

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD FOR TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2008**

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Present:

Delores Lysakowski, Chairperson
Richie Meile, Trustee
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Mike Sager, Trustee
Bill Grogan, Managing Director
Gray Chatham, Attorney
John Roach, Consultant
Tom Sehr, Metro
Neil Huegen, District Associate

Absent:

Jerry Heil, Director of Scheduling and Planning
Frank Bergman, Trustee

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

A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, and seconded by Ritchie Meile, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 16th, 2008. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under Financial Matters, the Chairperson reported that the FY 09 budget is currently under review by the Chairperson and the Board can expect it by August at the latest. Also, the IDOT and Reduced Fare reports are both in their final stages of completion.

Under old business, the Chairperson discussed the current level of success that the Special Service Routes are experiencing. There have been no problems and there have been strong ridership counts. Also, the SCCTD is officially issuing the Senior ID cards at multiple locations, and the process is moving forward without complications.

Under new business, the Chairperson also pointed out that the Rams Express is starting up once again as well as the Air Show coming up in September, neither of which has shown any unexpected complications or problems thus far.

Managing Director, Bill Grogan, gave a summary of the week of training he received from the Transportation Safety Institute on light rail accident investigation. Also, he discussed a conference call he and the chairperson participated in with the Governor's Office regarding a new program where upon all Illinois residents from the Circuit Breaker program will be entitled to free mass transit usage.

John Roach discussed the progress of the Fairview Heights Turnback Project. He stated that the project is still on schedule with no foreseeable setbacks. Also, the necessary preliminary actions have already been instigated to ensure that the next bus shuttle in September goes through without incident and all goes as planned for the final weekend service shutdown.

John Roach also took the opportunity to discuss the current Bond Issues that the SCCTD is facing. He noted that the transit district's capital Bond issuer has lost its necessary Standard and Poor's rating that the SCCTD's contract states that they must maintain. Therefore the SCCTD's capital bonds will need to be reissued, and talks are underway with the O'Fallon Bank to assist in making the change over as easy as possible.

Karen Kozal used her floor time to reiterate the success of the special service routes currently underway as well as the preparations being done for the upcoming air show at Scott Air Force Base.

Tom Sehr noted the current half cent tax referendum coming up in St. Louis County that will need to pass in order for system wide fare increases or service cutbacks not to take place. Mr. Sehr also pointed out that nearly all of the Union Labor contracts up for renegotiation have been settled.

Two anonymous citizens then took the opportunity to address the Transit Board regarding the condition of the current Bus Service in their respective neighborhoods. The first citizen requested a route change that would reroute the Washington Park line down 25th street once again. The second citizen, who resides in Cahokia, wanted information as to why the undergoing construction that has caused multiple reroutes in the city, has seen no progress. The Chairperson referred the gentlemen to the Cahokia City Council.

A motion was made by Mike Sager, and seconded by Lonnie Mosley, to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting on August 18th, which will take place at the Illinois Garage. The motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.