

RTA Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
June 10, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda and May 2010 Minutes
- IV. General Manager's Report – Joseph Calabrese
 - Labor negotiations with two unions are ongoing; aim is to contain and reduce expenses to balance the budget; no progress has been made for 2010.
 - Jesse Jackson was in town and joined with local politicians to talk about transit.
 - Sales tax is .4% above last year; a projected \$2.2 million balance is now closer to \$1.2 million.
 - New bill introduced, Sen. Brown cosponsored; emergency funding for public transit to be used to prevent service cuts, retain services, prevent fare increases or for capital expenses; RTA would receive \$11 million if the bill passes; RTA is promoting heavily to let politicians know that this matters.
 - Tax budget time brings review of 2011 budget, currently showing a \$10 million deficit.
 - Closing a bus district would save \$4 million a year; layoffs would be handled through attrition; RTA is also exploring ways to work with Newburgh Heights to help them offset the loss of \$92,000 in payroll taxes; RTA may lease the building instead of selling it.
 - The annual awards banquet is the evening; GM awards, safe driver awards and partner award to TSA will be given out.
 - RTA has had several meetings on the county reform regarding how RTA fits and to ensure that new development is on transit lines.
 - Service changes have taken place with the end of the school year.
 - Ridership is below last year except for the Healthline.
 - Mayor of Nashville visited to see the Healthline.
 - Upcoming events include Dump the Pump Day and the orchestra concert on Public Square on July 1, Customer Appreciation Day, the Tall Ships festival and the Garlic Fest on Shaker Square.
 - APTA meeting was a success; \$75,000 spent, brought in \$2.1 million to the local economy; \$12,693 was non-sponsored, out-of-pocket expenses for RTA.
 - RTA is working with the Ohio Contractors Association to explore a proposal for a .25% dedicated sales tax to support public transit – would bring in \$225 million per year.
 - Presentation to the board in July on the Blue Line extension.
 - A position of energy manager has been added to find efficiencies/savings in operations.

- CAB members asked about how employers can encourage workers to commute sustainably

V.& VI. New Business & CAB Chair Report – CAB Priorities for 2010

- Chairman Brad Chase discussed the need to update the board’s website, add updates and photos as well as how the board will address the board’s three priorities (ease of use, safety and security, and partnerships and advocacy)
- The board also brought up another role of CAB: to provide a critical eye and focus on the budget.

V. ADA Committee Report – Committee Members

- At the last meeting Joe Schaefer spoke about the accessible ramp design at Warrensville and E. 93rd.
- The committee is also seeking input on the wording of its mission statement.

VI. Transit Improvement Advisory Committee – John McGovern

- Rob Mavec, commissioner of traffic engineering for the city of Cleveland, spoke about traffic systems and he said that RTA should make suggestions to him on which lights to prioritize lights around stops to facilitate pedestrians.
- The committee also discussed the new Slavic Village station and the concerns about pedestrian safety; bike station designs and utilizing station space for safe bike storage; and the proposed transit waiting environment for Coventry and Mayfield.

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjourn

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
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Attendance Sheet

	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10
Member												
Steve Albro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Frank Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Johnny Brewington	✓	✓	✓	EX	✓	✓						
Rose Carter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Brad Chase	✓	✓	EX	✓	✓	✓						
Aldo Filippelli	✓	✓	✓	EX	EX	✓						
Marie Fratus	✓	EX	✓	EX	✓	✓						
Martin Golob	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Ron Jackson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EX						
John McGovern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Molly O'Hare	✓	✓	EX	✓	✓	✓						
Donna Prease	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EX						
Vince Reddy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EX						
Eugene Thompson	✓	EX	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Mary Vadas Reese	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Laura Rodriguez	EX	✓	?	?	?	?						
Shari Weir	?	?	✓	✓	EX	EX						
Andre White	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Tony Zajac	✓	✓	EX	✓	EX	✓						
George Zeller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						