

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
March 29, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.
Burnsville Bus Garage

Board Members Present:

Jon Ulrich, Scott County
Clint Hooppaw, Apple Valley
Jane Victorey, Savage
Dan Kealey, Burnsville
William Droste, Rosemount
Chris Gerlach, Dakota County

Others Present:

Luther Wynder, MVTA Executive Director
Jim Strommen, Kennedy and Graven
Casey McCabe, Prior Lake
Eric Weiss, Shakopee
Joe Morneau, Dakota County TWG
Josh Feldman, Eagan
Kyle Klatt, Rosemount
Lisa Freese, Scott County
Steve Albrecht, Burnsville
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley
Bob Crawford, Elko New Market
Dawn McGuire, MVTA Accounting Specialist
Jen Lehmann, MVTA Planning Manager
Kristi Sellwood, MVTA Customer Service
Lois Spear, MVTA Finance Director
Nick Bishop, MVTA Accounting Manager
Steve LaFrance, MVTA Facilities Manager
Bill Forbord, Schmitt and Sons
Connie Massengale, Schmitt and Sons
Dave Jacobson, SouthWest Transit
Charlie Cochrane, SouthWest Transit
Gerri Sutton, Metropolitan Council
Steve Chavez, Metropolitan Council
Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council
Deb Barber, Metropolitan Council

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
Eric Weiss, Shakopee TWG, took Oath of Office.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Chris Gerlach and seconded by Dan Kealey to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Potential Fare Increase

Nick Bishop gave an update on the potential fare increases proposed by the Metropolitan Council. He provided background on the transportation deficit that will be experienced in the region and effects of a fare increase. The MVTA Board was asked to take a formal position related to any potential regional fare increases. Motion by Clint Hooppaw and seconded by Bill Droste to support Scenario 1. MVTA does see a rationale for a fare increase in the region and supports Scenario 1, a fare increase of \$0.25 for all fare levels. MVTA does not support Scenario 2, a fare increase of \$0.25 for local and \$0.50 for express. The additional decrease in estimated ridership for suburban transit providers (2.5% in scenario 1 vs 7.1% in scenario 2) does not justify the estimated additional revenue generated. Scenario 2 only provides \$225,000 of additional revenue for suburban transit providers. A roll-call vote followed.

Ulrich – Aye

Gerlach – Aye

Hooppaw – Aye

Weiss – Aye

Kealey – Aye

Feldman – Aye

McCabe – Aye

Droste - Aye

Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

A. STA

Luther Wynder reported that he has been communicating with several senators who are committed to working to understand suburban providers. Currently, both the House and Senate Omnibus Bills contain funding for the suburb-to-suburb demonstration project. Additionally, the House Omnibus bill proposes legislation to increase suburban transportation providers' percentage share of statutory MVST funds.

VIII. Board and Staff Reports / Updates

A. Report on SouthWest Prime

Dave Jacobson of SouthWest Transit gave a presentation regarding their on-demand service, SouthWest Prime. Prime provides shared rides in Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver, and select areas of Shakopee. Ridership in 2016 was 53,531 with an average subsidy per passenger of \$6.53.

B. Met Council Update

Wendy Wulff, Deb Barber, and Steve Chavez of the Metropolitan Council spoke briefly about the inability to issue regional transit bonds without legislative approval, also noting the impact of Metro Mobility on their general fund.

C. Budget Update

Lois Spear reported that MVTA's 2017 operating revenues are decreasing \$4.5 million due to a decrease in Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. Allocated MVST is \$4.2 million lower than budget due to Met Council calculations being lower than expected. Their calculations lower MVTA's fund balance from 35% to 23.1%. Statutory MVST is \$.3 million less than budgeted due to changes in the MVST forecast. A projected \$2.2 million increase in fund

balance due to less expenditures than revenues in 2016 offset the revenue drops. A Management Committee meeting is being scheduled for the beginning of April.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Bill Droste and seconded by Clint Hooppaw to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
Motion carried.

Minutes Prepared by: Kristi Sellwood

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday – April 26, 2017, 4:30 p.m. Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Drive, 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 March and August will be held on the **FIFTH** Wednesday.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____