

## Minutes

### RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:00 a.m. September 1, 2020

**Committee Members:** Joyce (Chair), Lucas (Vice Chair) Byrne, Moss, Pellot, Serrano

**Other Board Members:** Bibb, Clough, McCall, Weiss

**Not present:** None

**Also Present:** Anderson, Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Burney, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Davis, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Kirkland, Lewis, Lively, Penning, Schipper, Shaffer, Sutula, Temming,

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that six (6) committee members were present. This meeting was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on March 27, 2020, the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency and the April 30, 2020 order of the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Health prohibiting any gathering of ten (10) or more people. The meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rideRTA](http://www.facebook.com/rideRTA)) for staff and members of the public.

#### Rail Infrastructure

Joe Shaffer, director of engineering and project development and Brian Temming, manager of quality assurance, gave the presentation. Major projects that are underway include E. 79th Red Line Station, Trunk (Blue/Green) Line Track Replacement, Tower City Track 10EW & 13 Rehabilitation, Substations and Power & Way.

Brian Temming will discuss E. 79<sup>th</sup> Red Line Station first. He is the lead architect and project manager for this station. The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the station and bring it into ADA compliance. This is the final GCRTA ADA Key Station. Key Elements include construction of new ADA compliant access walkways, replacement of existing platform, upgraded security and lighting and replacement of existing track. The contract was awarded to Panzica Construction in January for \$6,399,000. Notice to Proceed was given March 13, 2020. The station was closed April 1, 2020. Substantial completion of the station is planned for March 8, 2021. Final completion of the station is May 7, 2021. They are currently on schedule. The existing station was the last wood platform built in the 1950's. He showed images of the progress of the construction showing some of the demolition, form work of the pause points, the ramps going in and the new steel platform framing and catenary structures.

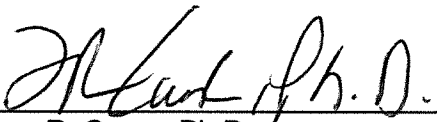
The Trunk Line Track Replacement project on the light rail from Kinsman to Buckeye-Woodhill Station included 6,200 new timber crossties, 25,000 linear feet of new 115#RE rail, which is several miles of new rail, 24 new insulated joints, 12,000 linear feet of track undercutting where they replaced the old ballast, 16,000 linear feet of track surfacing to align the tracks properly and hillside stabilization along E. 75th St. He showed a few before and after photos. Work on Tower City Track 10EW & 13 Rehabilitation has been going on for some time. Track 10 East reconstruction is completed. Track 10 W track slab was placed. Work continues on redesign of the GL1 signal processor, which is the brains of the operations at Tower City. There is a large change coming to get the machine to accept the new crossover they are putting in in the new turnout. The new crossover and turnout is nearing

completion at Unitrac factory in Knoxville, Tennessee. Staff visited the turnout on the erecting floor. They will travel there again before the new crossover is shipped to RTA.

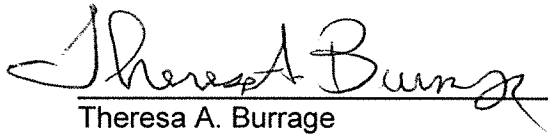
We have a large substation program. Many of the substations have not been replaced since the 1950's. W. 65th is completed and in service. Puritas is nearing completion. This is the first modular substation, which means everything comes pre-assembled in a giant metal box. Van Aken boring/conduit and foundation is in progress. W. 30th construction package is in Procurement. W. 117th construction package is ready for Procurement and E. 120th design is just getting started with surveying and geotechnical work is completed. They will move from under the bridge where it currently is and put it up by the tracks. The Power & Way Track Department has been busy under the direction of Teresa Muti. On the Blue Line – Drexmore to Farnsleigh stop they have installed 1,200 ties, 25 switch ties, replaced 3,000 plates, tamped and regulated over 2.5 miles of track and removed potentially hazardous trees from Kinsman to Moreland Pocket.

Rev. Lucas asked for a photo of what the E. 79<sup>th</sup> Street will look like once it is completed. Staff said they would send him the renderings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.



Floun'say R. Caver, Ph.D.  
Interim Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Secretary