

Minutes, Citizens Advisory Board April 12, 2007

Report from the General Manager
Provided by Michael York, DGM-Operations

- **Transit Police:** Negotiations were successful. The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) negotiations will have a new contract.
- **Euclid Corridor:** Construction is moving along at a good pace. Public Square re-routes begin April 16.
- **Ridership:** Down 2.6 percent in March with one fewer weekday. Bus down 4.3 percent, Total Rail up 8.5 percent. Light rail up 6.7 percent. Year-to-date: Systemwide down 6.2 percent, but Rail up 4 percent..
- **Trolleys:** Average ridership: 3,100 daily. "Smile and Ride Free" should be extended until December 2007. Sponsors are lined up for 2008, as well. During the NCAA basketball tournament weekend, ridership was 1,400 a day for 2 days. Cost for operation is approx. \$100 per hour per vehicle.
- **New Fare Collection** service will result in better numbers and a more efficient process. New fareboxes should be available later this year and active on 650 buses.

Presentation by Taras Szmagala, External Relations:

- Discussed State budget and the ODOT budget. The new budget takes effect July 1.
- Establishing relationship with new Governor. Political rally – Gov. Strickland willing to take look at a percentage.
- 85 percent federal funds for the Euclid Corridor Project.
- What CAB members can do to assist: Write a letter to your State
- Representative, individual letters and CAB letterhead letters.

Report by CAB Chair George Zeller

- The annual report was very well prepared and presented.

Report by ADA Committee Chair George Zeller, in absence of Steve Albro

- Marketing made a presentation on functional testing.

Report by Volunteer Action Committee Chair Vince Reddy

- Continuing to review CAB operating guidelines
- Transit waiting environment -- list concerns for later presentations w/ consultants
- Update on Google group tutorial