

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting

April 28, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting conducted via video conference

Board Members Present:

Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Casey McCabe, Prior Lake,
for Kevin Burkart
Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Tammy Block, Rosemount
Dan Kealey, Burnsville
Josh Feldman, Eagan,
for Gary Hansen
Gene Abbott, Savage
Jay Whiting, Shakopee

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA
Heidi Scholl, MVTA
Richard Crawford, MVTA
Tania Wink, MVTA
Tyre Fant, MVTA
Ben Picone, MVTA
Grace Vriezen, MVTA
Nene Israel, MVTA
Dawn McGuire, MVTA
Samantha Porter, MVTA
Aaron Bartling, MVTA
Chad Deegan, MVTA
Dan Rudiger, MVTA
Steve LaFrance, MVTA
Vicky Loehrer, MVTA
Cody Kruse, MVTA
Jason DeMoe, MVTA
Rukia Aden, MVTA
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Kyle Klatt, Apple Valley
Amanda Novak, Elko New Market
Connie Massengale, Schmitty and Sons
Bill Forbord, Schmitty and Sons
Tom Lovelace, City of Apple Valley
Jenni Faulkner, City of Burnsville
Ben Reber, Legal counsel

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Public Information Manager, Richard Crawford, noted that a walk-on item had been added for Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. C-10152 (Burnsville Bus Garage Office Modernization Project). The item was placed under Old Business. Item VII. B. COVID-19 Title VI Service Equity Analysis was pulled from the agenda.

A Motion by Gene Abbott and seconded by Dan Kealy to approve the revised agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Introductions

Richard Crawford, Public Information Manager, introduced new Customer Service Specialist, Rukia Aden, to the Board.

V. Consent Agenda

A Motion by Kealey and seconded by Jay Whiting to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Hooppaw – Aye	Block – Aye	Abbott – Aye
McCabe – Aye	Kealey – Aye	Whiting – Aye
Ulrich – Aye	Feldman – Aye	

VI. Old Business

Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. C-10152 (Burnsville Bus Garage Office Modernization Project)

Steve LaFrance, Facilities Manager, provided details on Amendment No. 6 for the Burnsville Bus Garage Office Modernization Project. LaFrance explained that new footings were needed at the doors. The amendment would provided \$20,418 for the footings and \$10,000 in change-order approval if necessary. LaFrance noted that the funds necessary have been identified in MVTA’s budget.

A Motion by Whiting and seconded by Kealey to approve the amendment. A roll call vote was taken.

Hooppaw – Aye	Block – Aye	Abbott – Aye
McCabe – Aye	Kealey – Aye	Whiting – Aye
Ulrich – Aye	Feldman – Aye	

VII. New Business

Sustainability Initiative

Grace Vriezen, Transit Planner, provided an update on an MVTA Sustainability Initiative.

The APTA Sustainability Program encompasses three key aspects of sustainability: economic, environmental, and social. Through preserving the environment, prioritizing social responsibility, and ensuring economic vitality, MVTA will take actions to implement continual improvements in sustainability measures through internal processes and procedures. The program centers on four core sustainability principles, reduction targets, and both short and long-term actions, providing the opportunity for signatory agencies to begin with an entry level commitment and to achieve further recognition ranging from Bronze to Platinum level.

The entry-level commitment is able to be signed at any time, designating agency intent to fulfill the core principles. Signatories can achieve these principles with regards to their own timing and resource availability. APTA does require signatories to report on progress with regards to sustainability through a brief annual update.

Commissioners Kealey and Whiting asked if there were any specific budget impacts that would accompany the initiative. Chief Executive Officer Luther Wynder said any budget items tied to the initiative would come before the board for approval.

Kealey encouraged staff to reach out to member cities to gain information regarding sustainability initiatives already in place.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. STA Meeting (April 12, 2021)

Luther Wynder, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Suburban Transit Association's meeting in April. Discussion centered around legislative Senate File 2375, which would move Suburban Transit Providers under the Minnesota Department of Transportation as opposed to the Metropolitan Council. Wynder noted that a Senate informational hearing on the bill was scheduled for April 30 and that there were details to be finalized and that the bill could be considered in subsequent sessions.

IX. Board and Staff Reports/Updates

2021 First Quarter Ridership Report

Ben Picone, Transit Planner, gave a recap of first-quarter ridership. Ridership remains relatively steady since the onset of the pandemic. Local ridership is seeing the most resilience with downtown express ridership growing, but still light compared to historical ridership. The Planning Department is continuing to monitor ridership on a trip level and will adjust service as needed.

MVTA Connect has continued to experience ridership growth with March 2021 setting a record for ridership with 2,187 rides. MVTA Connect has seen month-over-month growth since November 2020.

IX. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Kealey and seconded by Abbott to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Crawford

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 p.m., via WebEx (virtual meeting). All regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by:  _____

Date: _____