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Steve Poftak, General Manager



**Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
March 18, 2019 #161
12:00 Noon
*MEETING MINUTES***

Present: Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Director Chrystal Kornegay,
Director Brian Lang

Quorum Present: Yes

MassDOT Board Members Present for the Joint Meeting: Chair Stephanie Pollack, Directors Kathleen Murtagh, Dean Mazzaella, Betsy Taylor, Tim King, Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Vanessa Otero, Joseph Sullivan (departed at 2:20 p.m.). Brian Shortsleeve (departed at 2.22 p.m.) and Chrystal Kornegay

Others Present: General Manager Steven Poftak, Jonathan Gulliver, Erik Stoothoff, Scott Hamwey, Marie Breen, Michelle Kalowski, Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton and Danny Levy

At the call of Vice-Chair Tibbits-Nutt, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) was called to order at 2:16 p.m. at the State Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Ten Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116

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Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts joining the MassDOT Board of Directors (Board) meeting for Joint Board presentations.

Chair Pollack asked Vice Chair Tibbits-Nutt to present Agenda Item 9, the report from the Fiscal and Management Control Board. Ms. Tibbits-Nutt outlined some highlights of the last four FMCB meetings including updates on AFC 2.0 Point of Sale Network, Better Bus and proposed investment strategies for infrastructure, resources and operational changes to advance towards the service delivery goals. The FMCB also heard updates on The RIDE overall system performance, ridership, the Retirement Fund, own-source revenue and capital maintenance lockbox fund. Additionally, the FMCB had discussions on the fare proposal and preliminary FY20 budget, both of which were voted on at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Chair Pollack reported that Agenda Item 10, the Commuter Rail Performance Update, was a written submittal and included in the Board Book.

Next, Chair Pollack gave an overview of Agenda Item 11, the Construction Coordination Update and called upon Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver to continue with the presentation. Mr. Gulliver identified ongoing and upcoming anticipated projects scheduled for 2019 through 2021 and discussed the roadway impacts of lane restrictions on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Viaduct project that would begin on April 1 and continue for two years. Mr. Gulliver reviewed vehicle diversions, MBTA bus impacts and public transit options. He said during the

construction, free fares would be offered for Silver Line 3 inbound bus customers at certain stops in Chelsea, and the Blue Line would have added train capacity.

Administrator Gulliver continued to discuss the Western Corridor construction analysis that would affect I-90 the summer of 2020, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Construction Coordination & Management Planning, March 18, 2019." Erik Stoothoff, Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Infrastructure contributed to the presentation, and discussion ensued.

Lastly, Chair Pollack called upon Scott Hamwey, Manager of Long-Range Planning to present Agenda Item 12, an update on Focus40. Mr. Hamwey discussed the three policies introduced in Focus40: expansion, on-street Infrastructure and resiliency. Mr. Hamwey continued discussing the implementation and guiding principles of 2019 Focus40 and concluded with a request for a vote from the FMCB to release the final Focus40 plan to the MBTA Advisory Board and to the public, as set forth in the attached documented labeled "Focus40, March 18, 2019." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED:

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 161A, Section 5(g), the Fiscal and Management Control Board (the "FMCB") directed the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (the "Authority") to prepare a program for mass transportation, known as Focus 40 ; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared a preliminary draft of Focus 40; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has, pursuant to the statute, forwarded a preliminary draft of Focus 40 to the MBTA Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has received extensive comments on the preliminary draft of Focus 40;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED by the members of the FMCB, as follows:

The FMCB hereby accepts the final draft of Focus 40 and directs the Authority, through the General Manager to take all steps necessary to provide notice of such acceptance to all interested parties, including the Advisory Board, and to make said final draft of Focus 40 available to the public.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to adjourn the MassDOT Board of Directors meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Vice Chair Tibbits-Nutt requested a brief recess.

The Fiscal and Management Control Board resumed the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

There was no public comment session as speakers provided comments at the beginning of the MassDOT Board of Directors' meeting.

Next, Vice-Chair Tibbits-Nutt called upon General Manager Steven Poftak to present Agenda Item 13, the report from the General Manager. Mr. Poftak noted that he would be testifying on the MBTA's budget at the upcoming House Ways and

Means Committee Meeting being held in Springfield on Tuesday, March 19. Mr. Poftak continued to announce that the Town of Brookline had joined the Youth Pass Program, becoming the 10th member in the program. The General Manager reviewed the commuter rail performance over the last three months. Discussion ensued, and Vice-Chair Tibbits-Nutt requested an update for on-time performance on all other modes in the system.

Mr. Poftak next updated the Board on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves project and its impacts on affected MBTA routes.

Mr. Poftak continued with a recap of St. Patrick's Day operational and service changes and concluded discussing the Blue Line service restoration efforts because of the nine- alarm fire in East Boston on Friday, March 15, 2019. General Manager Poftak thanked all staff, teams and departments who worked non-stop all weekend allowing service to be reinstated in time for Monday morning's rush hour, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "General Manager's Remarks, March 18, 2019." Discussion ensued, and Board members offered their praise in how fast this issue was responded to and was resolved.

Next, the Vice-Chair Tibbits-Nutt called upon MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to present Agenda Item 14, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, March 18, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Vice-Chair Tibbits-Nutt deferred Agenda Item 15, the update on Community Meetings and Public Outreach Policy to a future meeting.

On motion duly made seconded, it was by roll call:

Director Tibbits-Nutt Yes

Director Kornegay Yes

Director Lang Yes

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to litigation matter at 3:20 p.m.

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Documents relied upon for this meeting:

- Commuter Rail Performance Update, March 18, 2019
- Construction Coordination Planning & Management Planning, March 13, 2019
- Focus 40, March 18, 2019
- General Manager's Remarks, March 18, 2019
- FMCB Public Schedule, March 18, 2019