

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 29, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.  
Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337

**Board Members Present:**

Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley  
Bill Droste, Rosemount  
Jane Victorey, Savage  
Bill Coughlin, Burnsville  
Chris Gerlach, Dakota County  
Jon Ulrich, Scott County  
Mike McGuire, Priori Lake  
Gary Hansen, Eagan

**Others Present:**

Beverley Miller, Executive Director  
Jim Strommen, Kennedy & Graven  
Robin Selvig, Customer Relations Manager  
Lois Spear, Finance Officer  
Eric Zweber, Rosemount TWG  
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley TWG  
Heather Aagesen-Huebner, Met Council  
Jane Kansier, Senior Project Manager  
Bob Crawford, Elko New Market  
Lisa Freese, Scott County Alternate  
Deb Barber, Metropolitan Council  
Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council  
Steven Chavez, Metropolitan Council  
Mike Greco, Resilient Community Program Mgr  
Sanjay Dhir, U of M Resilient Community Student  
Steven Aviles, U of M Resilient Community Student  
Connie Massengale, Schmitty's  
Kristine Elwood, Dakota County  
Mona Elabbady, SRF  
Patricia Timmons, Elko New Market Alternate  
Jen Lehmann, Planning Manager  
Casey McCabe, Prior Lake TWG

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Chris Gerlach and seconded by Gary Hansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mike McGuire and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to the March meeting minutes. A roll-call vote followed.

Clint Hooppaw – Aye

Jane Victorey – Aye

Gary Hansen – Aye

Jon Ulrich - Aye

Bill Droste – Aye

Chris Gerlach – Aye

Mike McGuire – Aye

Motion carried. Resolutions approved as part of the Consent Agenda are attached to the Minutes.

**V. Old Business**

*A. U of M Resilient Communities Presentation*

Rosemount Mayor Bill Droste spoke about how the City has been fortunate to participate in a program through the University of Minnesota and this year has 400+ graduate students working on some 29 projects for the city. He introduced Mike Greco of the University, who oversees the work

(and who lives in Dakota County) and then introduced two students: Steven Aviles and Sanjay Dhir who presented their information.

The students reviewed their project: 1) Determine how many workers in the American Boulevard corridor live in MVTA communities and 2) Determine if there are residents that live in the corridor but work in MVTA communities. What do these travel patterns look like. After examining the data, they looked at bus routes in the area, specifically from Apple Valley, Burnsville and Shakopee with the hopes of creating some routing options and potential ridership. Their research continues and MVTA will receive a copy of the final report when it is available. They worked closely with Jen Lehmann at MVTA and Eric Zweber at City of Rosemount.

*B. Cedar Avenue Update*

Kristine Elwood of Dakota County and Mona Elabbady of SRF (Dakota County Consultant) reviewed the Implementation Plan Update, noting that several Board members had seen the presentation at a Stakeholders meeting the evening before. It was noted that this presentation is based on 2040 forecasts, which only recently became available.

Two assumptions were used: 1) A “No-Build” situation (everything currently in process will proceed, but nothing else); 2) A “Build” scenario, whereby infill stations are completed and additional stations are added as the line is extended through Lakeville. Ridership projections under the two scenarios were discussed, along with some updates from the 2030 forecasts. Park & Ride demand was also reviewed. There was some discussion of the METRO Red Line and the METRO Orange Line travel sheds. Ridership “sensitivity” tests were conducted with the following results: Increased development/land use density near 147<sup>th</sup> Street and Glacier Way stations resulted in increased ridership; Removal of Cliff Road Station and Moving the Palomino Park and Ride near 140<sup>th</sup> Street resulted in decreased ridership; and Adding a station in Bloomington near Old Cedar Avenue resulted in no increase or decrease in ridership.

Transit development measures were also presented, with a note that these are still a work in process. Clint Hooppaw asked that there not only be measures but that there be metrics for these measures. Gary Hansen asked about the Cliff Road station and if there is sufficient density in the area currently to support the station. Mona stated yes, but Hansen indicated there may be additional, higher-density projects in the area in the future. Jon Ulrich expressed skepticism in the projections, indicating that people may not continue to travel in the same way that they do today. It was noted that there was some “trothing” in the forecasts because ridership and travel behavior were factors in the analysis. Hooppaw invited Board members to continue to review and think about this information and forward any comments to Jane Kansier ([jkansier@mvta.com](mailto:jkansier@mvta.com)) to share with Dakota County.

