

Minutes

RTA Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee Meeting

9:49 a.m., November 16, 2021

Committee Members: Byrne (Chair), Moss (Vice Chair), Duarte, Serrano, Weiss

Other Board members: Koomar, Lucas, McCall, Pellot

Not present: Joyce

Staff: Benford, Birdsong, Caver, Dangelo, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Kirkland, Krecic, Miller, Mothes, Petit, Schipper, Sutula, Talley, Togher, Walker-Minor,

Public: Gibbons, Loh, Pinkney-Butts, Rodriquez

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m. There were five (5) committee members present.

This meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rideRTA) for staff and members of the public. Members of the public were allowed to attend in-person.

Based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance to continue to avoid large events and gatherings and Ohio Department of Public Health advice that businesses and other entities may continue to require mitigation measures, as well as RTA's interest in protecting community and employee health and safety, several measures were put in place for in-person attendance, which are spelled out in the meeting notice.

Quarterly Management Report

India Birdsong, General Manager, Chief Executive Officer gave the presentation. This is the 3rd quarter report.

- Routine Revenues: 4.1% higher than budget
 - Passenger Fares – down 23.7%
 - Sales & Use Tax – up 10.3%
- Operating Expenses: 6.8% lower than budget
 - Total personnel costs: 4.8% lower than budget
 - Fuel hedging – continues to help stabilize costs
- Routine Revenues over/(under) Operating Expenses
 - Routine Revenues are \$19.7 million higher, or 9.6%
- Transfers to Other Funds
 - Reserve Fund: \$10 million in Rolling Stock Reserve
 - Capital Improvement Fund:
 - \$36.4 million transferred
 - Bond Retirement Fund:
 - Bond Defeasance: Budget: \$62.0 million Actual: \$57.7 million
- Total Expenditures
 - 7.5% lower than budget
- Federal Stimulus Funding drawn down in 2021
 - CRRSAA: \$67.4 million
 - ARP: \$54.8 million
- Federal Stimulus Funding to be drawn down in 2022
 - ARP: \$81.2 million

Capital expenditures by category includes operational cost (bus garage, bus improvement, facilities and other projects). Federal Assistance: Cares Act, CRRSAA, and ARP – drawn down in Capital Program and transferred to General Fund. The COVID-19 sanitization efforts have picked up. We have been successful in those efforts to ensure healthy ridership. We are remaining steady at 97% of service levels. We have not cut service. We are committed to maintain service levels to normal ridership. We have not incurred any layoffs or terminations because of the Pandemic. The NextGen redesign went into effect

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over the summer. We continue to monitor it and tweak service as needed. We are working on job hub programs with Tri-C. Partnerships include Esperanza, Olivet Housing Development Corp. and MetroHealth.

The debt defeasance allows us to go nine years in advance for scheduled debt being eliminated. That saves us \$3 million a year for a total of \$14 million over a nine-year period. Several capital projects have come to conclusion on time or on budget. We continue to monitor ridership. It is 46% below 2019 levels for 2020 and 2020 is following suite. However, we see upticks in different areas of ridership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant