

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.  
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER  
6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SORTA BOARD ROOM  
525 VINE STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS APPOINTED: *Blake Ethridge (Chair), Tony Brice Jr, Trent Emeneker, Robert Harris, Pete Metz, Gwen Robinson, and Sara Sheets*

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bedi, Alyson Beridon, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Pete Metz, Sara Sheets KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: *Gwen Robinson and Robert Harris*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Vicki Barker, Julie Beard, Norman Bouwie, Myla Danison, John Edmondson, Pat Giblin, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia, Le'Flore, Jeff Mundstock, Ruth Reed, Jason Roe, Kevin Ruth, Khaled Shammout, August Schweitzer, Bill Spraul, Tara Walker and Mike Weil

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Schaefer (Legal Counsel-Vorys) and Matthew Hulme (City of Cincinnati)

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Ethridge called the meeting to order.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Approval of Minutes of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Mr. Ethridge made a motion and Mr. Brice second the motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, meeting.

By voice vote the committee approved the minutes.

4. **Good News!**

The Executive Team presented the Good News report. Ms. Hairston announced the July Silver Award recipients. Ms. Jones congratulated Darryl Haley, CEO and John Ravasio, COO as C-Suite Finalists, congratulated Darryl Haley on being this years recipient of the 2023 Nuestra Familia Award that will be presented on October 14<sup>th</sup> and welcomed Bill Spraul, VP of Operations and reviewed the ERM Partner Appreciation and Open House breakfast slide. Mike Weil discussed the recent transit safety and security exercise that metro participated in recently at the CVG with the Airport Emergency Response Unit.

Shared a video celebrating SORTA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

5. **Ridership Report**

Mr. Anderson presented the August 2023 ridership reports. Total ridership for the month of August was 1,113,680 or 32.2% above budget.

Mr. Anderson presented the August 2023 MetroNow reports. Total ridership for the month of August was 2,765.

Mr. Anderson presented the August 2023 Access ridership reports. Total ridership for the month of August was 16,841 or 1.1% above budget.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

6. **Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) Contract Discussion**

Mr. Shammout discussed the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) contract. The school-year long 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> passes are at a cost of \$2,450,000. School-year long 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> passes are at a cost of \$350,000 and pass printing and preparation costs \$28,000. The

estimated fixed route annual contract amount due for the 2023/2024 school year is \$2,828,000.00 to be paid in (3) installments of \$942,666 each.

7. The Committee approved the report as presented.

8. **Proposed Resolution: Approval of Contract Modification 91-2022 for Paratransit Vehicles**

Mr. Aiello requested approval of a (5) year contract modification with Tesco, at an additional cost of \$1,389,479 not to exceed \$4,168,437 for additional paratransit vehicles.

The Committee agreed to recommend the resolution to the full Board for approval on the consent agenda.

9. **Proposed Resolution: Approval of Contract Award 112-2023 for Access Fueling Station Renovations**

Mr. Aiello requested approval of a (1) year contract to be awarded to Pruis Construction Companies at a total cost of \$3,128,674 for Access Fueling Station Renovations. The currently capabilities allow for diesel refueling only with (2) fueling stations and the renovation would include diesel and gasoline refueling capabilities with (3) fueling stations.

The Committee agreed to recommend the resolution to the full Board for approval on the consent agenda.

10. **New Business**

The next regular meeting of the Planning and Operations Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.