

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 7, 2005 – 3:00 p.m.  
Burnsville Transit Station

**Board Members Present:**

William Droste, Rosemount  
Kevin Lienau, Savage  
Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville  
Will Branning, Dakota County  
Tom Pepper, Eagan  
Ruth Grendahl, Apple Valley  
Jon Ulrich, Scott County  
Margaret Schreiner, At-large

**Others Present:**

Lois Spear, Finance Officer  
Troy Beam, Scott County TWG  
Greg Konat, Dakota County TWG  
Barb Ross, Best & Flanagan  
Wally Lyslo, At-Large Alternate  
Michael Abegg, Planner  
Beverley Miller, Executive Director

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Droste at 3:05 p.m.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public. Jon Ulrich introduced Troy Beam, the new Scott County TWG, replacing Gary Shelton.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Will Branning to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. CMAQ Submittals**

MVTA Planner, Michael Abegg, reviewed the applications MVTA is submitting for CMAQ funding regarding the use of advanced technologies. Two applications would be submitted. The first is a combination of buses, fare collection and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) components. The application would include 12 low-floor, 40-foot, transit vehicles, at a base price of \$325,000 per bus. ITS components would include lane-assist/guidance technology, projected at a total cost of \$1.1 million for initial deployment. Some \$250,000 would be requested for off-board fare collection devices. These vehicles and technologies would be used as part of the overall mission of corridor development along Cedar Avenue. The proposed vehicles would be low-floor vehicles, which would be cost effective and operate using clean technology.

The second application would be for the ITS components for additional vehicles, at a cost of \$33,000 per vehicle for an estimated 30 vehicles. If successful, funding for both applications would be available in the 2009, 2010 cycle.

Operational funding to support these applications would be part of the MVTA budget. As part of the application project, the MVTA expects to seek support from the University of Minnesota, and the MVTA will also consider a presentation to Rep. John Kline).

Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Will Branning to approve submittal of this applications. Motion carried.

Other applications were also discussed. Ruth Grendahl stated that she understood that the City of Eagan was going to submit its own application for the Cedar Grove Transit Station. Beverley Miller confirmed that the City is a qualified CMAQ recipient, and given that the MVTA has previously submitted three unsuccessful applications for the Cedar Grove project, and the City strongly believes in the project, it seems appropriate that the City should complete the application for funding.

Ms. Grendahl then questioned what is happening in Apple Valley. Should the City be completing an application? A meeting with the Cedar Group was to have clarified this. Greg Konat of Dakota County stated that the Dakota County Staff believes the Apple Valley Transit Station parking situation is urgent and needs to be dealt with sooner than the next round of federal funding. Information should be brought to the Cedar Group about this expansion project. There were concerns about competition for funding dollars between the Cedar Grove project and Apple Valley Transit Station. Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Elizabeth Kautz authorizing the MVTA to spend up to \$50,000 to hire a consultant to get numbers together regarding the expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station, for presentation to the Cedar Group (subject to being reimbursed by the County for this expenditure). Motion carried.

**V. New Business**

There was no new business.

**VI. Committee Reports**

*A. Strategic Planning Committee*

Elizabeth Kautz presented the Strategic Plan. The Committee met, reviewed the comments received. Many were incorporated into the plan. It was noted that the “Outcomes” are Board-related, “Strategies” can be Board or Staff-generated, and “Measures” are either Board or Staff-generated. Board members continued to word-smith the document and make minor changes to the final plan. Motion by Elizabeth Kautz and seconded by Jon Ulrich to adopt the MVTA Strategic Plan as revised. Motion carried with Ruth Grendahl abstaining.

**VII. Staff Reports / Update**

There were no Staff Reports.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Tom Pepper to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes Prepared By:**

**Lois Spear/Robin Selvig**

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: August 24, 2005, 4:30 p.m. Burnsville Transit Station, Second Floor Conference Room**

All regularly Scheduled Board Meetings will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday of the month at the posted time at the Burnsville Transit Station Second Floor Conference Room unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_