

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2025**

Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Mike Buehlhorn, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

John Baricevic, Attorney
Hollie Etling, SCCTD

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Markezich, at 5:30 pm. called for a roll call for all Board Members, Mosley, present; 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 Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2025. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests:

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey advised he met twice with city O'Fallon officials once with MEPRD staff to discuss ideas for bike trails in O'Fallon using grant funding available for trails in O'Fallon in an area designated the "Green Zone".

- Mr. Sharkey reported he rode the #8 Alta Sita Bus with Ron Forrest, who is the VP of Metro Transit.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he participated in two MetroLink extensions meetings with Gonzalez companies. He advised the dry weather has been helpful with the construction progress.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended part of the Midwest Transit Conference in Kansas City to meet Federal Transit Administration officials. He said he was working on advocating for environmental approval for bus shelter locations.
- Mr. Sharkey advised he and Mr. Erwin met with Metro staff and the Secure Platform contractors at the Memorial Station to discuss a section of bike trail needing relocation.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a couple of meetings with Citizens for Modern Transit and Trivers Architects designing bus stop transformation near Walgreens in East St. Louis. See rendering and information in packet.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he and Mr. Erwin met with Stutz Excavating and TWM to obtain an update on the Liberty Heights Trail construction and its progress. He advised the opening ceremony will be in early November.
- Mr. Sharkey advised, he attended the East West Gateway Advisory meeting.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Bi-State officials to coordinate the implementation of two CMAQ Grants for Battery Electric Buses for ATS.
- Mr. Sharkey advised, Jennifer Schoen, Finance Director and he will be attending Illinois Public Transportation Association convention in Champaign at the end of this month. He continued by saying this is a good opportunity to work with the IDOT funders and other transit districts.
- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board Members of the upcoming annual Citizens for Modern Transit Luncheon and Meeting this Friday at 11:30 am at the downtown Marriott on Washington Avenue.

John Baricevic:

- No Report

Old Business:

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented the Demond Signs Trail Sign Quote. Mr. Buehlhorn further outlined and explained additional rules signs will be needed. The Board discussed and approved the quote of \$22,000 as presented with a maximum expenditure of \$28,000 to cover additional signs needed. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the City of Belleville's electrical quote to upgrade the trail and street traffic lights and signs at trail locations of B Street and Main St in Belleville. The request is for SCCTD to pay half of the cost to install the improvements at the two locations discussed. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

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

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the AT&T permit for the area from Shiloh Station Rd to SAFB. Mr. Erwin advised the permit allows SCCTD to have a and to maintain a biketrail within their easement. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approved as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. 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. Mosely and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote, all in favor. The motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – **October 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm** located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 6:07 pm