

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2025**

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**Present:**

George Markezich, Chairman  
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee  
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee  
Patty Gregory, Trustee  
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director  
John Baricevic, Attorney  
Mark Harrison, Gonzalez  
Jon Schaller, Gonzalez  
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

**Excused Absents:**

Sally Rodriguez, Trustee

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 5:00 pm. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Mosley, present; Rodriquez, absent; Johnson, present; Gregory, present; Markezich, present; the meeting has and official quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup> regular Board Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

**Introduction of Guests:** Mark Harrison, Jon Schaller

**Public Comment:** None

## **Incoming Claims: None**

## **Reports:**

### **Ken Sharkey:**

- Mr. Sharkey advised the Board he included in their packet is a 2024 Looking back on the year in review. He said he would like to thank the Board for supporting the accomplishments achieved in 2024.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended an Illinois Public Transportation Association Board meeting. He said the organization is preparing for an educational lobbying effort with Illinois Legislators to provide long term funding for the downstate transit districts. He said the large regional transit systems in the Chicagoland area will be seeking a financial lifeline for cash strapped systems. He said the Downstate should get more funding if the Chicago transit system gets more substantial funding.
- Mr. Sharkey reported the met with the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Systems in East St. Louis. He said the purpose of the meeting was to introduce police chiefs in Belleville, Swansea, Fairview Heights, and Shiloh to the services offered at Comprehensive Behavioral. He advised, SCCTD is on pace with investing approximately \$1million in additional law enforcement coverage over the coming years with these four local PD's. He said he would like to thank Dr. Johnson for participating in the meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Citizens for Modern Transit provided the Board the activities of partnership with SCCTD and Metro.
- Mr. Sharkey reported SCCTD previously donated two buses to Comprehensive Health and one required major repairs and expense making it unavailable for use.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board of the date for Tecklenburg Trail opening celebration scheduled for Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.
- Mr. Markezich asked if ridership has been going up with all the security in place. Mr. Sharkey advised on the Illinois side there is a considerable difference in the ridership.
- Mr. Johnson with the security in place has crime incidents gone down. Mr. Sharkey reported Mr. Lindauer's report indicated the incidents have been less.

**John Baricevic** Nothing to Report

## Old Business:

- Mr. Markezich inquired about the repairs previously approved for the 79<sup>th</sup> St wall along St Clair Ave. Mr. Sharkey reported Bistate has been monitoring the wall for movement and they are currently single tracking at a slow speed through the area for safety purposes.
- Mr. Markezich reported one of the recently SCCTD purchase patrol cars has been wrecked.

## New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the MetroBikeLink – Shiloh Scott Realignment Bid and Award. He advised TWM has reviewed the bids and recommended award to Kilian Corp in the amount of \$607,135.90. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

**Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the award to Kilian Corporation as outlined and presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented TWM's General Service Agreement for Construction Management service for the MetroBikeLink – Shiloh Scott Realignment. Mr. Markezich asked if there were any further question and if none requested a motion to approve:

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Gregory to approve the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Gonzalez MAA Single Track Owner Controlled Contingency request. He said Mr. Harrison and Mr. Schaller are present to explain. Mr. Harrison outlined the request and explained why the request is necessary. He advised the contingency is necessary to keep the project moving and preventing the contractor from continuing their work. Mr. Schaller further outlined and clarified. Chairman Markezich requested a motion:

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Gregory to approve the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined Bistate's PLA request. Mr. Markezich reported a previous project Bistate was involved with and a PLA was not required and the project did not go well. Mr. Markezich recommended the request be denied. Chairman Markezich asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none called for a motion.

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Gregory to deny the request as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.**

Mr. Markezich advised due to other meeting conflict the February meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. 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 – **February 18, 2025**, at 4:30 pm located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

**Adjournment 5:23 pm**