

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room  
602 Main Street, Suite 1200  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Frank Bowen; Jason Dunn; Gregg Hothem; Ken Reed; Brandi Stewart;  
Lamont Taylor; Brad Thomas

**BOARD MEMBERS**

ABSENT: Suzanne Burke, Todd Cooper, Gwen Robinson, Karl Schultz

STAFF MEMBERS: Terry Garcia Crews; Donna Adkins; Perriann Allen; Bill Desmond;  
Shawn Donaghy; Ca'Sandra Erdman-Oncay; Inez Evans; Paul Grether;  
Darryl Haley; Tim Harrington; Sallie Hilvers; Wright Parkes

OTHERS: Steve Bergman; Kevin Brill, Great Parks; Rick Greiwe; Ross Hamre,  
Great Parks; Troy Miller, ATU Local 627; Don Mills, Ohio River Way;  
Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Wym Portman; Jeff Schloemer;  
Rusty Schuermann; Nick Sunyak, City of Cincinnati

**CALL TO ORDER**

Suzanne Burke, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2013 MINUTES**

Mr. Reed made a motion that the minutes of the May 21, 2013, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed, and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

**HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS**

Ms. Burke asked if there were any citizens present who would like to address the board. There were none.

**OHIO RIVER WAY PRESENTATION RE: OASIS BIKE TRAIL**

Mr. Greiwe provided an update to the Board on the plans for converting SORTA's Oasis rail line to a bike path. The path will travel approximately three miles from Lunken Airport to Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park and would cost \$3-4 million; \$800,000 has been raised so far. The goal is for the bike path to be operational by the 2015 All-Star game. The Hamilton County Park District will build and maintain the trail. There are two existing railroad lines in this corridor; the bike path would be built on the north line with the south line being used for freight, dinner train, etc. There have been no discussions with the railroad as of yet. Senator Rob Portman's office is working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to receive their approval for the project and need SORTA to send a letter to the FTA formally asking for their

permission for a permanent bike trail. The Board asked the group to give them an update at the September Board meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Community and Government Relations**

Mr. Dunn provided the report from the committee meeting.

### **Planning & Operations**

#### **Proposed Resolution No. 2013-18: Approval of Contract for Operations & Maintenance Rail Consultant**

Mr. Reed moved for adoption, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three-year contract with Transportation Resource Associates to provide specific Cincinnati Streetcar operations and maintenance consulting services on a task order basis at a total cost not to exceed \$351,934 (to begin upon contract execution).

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013-18.

#### **Proposed Resolution No. 2013-19: Ratification of Contract Execution for Queensgate Restroom Renovation**

Mr. Reed moved for adoption, and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. This resolution ratifies the execution of a contract with CBS Construction for the Queensgate restroom renovation at a total cost not to exceed \$101,911.16. On November 13, 2012 a change order was placed to have additional tile installed to finish the walls at a cost of \$6,551.16. As a result, the cost of the original contract (\$95,460) combined with the change order brought the total to \$101,911.16 which requires Board approval.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013-19.

### **Finance**

Mr. Hothem provided the report from the committee meeting.

### **Executive**

Mr. Reed provided the report from the committee meeting.

## **FINANCIAL AND RIDERSHIP REPORT (MAY)**

A written report was provided to the board – verbal reports are provided on a quarterly basis.

### **CEO'S REPORT**

Ms. Crews provided the CEO's report. Metro and TANK will begin regional "Plus" service that will provide limited stop service along a 27 mile route from Kenwood Towne Center to downtown and then to Florence Mall. The Uptown Transit District groundbreaking was very successful and received extensive local and trade media coverage. We are partnering with Artworks to transform 12 downtown bus shelters into works of art created by Artworks' summer interns.

Board Member Brad Thomas, Rail Manager Paul Grether and I made a presentation at APTA's Rail Conference in Philadelphia. I met with State Representative Mallory and Commissioner Portune to discuss the Riverfront Transit Center and will schedule a follow-up meeting in July. We are in the process of testing a Metro/TANK stored-value card to use on both transit systems.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Reed reported that Cincinnati hosted the APTA Risk Management Conference. Mr. Desmond did a great job and APTA has received a positive response from those who attended the conference.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

APPROVED:



Suzanne Burke  
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Terry Garcia Crews  
CEO & General Manager