

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY, May 9, 2013

RTA Board Room

1240 West 6th Street

Cleveland, OH 44113

8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

SYNOPSIS

- Get updated on the S-Curve project
- Info on the Airport tunnel construction
- Checkout the new RTA website
- Legislation passed regarding buses and bikes
- Another award for RTA from APTA
- Solar shelters, how many and where are they?
- The many street closures resulting in route detours for numerous buses
- Check out the stops that will be located near the Convention Center
- The Citizens Advisory Board has a new member and two more to be added in the coming months

I. CALL TO ORDER – meeting was called to order at 8:37AM

II. ROLL CALL – see attached list

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES – January – April minutes approved for submission to Juan Carlos Rivera to be uploaded to website
Marjorie will email minutes from January – April 2013 to the RTAGoogle group today

IV. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT Joseph A. Calabrese General Manager and CEO

- 1) Ridership: report not in yet
- 2) S-curve construction:
 - a. Work is progressing well
 - b. Neighbors concerns (construction noise) has been worked out
 - c. Additional drainage work on the S-curve construction has been approved
 - d. Shuttles working better than expected
- 3) Airport tunnel work is on schedule
 - a. June 9 restoration of airport service (S-Curve) – ALL redline route will be restored
- 4) State of Ohio – prohibiting school children K-5th grade from riding public transportation unless with an adult
 - a. RTA would lose nearly \$500,000 if this takes effect
- 5) Driver enclosures still being tested (protecting your employees) – resolution being brought to the board for this project
- 6) Financial rating agencies to refinance some bonds to save close to 1.7 million with a closing date of late June
- 7) New website was launched and there has been great feedback
- 8) Fare boxes – switching to Key Bank for debit card usage only – to be done on a Sunday for least impact on riders
- 9) Legislation passed for buses to stay 6 ft away from bikers in some lanes
 - a. This creates concerns with buses taking two lanes
 - b. Go back to 3ft away to be able to share the lanes
 - c. Should there be a speed restriction on buses when passing bicyclists – was in city planning last Friday but was postponed
 - d. There will be a need for additional operator training

- 10) May 17 is Bike-to-work day - cyclist will ride free
- 11) No public meetings have been scheduled as of yet for the Public Square study
- 12) Rail Safety Merit Award from APTA has been awarded to RTA given in June in PA
- 13) Waterfront line will be free during the Rib cook off – 5/24 -5/27/2013
- 14) June 27 bus transportation safety drill (tabletop exercise) focusing on Senior games weekend
- 15) Solar lighting shelters – two contracts have been issued to pilot solar lighting in bus shelters
 - a. The first four were installed last week, Euclid & Coit, Kinsman & 93rd, Kinsman & 79th and Kinsman & 72nd with five additional shelters to come within the next 30 days
- 16) Applied Way Finding has been contracted to review bus stop sign packages
- 17) Commission On Economic Inclusion – RTA is a member of 2013 Commission 50 – which focuses on the top 50 in workforce, executive management and board and supplier diversity
- 18) Waterfront line to reopen May 29
- 19) Shuttles to be run on the East side from Cedar to University Circle to Windermere
- 20) Triskett Lot parking overflow – RTA is looking for additional parking for the Triskett lot
- 21) The access committee will conduct research looking into signs for the vision impaired
- 22) Drivers are supposed to make courtesy stops anywhere on a reroute

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mary Shaffer, Media Relations – Street closures (see attached)

1. 22 bus routes affected because of the marathon on Sunday May 19
2. May 20 – June 28 – movie filming
3. Continue to call the helpline for any questions
4. Decisions about these inconveniences were made by the filmmakers
5. Most are not public transit riders

Joel Freilich Service Management - Routes & stops serving the Convention Center (see attached)

1. Applied for permit from the city for new shelter on Lakeside
2. June service changes – new layover spot at Shaker Square beginning June 9
3. Full red line restored to airport
4. May 30 – full waterfront line service
5. Some running later at night
6. #48 to become a 24/7 route from Marymount Hospital to the Cleveland Clinic

2013 CAB Candidates John McGovern, CAB Chairman

Two seats to fill – three candidates introduced themselves

Tyler Stillings – Structural Engineer

Ben Capelle – Operations Manager

L. David Applefeld - Retired

New member Edward Opett appointed in April by George Dixon – introduced himself

VI. CAB CHAIR REPORT John McGovern, CAB Chairman

- o Business cards will be ready by next meeting
- o Voting on new members for the two slots will be held next month – nominations to be presented to the Board for approval
- o George stated all CAB members are appointed by the Board of Trustees not the Citizens Advisory Board

VII. ADA COMMITTEE REPORT Ron Jackson, Committee Chairman

Next meeting 05/16/13

VIII. TIAC REPORT Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chairperson

Next meeting 06/07/2013

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thank you RTA for the crossings at Van Aken & Shaker Blvd
Thank you for the bus stop at Superior & W. Roadway

X. ADJOURN – meeting adjourned at 10:07AM

Next CAB meeting June 13, 2013
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street
8:30 a.m.
<http://www.riderta.com/CAB>

John Gower

12/16/2013

Citizens Advisory Board Chair

Date