

**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS**

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**December 10, 2008**

**Authority Members Present:**

Jenny Dinsmore  
Asel Kennedy  
David Flynn  
Ronald Bane  
Hugh Kierig

**Authority Members Not Present:**

Denny Poluga

**Other Personnel Present:**

David Bruffy  
Wayne Pifer  
Heather Lemansky  
Sheila M. Wolfe

**Call to Order:**

**The Transit Authority Board Meeting for December 10, 2008 was called to order at 6:00 P.M.**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes (November 12, 2008)**

**Ronald Bane Made a Motion to accept the November 12, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. David Flynn seconded the Motion.**

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

**Presentations:**

**A. November 2008 Driver of the Month**

The Board announced the Authority's November 2008 Driver of the Month, Mr. Terry Lewis. The Board also recognized Jim Huffman, Anne Cramer, Kerri Johnson, and Ray St. Clair for their outstanding performance during the month of November 2008.

**Opportunity for Public Comments:**

There were no comments from the public

**Monthly Data Summaries/Correspondence:**

**The General Manager** stated that the trips for November 2008 were 102,173 and were up 28% compared to November of 2007, and were up 26 % for total passenger trips for the calendar year 2008 compared to calendar year 2007. Disabled passenger trips were

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down 7%, senior passenger trips were down 13 % and West Virginia University “Ride with I.D.” was up 40% compared to November 2007. During November 2008, the Transit Authority traveled 92,117 miles, and answered 2,834 phone calls.

**The General Manager** reviewed the farebox reports with the Transit Authority Board.

**The General Manager** stated that the personnel changes for the month of November 2008 included new hires Harold Harris, Nick Votta, Chris Wilson, and Scott Allison as full-time bus drivers, Matthew Plum, as part-time van driver, and Sandra Lowe, as part-time receptionist for the depot.

### **Financial Business:**

#### **A. November 2008 Financial Report**

**The General Manager** reviewed the financial report for November 2008 with the Board Members.

**Asel Kennedy Made a Motion to accept for audit the Financial Report as presented for November 2008. Ronald Bane seconded the Motion.**

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

### **Old Business:**

#### **A. Google Kiosk Demonstration**

**The General Manager** stated that the Kiosk prototype has been completed. The Kiosk could be placed in areas such as the PRT platforms, Malls, High Schools, Ruby Hospital, and Monongalia General Hospital. The Kiosks are made to withstand the weather, they are free standing, they are also made for durability. Passengers will be able to use the trip planner, the my bus program and have access to Mountain Line’s web site where they can complete customer comments and have access to other transit information.

#### **B. Youth Commission Free Ride Program Update**

**The General Manager** stated that Mountain Line and the Youth Commission are still working on a solution for this school year that would give the students a pass or show their school ID when they board the bus and the driver would enter them into the farebox.

#### **C. Proposed Route Change-Purple Line to Mon General**

**The General Manager** recommended no changes be made to the Purple Line at this time.

#### **D. Proposed Route Change-The District to Engineering**

**The General Manager** recommended accepting the proposed route change for The District. The decision was made due to the passenger comments received about the

proposed change. The change will become effective as of January 5, 2009 with the Transit Authority Board's approval.

**Hugh Kierig Made a Motion to change the District Route to the proposed route schedule as of January 5, 2009 as presented by the General Manager. Ronald Bane seconded the Motion.**

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

**E. Proposed Route Change-Grey Line improve commutes**

**The General Manager** recommended no changes be made to the Grey Line at this time. The most requested service was a second trip to Pittsburgh and funding is not available to expand this service at this time.

**F. Proposed Route Change-Blue Line to University High School**

**The General Manager** recommended further review and coordination with possibly the Mountain Heights bus route establish service to University High School. The new route could possibly be implemented February 2009.

**G. Proposed Route Change-Tyrone Road**

**The General Manager** recommended no changes be made to the Tyrone route at this time.

**New Business:**

**A. WV DOH Park & Ride Signage Restrictions**

**The General Manager** stated that he had received a letter from the Department of Highways concerning putting up a Park & Ride sign on the interstate letting drivers know that there is a park & ride available in Westover.

**Asel Kennedy** stated that the Department of Highways doesn't allow anyone to put Park & Ride signs on the interstate. He stated that he had been talking to them about changing this policy.

**Adjournment:**

David Flynn Made a Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM.