to thank Secretary Mullan for his work. He also wanted to thank Gary Talbot. He wanted to give the General Manager support in his future position as Secretary.

The next speaker, Stephen Kaiser from the Association of Cambridge neighborhoods wanted talk about the financial crisis and to propose some positive solutions. He also wanted to thank the Secretary for his service.

The next speaker, Robert Palmer from TRU wanted the Board to look at an item from the June Board meeting for the agreement to lease from DCAM the State Transportation Building. He also talked about rejuvenating the Dudley Square. He would like to move the office from STB to the Dudley Square area to bring business back to the area.

The next speaker, Alan Moore from Somerville, addressed the Board regarding the Greenline extension delay and the impact it has on the community and other projects. He would like to thank Secretary Mullan for his service and invite the General Manager when he becomes Secretary to visit Somerville.

The next speaker, Steven Garn (sp?) from TRU and Boston resident, he thanked the Secretary and congratulated the General Manager.

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

The General Manager, Mr. Davey, recognized Gary Talbot and Yolanda Reed and gave them a certificate. Mr. Davey also thanked the Secretary for his leadership. Chairman Jenkins also added his appreciation to Yolanda.

Director Loux wanted to comment on Yolanda's exceptional service at the MBTA and with the board. She stressed Yolanda's ability to work in every aspect with the Board and the Board Members.

Chairman Jenkins commented on how delightful it has been working with Secretary Mullan and how well they have worked together figuring out any situation for the best of the organization.

Director Loux asked to enter remarks into the record on the Secretary's accomplishments. It is clear the Secretary has built a foundation that will lead to a much better delivery of transportation services in Massachusetts. One accomplishment that I do not feel was totally appreciated in my years was the Secretary bringing forward a master plan for the acquisition & integration of railroad rights of way into a cohesive plan that gave us a platform to build a New England passenger rail system. You've heard people talk about this for 15 years, but the Secretary was the one who achieved it.

His legacy won't be appreciated fully for years to come. His leadership and the mission clarity that he has provided to the MassDOT employees has led to unprecedented accountability and efficiency in the agency which will be felt for years to come at MassDOT.

Director Loux wanted to add on a personal note that he has been the best Secretary that she has worked under in the past 15 years.

Director Whittle wishes the Secretary the best in the future. Director Levin said that it has been a real pleasure working with the Secretary.

Secretary Mullan wanted to congratulate the incoming Secretary Richard Davey on a well-deserved appointment. He has enjoyed his work but knows that leaving is the right decision for him and his family. Lastly he wanted to thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for giving him the opportunity to serve in Massachusetts government. He also thanked other federal and state departments.

The Minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 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. He wanted to highlight safety and the five new hires in the department. The General Manager also highlighted the growth in service especially along the waterfront.

The General Manager's Report was accepted as given.

The next item is the presentation of the RIDE program by Melissa Dullea, Director

of Plans and Schedules. With the growing population and need for the RIDE we are looking to update and improve the service at a more cost effective way. This will include looking at different options on how to improve service and save money. They will also look at ways to improve the assessments of the RIDE applicants. We need to make changes to how we do business to ensure the continued viability of the program and ensure financial help for the Authority as a whole.

Director Levin would like them to work on the process for approval for people who need service temporarily. The Director also questions the ability of the assessment facilities giving a better assessment than a person's own doctor. Overall the process needs to be approved.

Chairman Jenkins found the per capita numbers very interesting that we are 50% higher than the highest. He noted that we are doing something wrong and the only thing different was the in person assessment then maybe we really should think about implementing this process. The chairman would like to know how other cities handle theirs. The Chairman would like the timeline to be worked on and be challenged to shorten the timeline. He would like the RIDE to be looked at very critically.

Director Whittle was struck that travel training was top priority and the increase in the ride fares was further down. He believes that also that all the options should be look at.

Melissa Dullea commented that we have contracts that limit our ability to put people on shared trips because there are limits on how long a Ride customer can be in a vehicle.

Secretary Mullan invites everyone to the 530 Executive Order meeting on Thursday. He would also like Melissa Dullea's presentation included.

Jonathan Davis, Deputy General Manager/CEO updates the Board on federal debit reauthorization. All signs point to a significant cut in FY2012 government spending. Federal Gas tax expires on September 30, 2011 and not extended prior to this dates all bets are off on what money will be available through the trust fund that will be given for highway and transit projects. Given the uncertainty of future funding and the debt situation spending should be conservative. We have been applying for FTA discretionary grants. Director Loux asked Jon why he thought we got the highest award. He answered that FTA has recognized that our state of good repair database as a standard in the nation. We also put together a very good grant of how we can improve the database. Chairman Jenkins would like to know when we will have the final numbers. Jon answered that it runs out September 30th but it is unknown at this point of how much time there is. The Secretary stated that they can put together a package with more extensive information on this issue. Chairman Jenkins asked if there has been preliminary planning just in case. Jon answered that there have been working on a plan to see which programs would have to be cut.

Next Item on the agenda is presented by Edward Hunter, Acting Assistant General Manager for Design and Construction. This item requests the Board to ratify and authorize the General Manager and Rail & Transit Administrator to execute a contract entitled "Revere Transit Facility and Streetscape Project" with the Design Build team of Suffolk Construction Company/AECOM, for a sum not to exceed \$15,393,175 with a duration of thirteen months (13) months from the date of Notice to Proceed.

Director Levin asked who will be responsible for the maintenance. Ed Hunter responds that the City of Revere will be responsible for everything but we will maintain the elevators. She would also like to have pedestrian counts done in areas that have pedestrian bridges.

Director Whittle had questions about the cost rating point system. He would like to know more about the handicapping and the technical evaluations scores are done and how transparent is the process. Ed Hunter stated we did the technical evaluations scores on our own and it is approved by the inspector general. Chairman Jenkins stated we must have a lot of confidence in the technical score. Director Whittle asked if there were any details on the process. Ed Hunter responded that there is a five member committee made up of the MBTA, the city of Revere and DCR.

Chairman Jenkins and Director Whittle would like the technical score process presented to them. General Manager offered to give the Board a presentation on Design Build process.

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, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, MBTA Contract No. D39CN01, Revere Transit Facility and Streetscape Project, with the Design Build team of Suffolk Construction Company for a sum not to exceed \$15,393,175.00, based on schedule of lump sum and allowance bid prices, said Design Build team being rated the most qualified technically and providing the best value as a responsible and eligible bidder in response to requests for sealed proposals.

Director Loux would also like to know how other contracts are approved with other committees when the other presentations are given.

Roma McKenzie-Cambell, Senior Project Manager for Signal System

Improvements presented the immediately following item. This item requests the Board of Directors to authorize the General manager and Rail and Transit Administrator to award and execute MBTA Contract No. Q40CN01, entitled "Columbia Junction Signal Replacement Project, with the Joint Venture team: Barletta /Fischbach and Moore Electric for a sum Not to Exceed \$42,980,000.00

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, and in a form approved by the General Counsel, MBTA Contract No. Q40CN01, Columbia Junction Signal Replacement Project, with the Joint Venture of Barletta Heavy/Fischbach and Moore Electric, for a sum not to exceed \$42,980,000.00 based upon a schedule of unit, lump sum and allowance bid prices, said contractor being the lowest responsibility and eligibility bidder in response to request for sealed proposals.

VOTED: To adjourn the 1050 Open Meeting.