

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Present: Mike Allemang, Eli Cooper, Gillian Gainsley, Prashanth Gururaja,
Roger Hewitt, Larry Krieg, Eric Mahler (Chair), Kyra Sims

Chairman Eric Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1) Opening Items

a. Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Hewitt to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Allemang. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the motion carried.

b. Public Comment

Jim Mogensen commented on adjusting to situations which are maladjusted. Mr. Mogensen commented on governing structures.

c. General Announcements

None.

2) Consent Items

Dr. Krieg moved approval of the Consent Items, seconded by Mr. Cooper. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the motion carried.

a. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2018

b. Local Advisory Council Executive Committee Appointment

3) Policy Monitoring and Development

a. Board's Annual Plan of Work Item & Ends Policies

Chairman Mahler made a presentation on follow-up items from the Board Retreat. Board members commented and Chairman Mahler responded to questions. Board members volunteered to serve on subcommittees to move the follow-up work forward.

b. Policy Monitoring and Committee Reports

1. Governance Committee

No report.

2. Finance Committee

Mr. Allemang made a report on behalf of the Finance Committee; particularly: Monitoring Report 2.6 Investments; Millage Update, Draft Strategic Business Plan; Overall assessment of compliance to new board policy; RTA; Pilot Project for Staffing at the Ypsilanti Transit Center.

3. Service Committee

Mr. Hewitt made a report on behalf of the Service Committee; particularly: Tour of Ypsilanti; Strategic Vision; Millage Update; Draft Strategic Business Plan; Initial Assessment Compliance Report; RTA; Pilot Program for Staffing at the Ypsilanti Transit Center.

c. Other Board Reports & Ownership Linkages

1. Local Advisory Council

Kathleen Mozak-Betts made a report on behalf of the Local Advisory Council (LAC); particularly: LAC Code of Conduct; Attendance Policy for Executive Committee; Subcommittee to review Charge and Bylaws; Transportation Riders United; Paratransit Review; ARide Report Card; Complimentary Scrip Coupons for LAC Executive Council members; April 10 LAC meeting.

2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Dr. Krieg reported that the WATS Policy Committee was scheduled to meet on March 21. Dr. Krieg commented on opportunities to provide input on the Nonmotorized Transportation Plan.

3. Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

No report.

4) Strategy and Operational Updates: CEO

a. CEO Report

CEO Matt Carpenter referred to the written CEO Report and reported verbally on: Timelines for major technical studies; Grant Submission for US-23 Express Bus Pilot Project; Roof Repairs at the Dawn Gabay Operations Center; Regional Transit Authority.

b. Policy Monitoring: 2.6 Investments

CFO John Metzinger presented Monitoring Report 2.6 Investments, indicating compliance, and noting areas for improvement. Board members commented on the report and Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Metzinger responded to questions.

Mr. Hewitt moved that the Board finds that the CEO is in compliance. Mr. Allemang seconded the motion. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the motion carried.

c. Millage Ballot Language

Mr. Carpenter presented Millage Ballot Language for the Board's consideration.

Resolution 8/2018
Millage to Maintain Public Transportation

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WHEREAS, by renewing and restoring the same millage rate of 0.7, AAATA would be able to maintain the expanded levels of available public transit and paratransit services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority has determined that it is appropriate under Act 55 of 1963 to submit to the electors of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti a proposal at the general election on August 7, 2018 concerning the imposition of a tax within those municipalities for public transportation purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be certified to the Washtenaw County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for that election:

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

To maintain the expanded levels of available public transit and paratransit services—including services for seniors and people who have disabilities—shall the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide) renew and restore an annual tax of 0.7 mills (\$0.7000 per \$1000 of taxable value) on all taxable property within the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti for the years 2019-2023 inclusive? An annual tax of 0.7 mills was first approved in 2014. This millage has been reduced to 0.6860 mills under the Headlee Amendment. This proposal would renew the millage and restore it to the originally approved 0.7000 mill amount. The estimate of revenue if this millage is approved is \$4,849,066 for 2019. This revenue will be disbursed to TheRide and, as required by law, a portion may be subject to capture by the downtown development authorities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and the local development finance authority of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.

Dr. Krieg reported on input on the ballot language from the Charter Township of Ypsilanti. Board members commented on the proposed ballot language. Corporate legal counsel, Jerry Lax, responded to questions.

Dr. Krieg moved to add three zeros to the two citations of “0.7 mills”, seconded by Ms. Sims. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the amendment adopted.

Board members commented further on the proposed ballot language. Mr. Carpenter and Deputy CEO Forest Yang responded to questions.

Ms. Gainsley made a motion to strike “available”, seconded by Ms. Sims. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the amendment adopted.

Dr. Krieg moved that the Board approve Resolution 8/2018, as amended, seconded by Mr. Allemang.

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On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the resolution, as amended, carried.

d. Preliminary Strategic Business Plan

Mr. Carpenter reviewed a Preliminary Strategic Business Plan and invited board and community members to share input. Board members commented and Mr. Carpenter responded to questions.

5) Board Development

a. Board Education

Chairman Mahler reported on a presentation on Ridership and Coverage scheduled for the May board meeting.

Dr. Krieg reported on “The Road Out of Poverty: A Transportation and Economic Mobility Symposium”. Dr. Krieg shared highlights from a presentation by keynote speaker Anthony Foxx, Former U.S. Transportation Secretary. Board members commented.

6) Emergent Business

None.

7) Closing Items

a. Topics for Next Meeting

- Monitoring Report 2.8 Asset Protection
- Presentation on Ridership and Coverage
- Bus Stop Program
- Millage Campaign Update
- Regional Transit Authority Update

b. Public Comment

Jim Mogensen commented on coverage vs. ridership metrics, creation of the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, and the funding structure for transit in the urbanized area.

c. Board Assessment of Meeting

Ms. Gainsley noted public comment on the millage.

d. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Gururaja, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairman Mahler declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Gillian Gainsley
Secretary, AAATA Board of Directors

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