

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 9:30 a.m.  
The SORTA/Metro Board Room  
1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Robert W. Buechner  
Steven P. Goodin  
Margaret C. Gutsell  
Stephan M. Louis  
William L. Mallory, Sr.  
Robert P. Mecklenborg  
Melody Sawyer Richardson  
Lamont Taylor

**STAFF MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Michael H. Setzer  
H. Theodore Bergh  
Marilyn G. Shazor  
Sallie L. Hilvers  
Timothy J. Reynolds  
William J. Desmond  
Cynthia A. Shafer  
(Legal Counsel)  
Jerry Valentine  
Eunice Brown  
Anne M. Cormier  
Colin R. Groth  
Lyndi G. Bryan  
Donna M. Adkins  
Carole E. Senior  
Patricia A. Drybala

**OTHERS**

PRESENT: Chris Moran, League of Women Voters  
Carolyn Miller, League of Women Voters  
Reggie Victor, City of Cincinnati  
Troy Miller, ATU Local 627

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lamont Taylor, Chairman of the SORTA Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

**HEARINGS FROM**

CITIZENS: Mr. Taylor asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the Board; there were none.

**APPROVAL**

OF MINUTES: Mr. Mallory made a motion that the minutes of the March 6, 2007 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM: Mr. Setzer introduced Jerry Valentine who received the second CEO Coin Award for exceptional service while driving the Routes 4 and 44.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Taylor stated the Committee met jointly with the Planning and Development Committee and that Mr. Buechner chaired the meeting.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Buechner stated the Committees met and have the following items to present to the Board:

### Proposed Resolution No. 2007-14, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding For Uptown Crossings Transit Project

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cincinnati Zoo to allow pass-through of FTA funds to construct the Uptown Crossings project, to include a transit hub for Metro routes in the area.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-14.

### Proposed Resolution No. 2007-15, Approval of Smart Card Technology Research

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with the University of Cincinnati's Institute for Policy Research to conduct smart card research at a total estimated cost of \$135,000, which will be paid by Federal grant dollars.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-15.

### Proposed Resolution No. 2007-16, Authorization to Enter Into An Agreement With The University of Cincinnati For A Pass Program

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes staff to execute an agreement with the University of Cincinnati ("UC") for a U-Pass program to begin May 1, 2007, with an upfront contribution from UC of \$150,000 per year for the first two years, and an increase to \$187,500 in the third year, subject to negotiations based on ridership data.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-16.

### Proposed Resolution No. 2007-17, Approval of Office Space Lease

Mr. Mecklenborg moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes staff to negotiate and execute a 14-year lease with the Gwynne Building at a total estimated base cost of \$3,382,142. Additionally, it authorizes staff to administer the cancellation of the Kroger Building lease and severance payment not to exceed \$235,100, and the overall relocation project within the total authorized budget of \$200,000. Board discussion indicated their approval was subject to the front entrance, restroom facilities and retail space being ADA compliant.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2007-17, with Mr. Buechner abstaining.

### Proposed Resolution No. 2007-18, Approval of Contract For Brake Components

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of brake components from Vehicle Maintenance Programs for one year at a total estimated cost of \$80,939.50. This contract includes an option for a one year extension should both parties agree.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-18.

Proposed Resolution No. 2007-19, Approval of Contract For Bond Hill Lift

Mr. Mallory moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. This resolution approves awarding a contract for replacement of the in-ground hoist lift at Bond Hill to Ott Equipment at a total cost not to exceed \$53,422.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-19.

Proposed Resolution No. 2007-20, Approval of Radio CAD/AVL Daily Maintenance Contract For Mobile Radio Equipment

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution approves awarding a contract for daily maintenance and system installation and removals for the Radio CAD/AVL system to Black Bear Radio for one year with an option for a one year extension at a total two year estimated cost of \$149,525.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-20.

Proposed Motion, Bengals Service Fares For 2007

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This motion approves the 2007 fare for Bengals Express service at \$10 round-trip and \$6 one-way return trip.

By voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Setzer informed the Board that Metro received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This prestigious national award is awarded to local governments publishing a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that meets the high standards of the GFOA. Mr. Setzer also informed the Board that Metro was nominated for an award from the Inclusion Network in recognition of the Government Square design.

There was further discussion about the monthly financial report given at the joint committee meeting. Mr. Bergh stated that Metro will not recoup the approximately \$40,000 per week loss resulting from not having the fare increase as budgeted. Mr. Setzer stated that staff has requested an appearance at the City's Finance Committee, but that the longer this delay continues, the greater the impact on capital dollars for replacement buses.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Setzer informed the Board that Mr. Taylor had contacted the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) offering Cincinnati as host to their 2009 Transit Board Members Seminar. Anticipated attendance at the seminar is 300-500 people.

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 8, 2007, 9:30 a.m., SORTA/Metro Board Room, 1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Lamont Taylor  
Chairperson

ATTESTED:

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H. Theodore Bergh  
Secretary-Treasurer