

MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

November 08, 2006

Authority Members Present:

Larry Calemine
Jenny Dinsmore
David Flynn
James Manilla
Asel Kennedy

Authority Members Not Present:

Bob Roberts
Kevin Buckley

Other Personnel Present:

David Bruffy
Wayne Pifer
Heather Lemansky
Sheila M. Wolfe

Call to Order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for November 08, 2006 was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (October 11, 2006):

Jenny Dinsmore made a Motion to accept the October 11, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as amended. Asel Kennedy seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

Presentations:

A. October 2006 Driver of the Month

The Board announced the Authority's September 2006 Driver of the Month, Mr. Robert Lee. The Board also recognized Jim Tennant, Jim Huffman, Bobby Dille, and Tom Bennett for their outstanding performance during the month of October 2006.

B. Introductions- Heather Lemansky, Finance Officer

The General Manager introduced Finance Officer Heather Lemansky to the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board Members.

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Opportunity for Public Comments:

There were no comments offered by the Public.

Monthly Data Summaries/Correspondence:

The General Manager stated that the passenger trips for October 2006 were 85,146 and were up 53% compared to October of 2005, and were up 35 % for total passenger trips for the calendar year 2006 compared to calendar year 2005. Disabled passenger trips were up 25 %, senior passenger trips were up 1% and West Virginia University “Ride with I.D.” was up 86 % compared to September 2005. During October 2006, the Transit Authority traveled 81,915 miles, made 1300 schedules, answered 107 Rail Trail questions, and answered over 2,715 phone calls.

The General Manager provided an update on the Grey Line service. He stated that from October 2005 to December 2005 there were 849 passenger trips, which is an average of 13.4 passenger trips per day. During January 2006 to June 2006 there were 2,602 passenger trips, which is an average of 14.37 passenger trips per day and, July 2006 to October 2006 there were 2,081 passenger trips which is an average of 16.9 passenger trips per day.

The General Manager stated that the personnel changes during October include the hiring of Adam Smith Part-Time Van driver and Heather Lemansky Full-time Finance Officer.

Financial Business:

A. October 2006 Financial Report

The General Manager reviewed the financial report for October with the Board Members.

Jenny Dinsmore Made a Motion to accept for audit the Financial Report as presented for October 2006. Asel Kennedy seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

Old Business:

A. Westover Park & Ride Progress Report

The General Manager stated that he had talked to Pat Gallagher, from CTL, and Pat has made a second revision of the blueprints for the Westover Park & Ride. It could possibly provide 140 parking spaces instead of the 103 in the original design. The construction for this should be in the Spring of 2007.

B. Wal-Mart Route Change Updates

The General Manager stated that the route changes made to provide service to the two new Wal-Marts went smoothly. The Orange Line that goes to the Town Centre is now the third highest ridership route in the system.

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New Business:

A. Cassville Route Change Consideration

The General Manager stated that the Cassville Route ridership has increased due to the Wal-Mart and Sams Club. The General Manager presented some possible solutions to helping the Cassville route keep on time. He will continue to monitor the route for possible areas to help with this situation.

B. MPO-Mountain Line Strategic Planning Progress

The General Manager stated that he and Chet Parsons, the Director of the MPO, had been talking about opportunities to develop a strategic plan that would let the Transit Authority be able to map out its future. It would serve as an umbrella for the Transit Authority instead of someone other than the Transit Authority saying what we should plan. Existing route structure, route timing, funding, park & rides, equipment planning, capital purchases, and assets all the things that the Transit Authority has already talked about. This will combine everything with the community's comprehensive transportation plan. David Bruffy and Chet Parsons are planning to have a strategic plan summary ready by January 2007 to present to the Transit Authority Board.

Chet Parson Director of the MPO provided background information to the Transit Authority Board as to what has been going on for the last three years with the MPO. He discussed the different funding sources for strategic planning. He also discussed the steps that need to be taken in order to set priorities for the needs of everyone concerned including the citizens in the community.

Adjournment:

Jenny Dinsmore Made a Motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.