

SUBURBAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 14th, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
League of Minnesota Cities Building
Board Room (2nd Floor)
St. Paul, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Commissioner Will Branning. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance: Mayor Tom Furlong, City of Chanhassen; County Commissioner Will Branning, Dakota County; County Commissioner Jon Ulrich, Scott County; Executive Director Beverley Miller, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority; Transit Manager Sarah Hellekson, City of Plymouth; Transit Administrator Mike Opatz, Maple Grove Transit; Chief Executive Officer Len Simich, SouthWest Transit; and, Community Development Director Michael Leek, City of Shakopee.

Others in attendance: James Clark and Patrick Murray, Messerli & Kramer P.A; and, Sherry Munyon, Capitol Access

Commissioner Branning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, Sarah Hellekson moved that the agenda be approved. Len Simich seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Michael Leek moved to accept the minutes from the May 6th, 2010 Legislative Committee meeting. Beverley Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

James Clark gave an update of the MVST receipts from May. He noted that the numbers were slightly below projections. He noted that the five month total for the year to date was positive and that the small difference between the forecast and actual numbers was remarkably close. James also informed the group that Patrick Murray did speak again with an analyst from Global Insights regarding the issue of whether the MVST numbers that are used in the state budget forecasts are produced by the state or by Global Insights. Patrick was told the state may or may not use the numbers they provide and that the MVST numbers are determined internally by the state.

James Clark then led a discussion on the group's upcoming meeting with the Office of the Legislative Auditor to discuss their current evaluation entitled *Governance of Transit in the Twin Cities Region*. Chairman Furlong welcomed the meeting as an opportunity to tell the Suburban Transit Association's story and of the great success experienced over the years.

James Clark then gave an update on the STA/Metropolitan Council meetings. He indicated that the group was still trying to determine a date for the next Policy group meeting. Arlene McCarthy sent James an email on May 27th stating that the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee planned to approve the revised Vehicle Fleet Policy, the Facilities

Ownership Policy and Procurements Policy at their July 12th meeting. Mayor Furlong suggested a letter be sent to Arlene asking that the date be moved as the Suburban Transit providers respective Commissions and City Councils would not have had the opportunity to review the policies until the end of July. The group agreed and it was determined a letter would be sent out asking that the approval of the policies be moved.

The members of the Office of the Legislative Auditor arrived for the meeting with the STA providers, and the remainder of the agenda was suspended.

Mike Opatz moved to adjourn the meeting. Jon Ulrich seconded the motion and it was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Signed on behalf of STA

Date