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Agenda

March 19, 2015

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

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Proposed Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2015
Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

Board Present: Susan Baskett, Jack Bernard, Eli Cooper, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sue Gott, Charles Griffith (Chair), Larry Krieg, Roger Kerson, Eric Mahler

Absent with Notice: Anya Dale

Staff: Michael Benham, Jan Black, Terry Black, Ron Copeland, Bill De Groot, Dawn Gabay, Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz, Bob Guenzel, Julia Roberts, Dan Sommerville, Phil Webb, Michelle Whitlow

LAC Representative: Cheryl Weber

Recording Secretary: Karen Wheeler

Charles Griffith declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.0 Public Hearing – None Scheduled

There was no Public Hearing.

2.0 Communications and Announcements

Gillian Ream Gainsley recognized staff for their diligent work following a fire at the Towne Center Place apartments in Ypsilanti. AAATA buses were sent quickly to serve as warming centers for residents who were displaced from their homes.

3.0 Public Time – Comment on Agenda Items

Jim Mogensen appeared before the Board. Mr. Mogensen announced the passing of former board member Rosemarion Blake. Mr. Mogensen clarified comments made during the December Board meeting regarding the absence of a clock in the Ypsilanti

Transit Center, and the recent installation of a real-time sign that includes the time. Mr. Mogensen noted that the new sign is not in view of some areas of the lobby and requested that a clock is placed in the waiting area of the lobby in view of people looking out for their buses. Mr. Mogensen clarified comments made at the PDC meeting regarding the MRide agreement indicating that his concerns related to the agreement are about fares. Mr. Mogensen suggested the fare in the MRide Agreement should go up, if the fare for the general population goes up. Mr. Mogensen also suggested discussing how the University pays fares for faculty staff and students, and why there is a discount.

No one further appearing, Mr. Griffith declared Public Time closed.

4.0 Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

Pam Hill and Crystal Simpson from Plante Moran presented the audit report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2014. Ms. Hill referred to the two-page "Independent Auditors Report", the auditor's opinion which found the financial statements to be in order and free of material misstatements. Ms. Hill noted that this is the highest opinion that can be given. The auditors spent over 300 hours conducting the audit review. Ms. Hill thanked Phil Webb, Chris White and staff for making the audit go smoothly.

The auditors presented highlights from the Management's Discussion, the narrative overview and analysis of the Authority's financial activities. The Statement of Net Position shows a snapshot of total liabilities and net position of \$69Million. The auditors touched on details of the post-retirement benefit obligation and reviewed highlights of the changes in net position between fiscal years 2013 and 2014, a significant change being an increase in local revenue due to an additional .7 mills from the property tax millage. The auditors were complimentary of the management of long term liabilities, specifically the defined benefit contribution pension plan indicating that the Authority is well positioned for the future. There were no deficiencies related to internal controls, nor were there any findings related to the major federal programs tested; 95% of FY2014 federal awards were tested.

It was noted that the Personal Property Tax changes may have an impact on AAATA and the board was encouraged to have open dialogue on the possible impact. Reference was made to recent changes in OMB A-133 for new grants awarded after September 26, 2014. The auditors have spoken with management about the changes and offered tools and assistance to manage the changes.

The auditors responded to questions on the post-retirement health plan and the sales tax ballot initiative vote in May. It was indicated that as people are removed from the post-retirement plan that is now closed, the liability will decrease. It was noted that analysis on the impact of the passage or failure of the sales tax initiative had not been

completed and the outcome of that, as well as a millage initiative planned for the Regional Transit Authority in May 2016, should be watched. Mr. Griffith thanked the auditors for their work and presentation, and staff for preparing for the audit.

5.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

5.1 Review and Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2014

Larry Krieg moved approval of the minutes as written with support from Eric Mahler. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Board and Staff Reports

6.1 Chief Executive Officer

Bob Guenzel acknowledged the passing of Rosemarion Blake noting her influence on the Authority through her service on the Board. Mr. Guenzel expressed condolences to Mrs. Blake's family.

