

## Minutes

### RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 9:02 a.m., May 1, 2018

**Present:** Welo (Chair), Clough, Elkins, Lucas, McCall, Moss, Nardi, Norton, Serrano

**Not present:** None

**Also present:** Benford, Bitto, Burney, Calabrese, Caver, Cranford, Dangelo, Feliciano, Ferraro, Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Jaszczak, Johnson, Kirchmeir, Krecic, Laule, Raguz, Schipper, Scott, Shariff, Young, Zeller

Mayor Welo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that five (5) committee members were present.

#### FY 2019 Capital Budget

Tom Raguz, executive director of the Office of Management and Budget and Mike Schipper, deputy general manager of Engineering & Project Management, made the presentation. Today's discussion is on the 2019-2023 proposed Capital Improvement Plan and 2019 Capital budget. This process started three months earlier to comply with NOACA's revised project planning review schedule for funding. Going forward, this will be the regular process and presentation to the board each May. The budget development began last December. Jan-March projects were submitted and prioritized based on the goals. In April, the projects and funding was finalized. Potential adoption of the capital budget is at the May 15 board meeting.

The CIP goals are in line with the strategic plan, with a lot of weight on the State of Good Repair, which comprises 25% of the scoring matrix. Health and safety is 20%. Government mandates comprises 20%. Ridership and Operating budget impact comprises 50% each. Environmental is 5%. Funding for the capital projects comes from federal formula grants. RTA receives approximately \$40 MI a year of formula money. RTA receives competitive dollars for competitive grants from the federal government. The general fund sales tax goal contribution is a minimum of 10% to fund capital projects. RTA receives some minor assistance from the state of Ohio.

There are six different project categories; bus, equipment, facilities, preventative maintenance, rail and other project. Bus and facilitate improvement comprises of 50%. Preventative maintenance makes up 29%. In 2019, they will transfer \$25 MI from capital budget to the general fund. Going forward, it will be \$20 MI annually. Overall, the five year CIP is about \$367 MI, with 2019 totals just under \$64 MI. The five year plan by funding sources overall include a federal portion of 57%, State makes up 10%, general fund from sales tax is 22% and unfunded projects is 12%. The needs still out way financial resources. There are \$540 MI in unfunded projects. Medicaid managed care MCO sales tax base loss is \$20 MI annually for operations. It's important to secure alternative funding for projects.

The CIP funds is all the planning, designing and construction of facilities and infrastructure to safely deliver service without disruption. E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street Station is in progress. It will open later this year. Projects for 2019 will continue to come to the board this year and be constructed in the fall/winter and throughout 2019. Design projects include fiber optic system for rail and Tower City east portal concrete repairs. This TC RFP will be issued next week and will go on for a year. Construction for E. 116<sup>th</sup> Station will carry into next year. Tower City tracks 10 and 13 replacement will bid out the end of the year and carry into 2019. Substation work includes W. 65<sup>th</sup> which was recently bid and is in

construction. Puritas and Warrensville will bid with construction through 2019. Radio/CAD/AVL system replacement won a grant. Contracts are being put together that will carry into 2019 and possibly into early 2020. Work on tracks 7 and 8 is complete and will be used while the other track work is being done. Garage projects include the CNG upgrades and storage and dispensing at Triskett. Rail projects include the design of a substation at W. 117<sup>th</sup>. Construction includes Red Line rehab from West Park to Puritas. A contract will be presented in two weeks for W. 117<sup>th</sup> to West Park. Ninety-nine percent of the ties within this span will be replaced. There will be signaling on the light rail on the trunk line. When the fiber optic design is complete it will be put out to bid next year. There will also be repairs on the cantenary system. Facility work includes design on the Cuyahoga Viaduct and track bridge over W. 117<sup>th</sup> Street. The E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street bridge will go out for construction.

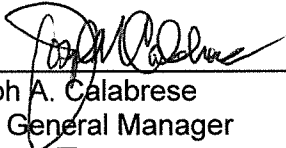
On the bus side, 33, 40ft CNG buses will be delivered this fall. Later this year, a RFP for over the road coaches go out. Nine of the coaches will be delivered in 2019. Competitive grant awards include a \$1.2 MI NOACA grant for Paratransit vehicles, \$5.8 MI USDOT was awarded for radio/CAD/AVL system and another \$700k pending with NOACA. A CMAQ award of \$13.4 MI was awarded for buses for 2022-2023. A FTA award of \$2.6 MI for Triskett CNG building modifications was awarded. Upcoming grant submissions will be the ODOT UTP for \$1.8 MI for buses and \$5.2 MI ODOT Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program for Red Line West rehab. The state legislature increased the funding in this program. It was \$14 MI, now it is \$21 MI. The TIGER program was renamed the Build Program. It has three times as much as last year. RTA has always made the semi-finals. The submission will be for \$12 MI for Tower City tracks 10 and 13. Lastly, a \$3 MI FTA competitive grant for bus and bus facilities will be submitted.

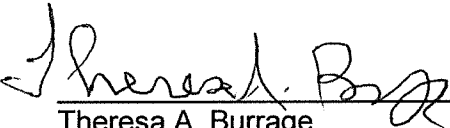
Unfunded backlog programs include rail cars at \$300 MI, bus improvement program at \$30.4 MI, track rehab for \$31.9 MI, station reconstruction for \$17.3 MI (mostly E. 79<sup>th</sup> Street Station), bridge reconstruction for \$14.1 MI (Viaduct and other out year bridges), facility improvements (roof work and Rail yard) for \$61.4 MI and tech support (fare vending system replacement) for \$46.4 MI. RTA has been successful at winning bus grants, but not enough to buy every bus. Bus and rail maintenance facilities is \$35.4 MI. The Main Office is \$3.5 MI for roof and the HVAC system. Misc. needs total \$700K. Unfunded programs total \$542.6 MI. Mr. Calabrese added that \$20 MI of federal money that could be used for capital, is being used to fund operations. This year, \$25 MI of it is being used for operations to not cut service and raise fares. But this does take a toll on the capital program, increasing the needs.

**This meeting was suspended to hold the public hearing. The meeting reconvened after the public hearing.**

Staff request the 2019 capital budget be moved for potential approval at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Welo asked for a motion to move the capital budget to the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Mayor Clough. The roll was called. There were five (5) ayes and none opposed.

Mayor Welo adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

  
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CEO, General Manager  
Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Secretary