

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2024**

Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Sally Rodriguez, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
John Baricevic, Attorney
Mike Buehlhorn, SCCTD
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 5:04 pm. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Rodriguez, present; Mosley, present; Mr. Johnson, present; Gregory, present; Markezich, present; the meeting has an official quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024, Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Incoming Claims: None Reported

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey advised he toured the Tecklenberg Trail Project with Hank Rohwedder. He said the Construction is progressing nicely. He reported the new bridge over highway 161 is scheduled to be placed in October with the trail to be opened sometime later in November and added this trail will provide an easy access to SCCTD MetroBikeLink trail for people in west end of Belleville.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he and the SCCTD staff met with Gonzalez staff to get updates on MetroLink extension to MidAmerica Airport. He distributed a photo of the rail being delivered to job site, and said it was an exciting moment.
- Mr. Sharkey advised the next Transit Transformation Stop is tentatively scheduled for Fairview on August 21st at 9:00 am and distributed the CMT flyer outlining the event. He reminded the Board this is a two phases. He advised the TV footage of Governor visit to Emerson Park contained many focal point images of the Transformation project we completed in 2021 He also added, SCCTD has on its to do list future design concept for entrance to Belleville Scheel Street station.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Chestnut local leadership on their ongoing efforts to serve riders on Metro Train and a pilot project for outreach at high volume bus stops. He said the current SCCTD Chestnut program has drawn national attention. He advised the Chestnut Staff has been requested to give a presentation at the annual Illinois Public Transportation Association in Moline in September. He advised the Board because of the success of the program, Champaign County and Madison County Transit Districts are interested in initiating a similar program in their area.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Metro Executive Chuck Stewart and Rode the new Metro Purple Trolley Bus on the Washington Park #9 Bus. He advised Metro to remove the temporary restroom for Metro Bus operators and Security staff at Emerson Park for the convenience of their workforce and to improve the appearance of Emerson Park.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he virtually attended a Citizens for Modern Transit forum on Transit Orientated Development (AKA TOD). The 3-story apartment building at the Swansea Station is an example of a TOD.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD sponsored an appreciation luncheon at the Illinois Bus Facility and advised we served 185 meals of Roasted corn on the cob ears with pulled pork sandwiches. He said it was a successful event. Mr. Sharkey personally thanked Mr. Mosley for attending the event.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended many planning meetings and site visits to Emerson Park to prepare for the celebratory event for the Emerson Park Public Safety Building. He said the event with the Governor and local leaders attracted significant media coverage. He advised the IDOT Transit Staff were impressed with the event which is significant. He said this is SCCTD's demonstration of being a good steward of public transportation grants and it goes a long way with our everyday interaction with the IDOT staff.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a meeting with TWM and Metro Secure Platform staff to continue to develop a plan for bike trail access to 3 MetroLink Station which include Swansea, Memorial and Shiloh Scott stations. He advised Bistate has agreed to pay SCCTD \$1,577,000 to offset the cost to relocated trails impacted by their Secure Platform Program and additionally, SCCTD is prepaying in full the final cost \$12 million Secure Platform Project for Illinois Stations.

- Mr. Sharkey reported the two (2) ATS buses are ready for pickup for Comprehensive Behavioral Health. He said these buses were approved for donation at last month's meeting and advised there was some discussion about a photo opportunity from some Board Members. The Board members recommended just donating the buses and not having a public event.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he visited the Illinois Bus Garage yesterday and met with Mirza Uzabek, the Supervisor of the entire Metro and ATS Fleet. He said they discussed the fleet size and bus types. He advised, when he came to the district in 2018, the Fleet consisted of 107 – 40 ft buses and 1- 35 ft. bus. He added the fleet was designed to move large volumes of riders for 81 Cardinal Baseball Games and not for the daily fixed route bus route for 365 days a year. He also advised, SCCTD has been right sizing the fleet over the last 5 years by purchasing smaller more fuel efficient 29.5 ft buses. He said the current fleet size is 88 buses down from 108 buses in 2018. Mr. Sharkey advised this fleet reduction in size is attributed to Metro not providing 5 fixed bus routes in SCC. He said, Metro did not reduce its monthly charge for bus service. He reported, SCCTD is paying ATS, VIA and MRTD to operate the Metro reduced fixed route service and the current fleet size is as follows:
 - 53 – 29. ft buses
 - 34 – 40 ft. buses
 - 1 – 35 ft. bus.

- **John Baricevic**
 - Mr. Baricevic reported depositions have been scheduled for the reported alleged incident over a year ago on the bike trail.

Old Business: None Reported

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Joint project proposal from Hanks to repair the drainage issues at Llewellyn Road and Dutch Hollow Road in the amount of \$28,800. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve Hanks proposal in the amount of \$28,800 for the Llewellyn Road and Dutch Hollow Road Drain Repairs. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the 2024 Trail Sealing Project Bids. He advised two (2) bids were received. He advised Sonneberg Asphalt Co Inc. was the low bid at \$85,717 and recommended approval. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to award Sonneberg Asphalt Co Inc in the amount of \$85,717 for the 2024 Trail Sealing Project. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented a proposal from Hanks Excavating in the amount of \$85,000 for a temporary access for the Tecklenberg Trail Project. He advised since the contractor did not do the work the would the Board like to resend the proposal. Mr. Erwin advised no work was done other than the one (1) being removed, but that could be charged as force account. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to resend the previously approved proposal. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the appraisal for \$19,000 for the land purchase adjacent to the MetroLink near SAFB. He advised the land purchase is to reroute the bike trail due to the Bistate Secured Platform Project. He further added if we did not do this those people using the bike trail will need to by a ticket to get through the gate to access the bike trail going out to Mid America. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the purchase as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Buehlhorn presented the Arcturis trail sign project outline. He advised the Demond Sign revised bid is \$242,790. He also discussed the trail sign for the rules he created and wold like the Board to review them as well as other communities. He said the trail rules signs would be installed by SCCTD on wooden post painted to match the proposed trail post being installed. He asked the Board to motion to accept the bid from Demond Sign Company of \$242,790 with Alternates to the contract as provided for under Section 7.0 (Substitutios), paragraph 2, with non-powder coating as a voluntary alternate, for a total project cost not to exceed \$275,000.

Ms. Rodriguez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the motion as outlined. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Facility Lease Agreement between Bistate and SCCTD for the Emerson Park Public Safety Building. He advised it has vetted and approved and signed by Bistate. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Johson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to accept the agreement as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the TWM Construction Observation Contract for the Old Collinsville Road Phase 4 Bike Trail Project. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms. Rodriquez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the contract as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Project 2530 – Illinois Bus Shelters funding request in the amount of \$40,558.26. Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Mosley made a motion and seconded by Ms. Rodriquez to accept the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Project CP_93491_1305 – Washington Park Parking Lot & Bus Loop Rehabilitation funding request in the amount of \$37,000. Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms. Rodriquez made a motion and seconded by Ms. Gregory to accept the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Bistate Project CP_97980_1101 – Illinois Bus Garage In-ground lift funding request in the amount of \$2,236. Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mosley to accept the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed

- Mr. Sharkey Presented a letter of request for transit service for the “100 Years of Horsepower” event to assist in getting people to and from the event due to limited parking and safety concerns. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

Ms . Gregory made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mosley to accept the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed

There being no further business Chairman Markezich entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **August 20, 2024**, at 5:00 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:58 pm