**VI. New Business**

*A. Metropolitan Council Discussion*

Given the attendance of a new Met Council representative, Deb Barber, Hooppaw called for introductions around the table. There were no specific discussion topics. Met Council plans to bring Mall of America Transit Station plans to the next session with the MVTA Board in September. Issues of Met Council governance were also discussed, with Jon Ulrich indicating Scott County wants to keep these collegial, but there may be some “poking and prodding.” Steven Chavez indicated he had spoken to Gov. Dayton regarding staggered terms for Met Council members and that it is a suggestion to be considered.

**VII. Committee Reports**

*A. STA*

Beverly Miller reviewed that the STA Legislative Committee met last week. She said the Demonstration project is in both the House and Senate bills for \$3 million in funding. She indicated the STA position on TAB is also moving forward.

*B. Management Committee*

Robin Selvig reminded Board members of the two Management Committee meetings next week.

**VIII. Board and Staff Reports / Updates**

*A. Ridership Report*

Jen Lehmann referred Board members to the ridership report included in the Board packet with a note that first quarter had ridership moving in the right direction. Robin Selvig mentioned that a news release about this would be issued on Thursday.

Jon Ulrich mentioned that the County was considering a ½ cent sales tax and had made a determination to slow the discussion a bit, but given activities at the Legislature, the issue will be before the Scott County Board again on May 12. He will report to MVTA on May 20.

Robin Selvig announced that MVTA has been selected to receive a Gold Award for Safety from the American Public Transit Association and that Jen Lehmann will accept the award on Sunday, May 3 in Fort Worth. She played a video created for the awards presentation and expressed MVTA's appreciation to intern Liz O'Day (who wrote the nomination) and to Eagan TV (who created the video).

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion by Gary Hansen and seconded by William Droste to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

**Minutes Prepared By:** Robin L. Selvig

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled:** April 29, 2015, 4:30 p.m. Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Dr., Burnsville, MN.

All regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday of the month at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified except the meetings in April and September will be held on the **FIFTH** Wednesday.

Approved by: James E. Victory Date: May 20, 2015

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 15- 026

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH L.S. BLACK CONSTRUCTORS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO CIVIL, LIGHTING, AND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BURNSVILLE TRANSIT STATION

WHEREAS, the MVTA constructed the Burnsville Transit Station in 1995;

WHEREAS, upon approval of the MVTA Board, MVTA staff (Executive Director, Facilities Manager) worked with URS engineers and architects to identify areas in need of rehabilitation, repair or replacement at the Burnsville Transit Station, ultimately reaching agreement on a scope of work and preparation of construction documents;


WHEREAS, bid documents were released in March, 2015, and five qualifying bids were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVTA approve a contract between the MVTA and L.S. Black Constructors, Inc., for construction services related to civil, lighting, and landscaping improvements at the Burnsville Transit Station in the amount of \$959,153.

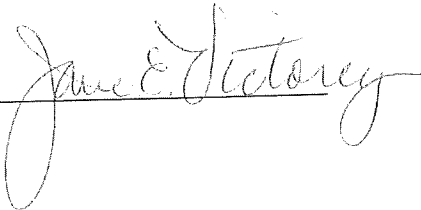
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVTA Executive Director is authorized to execute individual change orders under \$25,000 up to a cumulative amount of five percent of the construction contract;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVTA authorize Terracon Consultants, Inc., to perform Independent Lab Testing (ITL) services at BTS at a cost not to exceed \$5,040.00, under the terms and conditions of the Transit Services Consulting Contract executed in August, 2013.

ADOPTED by the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
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Chair

Attest:

  
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MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 15- 027

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS FOR DIAL-TONE/DSL SERVICE  
AT TRANSIT FACILITIES IN FRONTIER SERVICE AREA

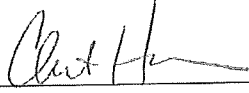
WHEREAS, the MVTA has transit facilities located in the Frontier Communications service area, including: Apple Valley, 157<sup>th</sup> St. and Rosemount Transit Stations and 140<sup>th</sup>/147<sup>th</sup> St. Station;

WHEREAS, the MVTA has negotiated promotional rates with Frontier for services but the most recent agreement has expired and rates increased significantly;

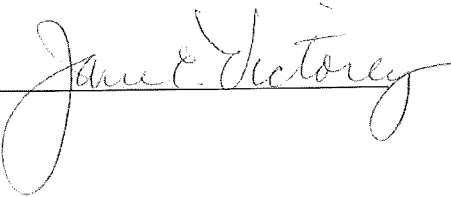
WHEREAS, new promotional rates for a three-year period have been obtained;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVTA approve a three-year agreement with Frontier Communications for dial-tone and DSL service at the five aforementioned facilities in the amount of \$649.79 per month.

ADOPTED by the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
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Chair

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