Mr. Guenzel provided an update on follow-up items from the December board meeting. Work continues to finalize the new bus paint scheme, concerns about ARide performance are being addressed by the Local Advisory Council, and a real-time information sign was installed at the Ypsilanti Transit Center. Mr. Guenzel noted that updates were made to the suite of ARide maps based on input from board members at the November Board meeting.

Mr. Guenzel provided an update on the CEO search. The field of 70 applicants was narrowed to four and preliminary interviews were conducted by the Search Committee. Three finalists were recommended by the Search Committee to be interviewed by the full Board. Mr. Guenzel reported that March 11 was being held for public interviews and a meet and greet session to interact with the candidates. Mr. Guenzel indicated that the date would be finalized upon acknowledgement and acceptance by the candidates, the meeting announced to the public, and candidate information posted on the Authority's website. Mr. Guenzel noted a resolution included in New Business authorizing the Search Committee to move forward with a plan.

Mr. Guenzel reported on meetings held over the prior month. Mr. Guenzel noted that the February Performance Monitoring External Relations Committee meeting was canceled, and the financial and performance data and other reports included in the board packet.

Ms. Guenzel noted a recent media report on state legislators scrutinizing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) leadership for leasing and

refurbishing rail cars. Mr. Guenzel indicated that the Authority has an interest in the availability of cars for the prospect of a demonstration project. Mr. Guenzel reported that he discussed the matter with the Ann Arbor Mayor and City Administrator who expressed concern that the Director of MDOT is being unjustly criticized. Mr. Guenzel suggested that AAATA and the City of Ann Arbor could send a joint letter to the MDOT Director detailing the benefits that the rail cars have brought about.

Michael Benham outlined the benefits from having the cars, including hands on demonstrations at the Mayor's Green Fair in Ann Arbor, events in Ypsilanti, and practical use tests of the cars by people who have disabilities to gain invaluable input on design needs for the cars.

Eli Cooper reported on the importance of readiness of equipment as decisions are made to support the need for commuter rail service in southeast Michigan. Mr. Cooper noted that improvements have been made to the rail infrastructure and suggested that there is an ongoing need to provide support behind the initiative as commuter rail moves forward toward delivery of the service.

6.1.1 CEO Search Committee

There was no report.

6.2 Planning and Development Committee

Sue Gott provided the Planning and Development Committee report. The committee shared ideas for the annual retreat meeting agenda and made a placeholder for holding the event in May. The committee plans to have a final draft agenda in March to discuss with the full board. Decisions are needed on the desired outcome for the retreat and whether to hire a facilitator. Ms. Gott invited board members to share their ideas on the retreat with Bob Guenzel.

Ms. Gott reported that an Environmental Assessment on the US23 project was expected to be issued soon. The committee directed staff to share the assessment and draft a response for the committee's review and input.

The committee received reports on the proposed 5YTIP service revisions for August 2015, the Ypsilanti Transit Center reconstruction project, and the Sustainability Project. The committee endorsed two action items: the annual application for 2016 state funding and pass through funding for a Coast to Coast Rail Study. Ms. Gott referred to the meeting summary for additional details.

6.3 Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee

There was no report.

6.4 Local Advisory Council

Cheryl Weber provided the Local Advisory Council (LAC) report. The LAC received a presentation on the vehicle accessibility plan for People's Express and the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE). Attendees viewed a slide show of a recent rail car accessibility review. A presentation was made on the Ypsilanti Transit Center and plans for renovation. LAC members received a survey to share feedback on the proposed renovation plans. Jack Bernard added that the new Travel Trainer, Tracy Byrd, was introduced.

7.0 Question Time

Gillian Ream Gainsley commented on the ARide maps suggesting that they were not designed as standalone items. Ms. Ream Gainsley requested that the ARide phone number and website be included on each page so that maps can be distributed individually. Ms. Ream Gainsley also requested that "BTC" and "YTC" be spelled out.

Jack Bernard supported a previous suggestion from Eli Cooper to call the ARide images "graphics" as they are designed to be a simplification tool. Mr. Bernard agreed with Ms. Ream Gainsley's suggestions.

Larry Krieg suggested changing the word "Inclusions" on the ARide graphics, as taken by itself, people may not realize that is a place they can go.

