

Minutes

RTA Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee Meeting

9:04 a.m. October 4, 2022

Committee Members: Koomar (Chair), Moss (Vice-Chair), Joyce, McCall, Weiss

Not present: None

Other Board Members: Biasiotta, Lucas, Pellot, Welch

Staff: Birdsong Terry, Burney, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Feke, Fesler, Fields, Fleig, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Kirkland, Miller, Mothes, Peganoff, Rusnov, Schipper, Sutula, Tarka

Public: Gibbons

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. There were five (5) committee members present.

Safety Update

Steve Peganoff, Director of Safety gave the presentation. Today's update is on the status of the Performance Targets in the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

PTASP:

- Current Plan Approved by Board of Trustees on 2/15/22
- Approved by ODOT on 3/7/22
- Contains Performance Targets based on the National Public Transportation Plan
- Next update will be complete by 12/31/22 to meet ODOT and FTA requirements
- 2023 version to be developed and approved by a new Labor Management Safety Committee that began meeting in April
 - Committee comprised of four ATU members and four members of management
- Per the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes, FTA amended PTASP requirements bolstering union participation
- GCRTA and the ATU created a MOU outlining responsibilities, timing and process

Key enhancements for next year:

1. Approach to Infectious Diseases
2. Operator Assault Prevention

Four Categories of Performance Targets:

- Rail Fatalities
- Rail Reportable* Injuries
- Safety Events
- System Reliability

Rail Fatalities: Death excluding that resulting from illness or other natural causes and criminal homicides that are not related to collisions with a rail transit vehicle. This category includes suicides.

- Target = No more than 1 in 2022
- Actual YTD = 0

Rail Reportable* Injuries: An injury requiring hospitalization for more than 48 hours; Results in a fracture of any bone; Causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle or tendon damage; Involves any internal organ; or involves significant burns.

- Target = No more than 1 in 2022
- Actual = 0

Rail Safety Events: A reportable* accident, incident or occurrence. Examples include grade crossing collisions, evacuations due to life safety (smoke), & derailments.

- Target = No more than 18
- Actual = YTD, 20
 - Deraillments, 3
 - Contractor Work Truck @ W.38th – moving at slow speeds, no injuries
 - LRV at Green Road - no passengers, \$175 cost for post-accident inspection
 - Rail Shop Trackmobile – moves trains around the shop, cause of incident repaired
 - Collision, 1
 - Grade Crossing at Southington on Green Line, no injuries to passengers or motorist, \$1,200 damage to train
 - Smoke (causing evacuation), 16
 - 13 on HRV Fleet involving traction motor, heaters or other aging-fleet electrical component failure

Of the 13 smoking incidents, 10 have a root cause of an overdue tracking overhaul based on OEM recommendations. The Board approved an overhaul contract in January. The new contract has reduced these types of incidents. Nine trains (36 motors) have been completely outfitted with overhaul motors. The project is estimated to be completed by the 1st quarter 2024.

Preventable Collision Rate: A measure of collisions whereby the Operator failed to do everything reasonable which could have been done to avoid the collision. Expressed as a rate per 100,000 miles driven.

- Target = No more than 1.25 Collisions per 100,000 Miles
- Actual = 1.52 Collisions per 100,000 Miles

Occupational Injury Rate: A measure of job-related injuries expressed as a rate per 200,000 hours of work (OSHA formula).

- Target = No more than 7.0 injuries per 200,000 hours worked
- Actual = 6.24 injuries per 200,000 hours worked

Miles Between Service Interruptions (MBSI): The mean distance between major mechanical failures. Examples include brake failures, motor issues, a door problem, axle defects, and suspension problems.

- Second Quarter:
 - Target = Light Rail Trains 5,133 miles
Heavy Rail Trains 10,755 miles
 - Actual = Light Rail Trains 3,631
Heavy Rail Trains 9,179

President Lucas asked about the Infectious Disease Plan. Mr. Peganoff said they assembled a Pandemic Response Plan which outlines processes, procedures and what was done during the coronavirus pandemic. It will serve as a guideline for future pandemics or other infectious diseases. The plan outlines who is a part of the response team, notification protocol, disinfecting protocol, etc. Recommendations from Cleveland Department of Public Health, the State and Center for Disease Control and Prevention will be followed. Ms. Birdsong Terry added that the team is comprised of approximately 10 management and union leadership members.

Ms. McCall added that RTA works with the City of Cleveland Incident Command Structure. She suggested a briefing be done with the City and, the City and County Health Departments. Mayor Weiss asked for an overview of the traction motors. Mr. Peganoff said the motors are responsible for the propulsion of the trains. Thirty-six of the 160 motors have been rehabbed. All of the motors are scheduled to be rehabbed.

Executive Session Requested

9:15 a.m. - Mayor Koomar asked for a motion to go into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding. It was moved by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. McCall. The roll was called. There were five (5) ayes and none opposed. Mayor Koomar invited the rest of the Board to join the session.


9:50 a.m. - It was moved by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mayor Weiss to come out of executive session. The roll was called. There were five (5) ayes and none opposed.

Mayor Koomar made a motion to move to the full Board an option agreement with Flaherty & Collins Development LLC. to purchase the rights to the GCRTA property located next to the Cudell Rail Station. It was seconded by Ms. McCall. There were four (4) ayes and one abstention from Mr. Joyce.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.



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