

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2007**

Participants:

Delores Lysakowski, Chairperson
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Mike Sager, Trustee
Richard Meile, Trustee
Bill Grogan, Managing Director
Taulby Roach, Consultant
Grey Chatham, Attorney
Jerry Heil, Director of Scheduling and Planning
Mike Dilks, Metro

Absent:

Frank Bergman, Trustee

Chairperson Lysakowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Chairperson asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting. A motion was made by Richie Meile, seconded by Mike Sager to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2007 meeting. The motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.

There were no Incoming Claims or Communications.

Under Financial Matters, Chairperson Lysakowski indicated that the proposed budget had been provided to the Trustees in their packet and that it includes provisions for continued operation at approximately the present levels and provision for funds for capital projects such as the pocket track at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station. She recommended the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed budget. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Richie Meile to approve the proposed budget for the St. Clair County Transit District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under Old Business, Chairperson Lysakowski indicated that the District provided shuttle bus service from the Shiloh – Scott MetroLink station to the Scott Air Show July 7 and 8. She thanked all who helped make the service a success and especially Lonnie Mosley and Richie Meile for their volunteer efforts.

The Chairperson also indicated we will be providing shuttle bus service from the Emerson Park MetroLink station to the NASCAR Busch Series race July 21 and 22 at Gateway International Raceway. She also reminded all present that the St. Clair County Transit District Day at the Ball Park is August 11.

Under New Business Chairperson Lysakowski indicated that progress is being made in the matter of designing and building the pocket track at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station. She asked Bill Grogan to explain the proposed Resolution. He stated In regard to that matter that Metro, as the owner and operator of the MetroLink light rail transit system will be responsible for letting the bids for construction of the pocket track project and, since the District has agreed to provide the funds necessary to build the project, the management at Metro has requested the District pass a resolution agreeing to provide the \$10 million needed to build the project. Resolution FY 08-01 was provided to the Trustees in your packet and it certifies that the St. Clair County Transit District will provide the necessary funds to Metro in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the design, engineering, project management and construction of the pocket track and all necessary appurtenances thereto in the vicinity of the Fairview Heights MetroLink station. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to approve Resolution FY 08-01. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Bill Grogan also explained that he and the Chairperson had discussed the desirability of providing some temporary parking at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station because the construction of the pocket track will cause a temporary loss of over 200 parking spaces there because contractors will use part of the area as a "lay-down" or staging area. He described a proposal by the Engineering Firm Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. to provide Civil Engineering Site Design services and preparation of bid documents for the District in the design of additional, temporary parking at the Fairview Heights station. The estimated cost of these services is \$10,850. He indicated that the engineers will seek to design the temporary parking facility in such a way as to be beneficial in the construction of permanent parking in this area in the near future. A motion was made by Richie Meile, seconded by Lonnie Mosley to authorize the Chairperson to execute an agreement with Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,850 for engineering and design services in the design of temporary parking at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Taulby Roach described efforts to complete the MetroLink bike trail from North End Park in Belleville to the Swansea MetroLink station. Due to concerns about safety expressed by County Board Chairman Kern we are now going to pursue a design that will call for the construction of a bridge over the Norfolk and Southern

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Railroad and another bridge to take the bike trail over Illinois Route 159. It will also be necessary to connect with the proposed trail by the Village of Swansea in this area. There are two elements to the proposal. There is an initial payment of \$26,500 to cover expenses associated with coordination with the Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) and the Village of Swansea in the design and negotiation with Century Brass and the balance of the fees estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000 depending on the design selected and the amount of information that can be obtained from Parsons Brinkerhoff from the design effort in the initial phase of the design. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to authorize the Chairperson to execute an agreement with Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. for engineering and design services in connection with a modified design for the MetroLink bike trail in the vicinity of North End Park and Illinois Route 159. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

The Chairperson reminded those present that the next meeting will August 20, 2007.

A motion to adjourn was made by Richie Meile, seconded by Lonnie Mosley. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.