

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2026**

Present:

George Markezich, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Derienzia Johnson, Trustee
Patty Gregory, Trustee
Mark Kern, SCC Chairman
John Baricevic, Attorney
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD Managing Director
Raymond Coyne, Oppenheimer
Hollie Etling, SCCTD
Tony Erwin, SCCTD

Excused Absents:

Guests: Ray Coyne, Mark Kern

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; 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 11, 2026. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Introduction of Guests:

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Ken Sharkey:

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a planning meeting with CMT and staff for events and projects upcoming in the next few months.

- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a meeting with Bi-State Planning department for new bus stop signs in St. Clair County. He advised more than a year has past without any movement on this project.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a Bi-State Development Board of Commissioner Meeting. He advised he listened to hour long discussion on single car concept for MetroLink Train rather than two car current use.
- Mr. Sharkey reported BSD approved a contract with Schaefer Electric for electric bus charging station for Belleville Station to charge ATS battery electric buses. He said SCCTD received an \$830K CMAQ Grant for this work and BSD is handling the procurement.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Steve Buckley who is a Metro supervisor overseeing the Real Time Camera Center and Allied Contract Security.
- Mr. Sharkey reported Jennifer Schoen and he attended a meeting with several people working with Mr. Coyne on packaging the pending Bond funding transaction.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with the SCCTD consultant Jim Schfferdecker who recently concluded representing the District for Metro's new faring system.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he and Mr. Erwin met with CMT and Lochmueller design engineers to review designs for next Bus Stop Transformation at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with Benesch Company, Metro Staff and ATS to review Transit Vision 2026. He advised the project should be wrapping up by November.
- Mr. Sharkey advised Mr. Erwin and he met with Chairman Kern and TWM to discuss upcoming ITEP grant applicational for Bike trail corridors.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he attended a virtually meeting with Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, Metro, Chestnut Health to determine a late-night bus service from Fairview Heights to a location in Missouri to serve stranded riders at the Fairview Heights MetroLink Station.
- Mr. Sharkey reported he met with a representative of Heartlands Conservancy to discuss tree planting at the Emerson Park MetroLink Station.

- Mr. Sharkey reminded the Board that the CMT Luncheon is this Friday. He advised SCCTD will be getting an award for the MetroLink to MidAmerica Airport Project.

John Baricevic:

- Mr. Baricevic reported he received a notice of property damage but advised SCCTD has very little liability for this notice.

Old Business: Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Mr. Sharkey presented and outlined the bids for the 2026 Emergency Call Box Project. Two (2) bids were received and recommended the project be awarded to Utilitra in the amount of \$72,119.75. 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 and award the project to Utilitra for the bid amount as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Sharkey presented the T&M Quote from Hanks to mow and make repairs to the slopes along MAA Bike Trail Extension. Mr. Erwin advised he wasn't sure how severe the erosion is until the entire alignment is mowed. Mr. Erwin advised they located washouts four feet or more. Mr. Markezich asked about cost and Mr. Erwin advised the Board he is not sure due to the severity of some of the areas. Mr. Markezich advised the Board to cap the cost to \$35,000. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mosely to approve the request as presented with a cap of \$35,000. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

- Mr. Erwin presented and outlined the Appraisals for the Armory and Fairground property acquisitions. Mr. Erwin advised Bishop Alexander accepted the appraisal amount of \$315K and Thomson Gas has been offered the appraisal amounts of \$180K and \$20K and requested the Board to approve a cap offer to finalize the negotiation, if necessary, in the amount of \$250K to finalize the deal. Chairman Markezich asked if there were any further questions, hearing none called for a motion:

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Gregory to approve Bishop Alexander appraised value of \$315K and move forward to finalize as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve Thomas Gas appraisal of \$200K for the two properties with a cap of \$250K to finalize as presented. Chairman Markezich called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

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 – **October 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm** located at the SCCTD office at 27 North Illinois St, Belleville, Illinois.

Adjournment 5:47 pm