

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2007**

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Participants:

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

Absent:

Frank Bergman, Trustee

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

A motion was made by Mike Sager, seconded by Richard Meile to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under financial matters the Chairperson stated that she had provided a proposed amended budget in the packet that was mailed to each Board member and that the proposed amended budget reflects the District's financial position and our best judgment with regard to the balance of the fiscal year. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Richie Meile to approve the amended budget. The motion passed in unanimously in a voice vote.

The Chairperson also indicated that the application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Downstate Operating Assistance program was complete except for the materials from Metro and ATS.

Under old business, the Chairperson indicated that each Board member should have received a letter regarding the St. Clair County Transit District Day at the Ballpark. All 900 tickets have been sold so any Board member that does not intend to use their tickets should notify the Chairperson so they may be reallocated to the next person on the waiting list.

Chairperson Lysakowski indicated the Illinois Department of Transportation has indicated the District should pass a resolution authorizing the Chairperson to

submit the application and execute the grant agreement for the Reduced Fare program. Resolution FY07-05 authorizes the Chairperson to make application and execute the grant agreement for the Reduced Fare program on behalf of the District. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to approve Resolution FY07-05. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under new business, Chairperson Lysakowski stated that she is recommending the District provide paratransit service on a limited basis to the areas of Lebanon and Mascoutah and requests the Board's approval that, effective Monday, April 2, 2007, paratransit trips in Lebanon and Mascoutah that are otherwise eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be provided between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with no service on Saturday, Sunday or holidays with fares being that allowed under the ADA which is double the regular bus fare each way. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Richie Meile to approve the chairperson's recommendation regarding the provision of paratransit in Lebanon and Mascoutah. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

The Chairperson asked Bill Grogan to brief the board regarding the design of the MetroLink bike trail from the Belleville station to the Swansea station and beyond. Mr. Grogan stated that, under direction from County Board Chairman Kern, the District has started to pursue a change in the design strategy for the MetroLink bike trail segment between North End Park in Belleville and the Swansea MetroLink station. At issue is the desire to eliminate undesirable at-grade crossings of the bike trail at the point where the bike trail crosses the Norfolk and Southern railroad at Illinois Route 159 and where the bike trail crosses Illinois Route 159 at the MetroLink bridge. As a result the staff is requesting authorization to advertise a request for qualifications for engineering and design services for the MetroLink bike trail from North End Park to the Swansea station and beyond. The motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to authorize the staff's request in this matter. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Bill Grogan informed the Board that the Federal Transit Administration has requested the District and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning the conduct of the State Safety Oversight Program for the MetroLink system. He provided copies of the proposed MOU to the Board. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Richie Meile authorizing the Chairperson to execute the proposed MOU with MODOT concerning the conduct of the State Safety Oversight Program. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under the Managing Director's report, Bill Grogan reported that he and John Roach had met with representatives of the District's engineering consultant, URS Corporation, regarding the design and cost estimate for the extension of MetroLink from its present eastern terminus at Shiloh – Scott to MidAmerica

airport and that the work is proceeding on schedule. He also reported that he and Mr. Roach had been attending regular progress meetings with Metro's engineering consultant, HNTB, concerning the design and engineering of the pocket track at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station.

John Roach reported that he is still being very aggressive with the proposed schedule for the design and construction of the Fairview Heights pocket track as this is a priority for Chairman Kern. We are looking at a number of long lead-time components of the project to see if Metro could order those items themselves rather than wait until a contract is awarded and the successful contractor ordering those items. John also mentioned that his analysis indicates that Metro's operating costs over the first half of the year appear to be better than budget.

Tom Sehr reported that the \$20 million that Metro requested from the State of Missouri did not look likely to be approved. A proposed motor fuel tax exemption for Metro in Missouri is likely to pass the General Assembly but Metro is still working on it.

Under Personnel Matters Chairperson Lysakowski indicated that the Board of Trustees needs to elect officers at its next meeting. Lonnie Mosley made a motion seconded by Mike Sager that the officers of the Board of Trustees remain the same as they are presently. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Chairperson Lysakowski informed the Board that the April meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.