Roger Kerson suggested changing the legend to indicate which residents are eligible in a particular municipality, if the images are to be used as standalone.

Charles Griffith asked about the timeline for providing comments to MDOT on the US23 Environmental Assessment. Eli Cooper responded that input will be received for the record through March 17, 2015.

Larry Krieg suggested including minimum requirements in the response that would prevent buses from being stuck in traffic, and would allow AAATA to provide service that would attract enough ridership to be called a success. Dr. Krieg offered to draft a list of minimum requirements and share the list for editing.

Michael Benham agreed to provide a full package of materials including a summary of the Environmental Assessment and a draft position. Sue Gott requested that a timeline is included with the draft materials so that the March 17 deadline can be met.

Charles Griffith commented on the Coast to Coast Rail Study contract for the Board to consider and reported on a recent forum held in Traverse City where current rail studies were discussed.

Jack Bernard thanked staff for follow up shared on AirRide service. Mr. Bernard indicated that there have been discussions at LAC and the University about the current stop location and its impact on people with disabilities and seniors. Mr. Bernard asked if a change to the stop location was still being pursued. Dawn Gabay responded that efforts continue to improve amenities for customers at the current location, and there has not been a focus on moving the stop. Ms. Gabay noted that AAATA continues to maintain that the former stop location is a preferable location. Larry Krieg added that Michael Ford is pursuing a better stop location as part of RTA's efforts to extend current AirRide service beyond the airport to other points in Detroit and to Oakland and Macomb counties.

Larry Krieg commented on a joint hearing of the legislature about the MiTrain car issue. MDOT Director Steudle proposed two possible outcomes to the situation: sell the cars and close the books, or find a temporary lessee or sub lessee to use the cars until they are needed for service. Dr. Krieg urged the board and interested citizens to encourage the latter with legislators.

Roger Kerson commented on media coverage which seemed to indicate that the cars are the wrong thing for the purpose. Bob Guenzel responded that a letter from the Authority with concerns about disability access referred to in the news was six years old and irrelevant today, as the accessibility issues have been resolved. Roger Kerson suggested that it might be appropriate to correct the record.

Eli Cooper commented on opportunities for short haul rail service that may exist within Washtenaw County to use resources to solve the problem of people sitting in traffic. Mr. Cooper encouraged the board to be open minded and pursue partners within the area that would allow the investment made to date to stay in Michigan and possibly blossom into service within Ann Arbor.

Charles Griffith requested that a letter be drafted to outline the inaccuracies of the news story and detail the benefits to the Authority.

8.0 Old Business

There was no Old Business for the Board to consider.

9.0 New Business

Jack Bernard moved the following resolution with support from Larry Krieg.

9.1 Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Submission of FY2016 State Application

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPLY TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 UNDER ACT 51 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1951, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) established under Act 55 of 1955 to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2016 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the AAATA Board of Directors, to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the performance indicators for this agency have been reviewed and approved by the AAATA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the AAATA, has reviewed and approved the proposed balanced budget and funding sources of estimated federal funds \$4,738,772, estimated state funds \$12,430,773, estimated local funds \$14,249,180, estimated fare box \$6,767,085, estimated other funds \$836,695, with total estimated expenses of \$39,022,505.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the AAATA hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and

HEREBY, appoints AAATA's Chief Executive Officer as the Transportation Coordinator, for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51 for 2016.

Julia Roberts reported that the FY2016 application for state funding for submission to MDOT due on March 1. The total budget is \$39Million, 4.7% higher than last year due to service increases from the initial implementation of the 5-Year Transit Improvement Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Krieg moved the following resolution with support from Eric Mahler.

9.2 Consideration of Resolution Awarding Contract to Study Possible Coast to Coast Passenger Rail Service

AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A RAIL RIDERSHIP & COST ESTIMATE STUDY

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2011, the Michigan by Rail team, then made up of the Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) and Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers (MARP), collected public comment for Michigan's State Rail Plan. Feedback called for the re-establishment of rail service between Michigan's east and west coasts. In the 2011 Michigan State Rail Plan, an Alternatives Analysis (AA) and Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were recommended for the Detroit-Lansing-Grand Rapids corridor, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, MEC and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Rail determined that a study for intercity passenger rail service between Detroit and Holland should be conducted with the expectation that it could progress into the full AA and EIS efforts, and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) was granted funds to support the study through the MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation's Service Development of New Technology (SDNT) grant program, and these funds total \$100,000, and

WHEREAS, AAATA will be the fiduciary for SDNT federal funds passed-through MDOT, and MEC will be the fiduciary for matching local funds from various organizations across the state, and

WHEREAS, the procurement process to obtain a firm to conduct the study must be conducted in accordance with MDOT guidelines and MDOT must approve the final selection of a firm before a contract may be signed, and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, AAATA issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 2015-06 - Rail Ridership and Cost Estimate Study on behalf of, and in cooperation with, MEC, and

WHEREAS, this study seeks to determine the demand for new intercity passenger rail transportation capacity and accessibility between Michigan's east and west coasts, intersecting major population centers including Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Holland, and the study will also quantify, at a high level, the economic and financial impacts of new intercity passenger transportation service within the corridor, and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received and reviewed by an Evaluation Team, which included staff from MEC, MDOT Office of Passenger Rail, AAATA and an AAATA Board Member, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Transportation Economics and Management Systems (TEMS) has been determined to be the most advantageous to AAATA, therefore

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with TEMS in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a Rail Ridership and Cost Estimate Study.

Larry Krieg thanked AAATA staff for their role in shepherding the study through the

Authority. Funding will flow through the agency to MDOT and then to the Michigan Environmental Council, with supervision from MDOT, and then to the consultants.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Gott moved the following resolution with support from Eli Cooper.

9.3 Consideration of Resolution Approving Sustainability Commitment (APTA)

American Public Transportation Association Sustainability Commitment

WHEREAS, TheRide's Mission Statement includes Environmental Responsible transportation options, and

WHEREAS, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), of which TheRide is a member, has developed a Sustainability Commitment to report on 4 core principles:

"1. Making sustainability a part of your organization's strategic objectives 2. Identifying a sustainability champion within the organization coupled with the proper human and/or financial resources and mandates 3. Establishing an outreach program (awareness-raising and education) on sustainability for all staff of your organization 4. Undertaking a sustainability inventory of your organization..."

WHEREAS, TheRide board directed staff to develop a Sustainability Policy in Resolution 04/2015, and

WHEREAS, TheRide's efforts on a Sustainability Policy substantively fulfill and align closely with APTA's Sustainability Commitment's Core Principles

WHEREAS, TheRide's signing of the APTA Sustainability Commitment will provide access to additional APTA and industry resources on Sustainability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer is directed by this Board to sign the APTA Sustainability Commitment and ensure fulfillment of the commitment, in alignment with TheRide's developing Sustainability Policy.

Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz reported on research that led to the idea of engaging in a sustainability commitment with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). Ms. Pressprich Gryniewicz suggested that APTA can provide access to further resources, and the commitment is within the scope envisioned for the Authority's policy and well within the direction from the board.

Jack Bernard requested that the term "sustainability" is defined so that the public can have an understanding of what is meant by the term in this context. Ms. Pressprich Gryniewicz responded that she would look to APTA to provide materials to make that clear. Charles Griffith acknowledged Dan Sommerville's participation in the sustainability policy project and thanked Ms. Pressprich Gryniewicz and Mr. Sommerville for their work.

The motion passed unanimously.

Eli Cooper moved the following resolution with support from Jack Bernard.

9.4 Consideration of Resolution Accepting Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2014

Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority engaged Plante & Moran, PLLC, professional auditors, to perform a financial audit and Federal single audit for the year ended September 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Authority management has prepared financial statements and the auditing firm has completed their audit of the financial statements and Federal grant programs and summarizing their findings,

WHEREAS, the Authority management has received and reviewed the communications required under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Section AU 260, *"The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance,"* also known as a management letter, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors acknowledges and accepts the audited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2014, based upon the auditing firm presentation to the Board of Directors.

Eli Cooper announced that it was pleasant to receive a "no comment" letter of support from the auditor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Gott moved the following resolution with support from Gillian Ream Gainsley.

9.5 Designation of Three Finalists for AAATA Chief Executive Officer and Referral to the Full Board for Public Interviews

WHEREAS, the permanent position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) is vacant, and

WHEREAS, the AAATA Board of Directors (Board) appointed a CEO Search Committee (Search Committee) charged with developing and overseeing the process for identifying and recommending candidates to be considered by the Board for serving AAATA as its new CEO, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee retained an executive search consultant to assist in the selection process, and the consultant designed and implemented a national recruitment effort resulting in more than seventy applicants for the position, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee reviewed a number of resumes and conducted

interviews of the four top candidates, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee evaluated and carefully deliberated the qualifications of the top four candidates, and came to agreement that three highly qualified candidates should be considered as finalists and be more thoroughly interviewed and evaluated by the full Board of Directors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Search Committee shall make arrangements for the full Board to interview the three finalists and offer a time for the public to meet the candidates. A special board meeting to conduct interviews, and a public meet-and-greet, is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The meeting will be posted once the date is final. The names and background of the three finalists will be made available to the public on TheRide.org, following the candidates' acceptance to participate in the public interview process.

Board members discussed the resolution. Charles Griffith shared details of the CEO Search Committee's work which led to their recommendation to interview three candidates in an extended special board meeting. March 11 was being held for the interviews and a public meet and greet session, separate from the board meeting, for community stakeholders and members of the public to meet the candidates.

At the request of Susan Baskett, Mr. Griffith reported on the proposed process for the public interviews, a meeting expected to take four hours. Mr. Griffith reported that the Committee was working on the format for the interviews and asked board members to share their ideas and specific suggestions with him or Bob Guenzel. Mr. Griffith confirmed that reference and background checks would be conducted prior to making an offer, and that it was hoped that the board would come to a decision on the preferred candidate at the March 19 Board meeting.

Roger Kerson suggested that in fairness to the candidates, discussions on individual pros and cons may be appropriate for closed session. Bob Guenzel indicated that he would investigate options with legal counsel.

Eric Mahler made the following friendly amendment to the fifth "WHEREAS" clause of the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Search Committee evaluated and carefully deliberated the qualifications of the top four candidates, and ~~came to agreement~~ voted that three highly qualified candidates should be considered as finalists and be more thoroughly interviewed and evaluated by the full Board of Directors,

There were no objections to the friendly amendment.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

10.0 Public Time

Carolyn Grawi from the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) appeared before the Board. Ms. Grawi extended an invitation to the CIL Annual Gala Benefit on March 14, 2015. Ms. Grawi commented on ARide will-call rides for individuals who use mobility devices and the ARide graphics, suggesting that the graphics are confusing for some people. Ms. Grawi suggested an application for the website where people could enter their trip origin and destination and receive information on where they could go. Ms. Grawi commented on the AirRide stop indicating that directional signage is inadequate, and there is no protective barrier from the wind which is not practical for people with disabilities. Ms. Grawi suggested that the accessibility of the MDOT train cars is not ideal despite improvements and that cars should have service platforms for walk on and walk off and roll on and roll off access, and lifts would not be necessary. Ms. Grawi looks forward to providing input on making the redesigned Ypsilanti Transit Center more accessible. Ms. Grawi voiced support for the May transportation ballot initiative.

Michelle Barney appeared before the Board and inquired about wording for the ballot measure and whether there would be literature explaining the initiative, and how it would or would not impact bus service or WALLY. Ms. Barney suggested making arrangements with news media for the matter to be discussed in print before the election, or in open debate.

Bob Guenzel indicated that it expected that there will be literature detailing what the measure means for state and community issues including the significance of where dollars should go. Mr. Guenzel added that the ballot language had been published just a few hours prior. Susan Baskett announced a forum scheduled for March 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ypsilanti District Library on Whittaker Road.

Jim Casha appeared before the Board. Mr. Casha commented on his attendance at the rail audit in Lansing and discussions with RTA CEO Michael Ford around the Michigan State Fairgrounds being the perfect location for a regional transportation hub to serve several communities and be connected to a rail line. Mr. Casha suggested that more effort is needed on the regional transportation issue and urged the board to support a true regional initiative including Transit Oriented Development. Mr. Casha read excerpts from two news articles: <http://www.usnews.com/opinion/economic-intelligence/2015/01/29/detroit-on-the-road-to-transit-ruin-thanks-to-michigan-gas-tax-initiative> and <http://tcf.org/blog/detail/reinventing-detroit>.

Jim Mogensen appeared before the board. Mr. Mogensen commented on the proposed addition of Sunday service on the Ypsilanti local routes, recommended the opportunity for public comment, and suggested that a Title VI Analysis is needed. Mr. Mogensen commented on the MRide agreement restating his question about why AAATA gives the University a discount. Mr. Mogensen compared the discount to a discount tied to a 30

day pass noting that if a pass holder fell ill for two weeks, the pass holder would not be entitled to a refund. Mr. Mogensen commented on speaking to the regents about the University health system. Mr. Mogensen restated his idea that fares in the MRide agreement should be tied to customary fare increases; if the fare goes up, the amount the University pays should go up.

No one further appearing, Mr. Griffith declared Public Time closed.

11.0 Adjourn

Eric Mahler moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Susan Baskett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baskett, Secretary



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MEMO

To: Board of Directors
From: Robert E. Guenzel, Interim CEO
Date: March 13, 2015
Re: Monthly Report

Message:

Board Meeting Follow-Up

We continue to work on matters raised at the February 26, 2015 board meeting. One area of closure is receipt of an opinion from legal counsel that the Board is not permitted to deliberate in closed session around the Chief Executive Officer selection.

Another area that has been addressed is the matter of railcars leased by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A joint letter of support from Charles Griffith, AAATA Board Chair and Christopher Taylor, Ann Arbor Mayor was sent to Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director. The letter (copy attached) discusses details of the collaboration of several entities to prepare for providing commuter rail service, as well as some of the positive results of MDOT's investment in the leased railcars.

A request was made for a Title VI review of the proposed changes to the 5YTIP. A review of the addition of Sunday service on routes 10, 11, and 20 will be completed in the coming week and available for review.

Lastly, the suite of ARide graphics has been updated based on board member input. The latest iteration is attached. This is a living document which we can expect to update as changes to the service warrant.

CEO Search

A tremendous effort has gone into the search for a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and I commend the members of the Search Committee for their work. The process reached a significant milestone this week with public interviews of the top three candidates during a special Board meeting on March 11. Preceding the interviews was a public "meet and greet" hosted by the Authority. The three

finalists were in attendance to introduce themselves and interact with community leaders, board members, and AAATA employees. We received several compliments on our ongoing efforts to ensure an open and transparent hiring process.

At the conclusion of the March 11 board meeting, Chairman Charles Griffith discussed next steps in the search process. It is anticipated that the Board will identify the preferred CEO candidate at the March 19 meeting and vote to begin negotiating a contract with that individual.

Board Committee Meetings

The **Planning and Development** (PDC) met on March 10. The committee discussed the annual planning retreat sharing ideas for agenda items, preferences regarding use of a facilitator, and scheduling.

There were three action items put forth by the Committee. The items, listed below, are included under New Business on the March 19 board agenda:

- Award of a Contract for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator (CAD-AVL) System
- Revision of FY2015-2019 Capital and Categorical Grant Program
- Resolution Regarding Express Bus Service on U.S. 23

The meeting summary detailing the Committee's deliberations is included in the board packet.

The **Performance Monitoring External Relations** (PMER) Committee is scheduled to meet on March 17. The agenda includes one action item for the Committee's consideration.

Staff will present the financial and performance reports for the five months ended February 28, 2015. A presentation will be made to the committee on PDC's recommendation for the board to award a contract for a new CAD-AVL system. Updates on several ongoing projects are also planned.

Projects

There is no update at this time regarding the Y lot. We are working on site feasibility and ownership responsibilities and the scope of work for the Ypsilanti Transit Center. A site visit for board members will be planned in the next month.

Governance and Outreach

We recently hosted and participated in a meeting between representatives from the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) and a representative from Partners for Transit. Discussions centered on the WAVE Board's recent visioning session and how WAVE and AAATA can work together to provide a collaborative transportation improvement plan for Scio Township.

On March 5 the first in a series of Public Input Sessions was held at the Ypsilanti District Library Whittaker Road Branch. The topic of discussion was the service changes planned for August 2015.



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February 27, 2015

Kirk T. Steudle, Director
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Dear Director Steudle,

The City and Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority have worked with MDOT and other regional partners for years planning and preparing to provide attractive, convenient, useful commuter rail service along two corridors: Ann Arbor to Detroit and Ann Arbor to Howell. Over the past several years, acquiring and refurbishing cars became a cornerstone of our readiness to deploy a low cost demonstration service. At the same time, however, federal resources - hundreds of millions of dollars - became available to acquire and improve the Amtrak Wolverine corridor. This has created a great opportunity, but has also resulted in delays in readiness to implement much needed commuter services, due to the acquisition and construction activities.

It is generally not a good idea to implement demonstration commuter service through track construction zones, since such work would negatively impact service delivery and reliability. Additionally, lead Federal project agencies - FHWA, FTA and FRA - have changed roles and requirements causing additional delays. The refurbished cars were acquired and refurbished when the timing seemed appropriate to enable us to deliver service. Due to the above mentioned delays and process changes the cars have not been deployed into revenue

service, but are ready once the tracks are in shape to support the services.

Here are some more results of the MDOT's investment in leased railcars:

- The refurbished cars cost MDOT \$447,800 each, compared to purchasing new rail cars at \$3 million each. Leasing and refurbishing the rail cars has and will save tax dollars.
- The cars are ADA-compliant, and are ready to provide service to people with disabilities and senior citizens who cannot, or prefer not, to drive, and to many more, who need rail services to make longer distance trips that are impossible today.
- The availability of the rail cars has provided tangible “kick the tires” experience for the public. This has created excitement and made it easier for them to envision rail service. Commuter rail service has a very high degree of support in our community, 70% in Livingston County, 80% in Washtenaw County.
- The rail cars have made several public appearances, including at the Mayor's Green Fair, where thousands of residents stepped aboard and overwhelmingly voiced support for initiating commuter rail service in these “neat” cars. The cars have also been featured in events in Genoa Township, Hamburg Township, Dearborn, Ypsilanti and Howell.
- The refurbishment of the rail cars supported Michigan's economy and companies by creating jobs for Michigan residents.
- Ann Arbor-to-Detroit Rail and North-South Rail has the potential to serve dozens of communities throughout Southeast MI, giving commuters an alternative to congested freeways.
- Additional excursion trains are now in the planning stages including the possibilities of serving the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the Detroit Auto Show and UM football games.



For these reasons we are fully supportive of your decision to refurbish and lease the railcars as a cost effective way to ensure commuter rail can be advanced in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Respectfully,

Christopher Taylor

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Mayor, City of Ann Arbor

Charles Griffith

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Chair, AAATA Board of Directors

A-Ride Service Areas

This map illustrates the A-Ride Base Service Area and the Township Service Areas.

To find out if A-Ride goes to a location you wish to travel to call (734) 973.1611.



BASE SERVICE AREA

This is defined as being within 3/4 mile either side of an operating regular bus route. Trips must have both a origin and destination entirely within this area.



TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREAS

This is defined by the borders of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield, and Superior Townships. A-Ride eligible residents may also travel to any location within their township of residence.

*Additional funding permits A-Ride eligible Pittsfield Twp. residents to travel within the Ann Arbor City limits.

*Additional funding permits A-Ride eligible Ypsilanti Twp. residents to travel within the Ypsilanti City limits.



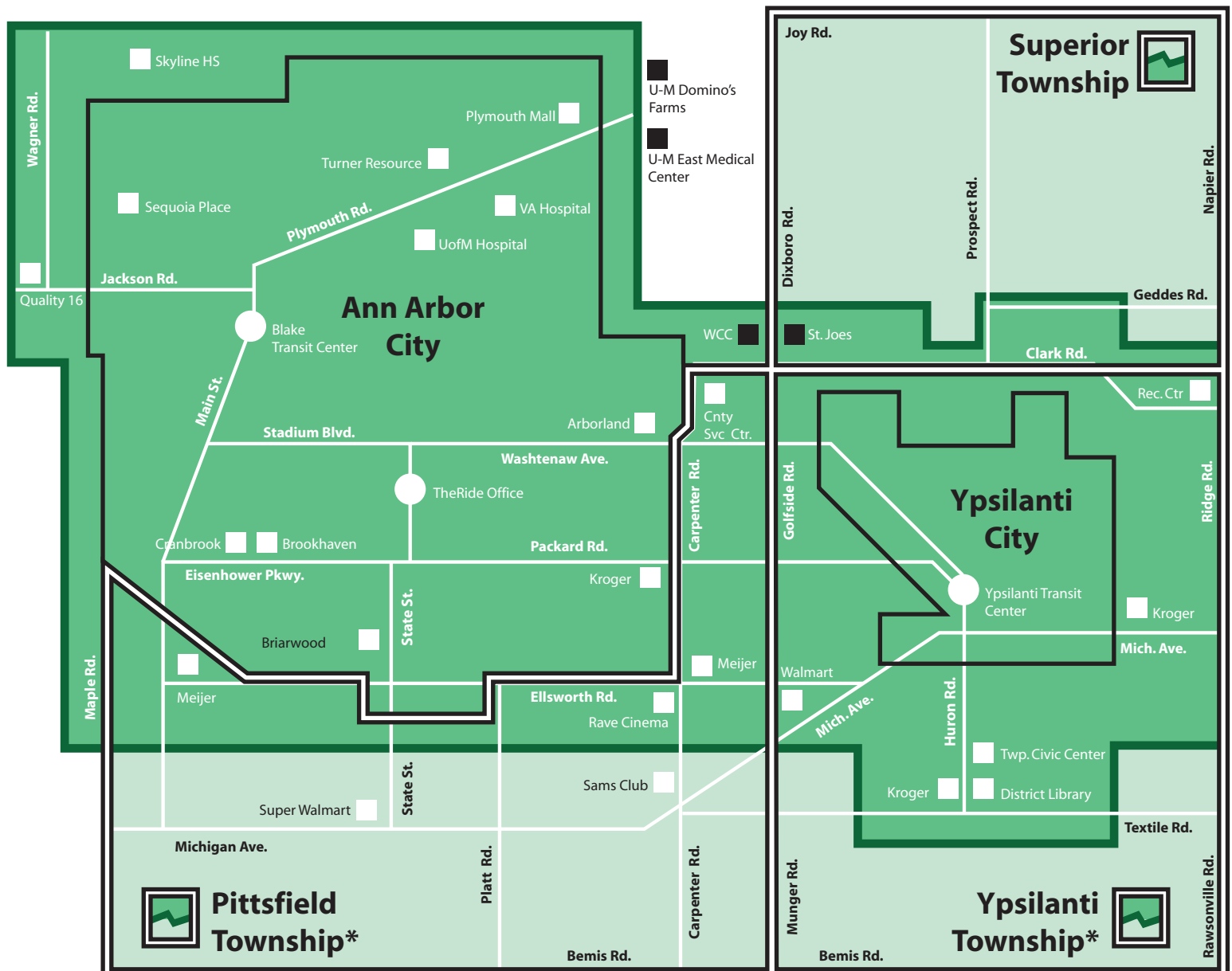
TRIP INCLUSIONS

Destinations included within all service areas:

- Domino's Farms U-M Lobbies
- U-M East Medical Campus
- Wash. Community College
- St. Joe Hospital

LEGEND

- City Limits (solid black line)
- Township Limits (black & white line)
- Streets & Roads (solid white line)



Ypsilanti Township Service Area

This map illustrates the service areas for eligible A-Ride Ypsilanti Township residents.

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BASE SERVICE AREA

This is defined as 3/4 mile either side of an operating regular bus route. A-Ride eligible Ypsilanti Twp. residents may reserve trips that have both a origin and destination entirely within the Base Service Area.



YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA

This is defined by the Ypsilanti Twp. border. A-Ride eligible residents of Ypsilanti Twp. may also travel to any location entirely within Ypsilanti Township.

Additional funding permits A-Ride eligible Ypsilanti Twp. residents to travel within the Ypsilanti City limits.



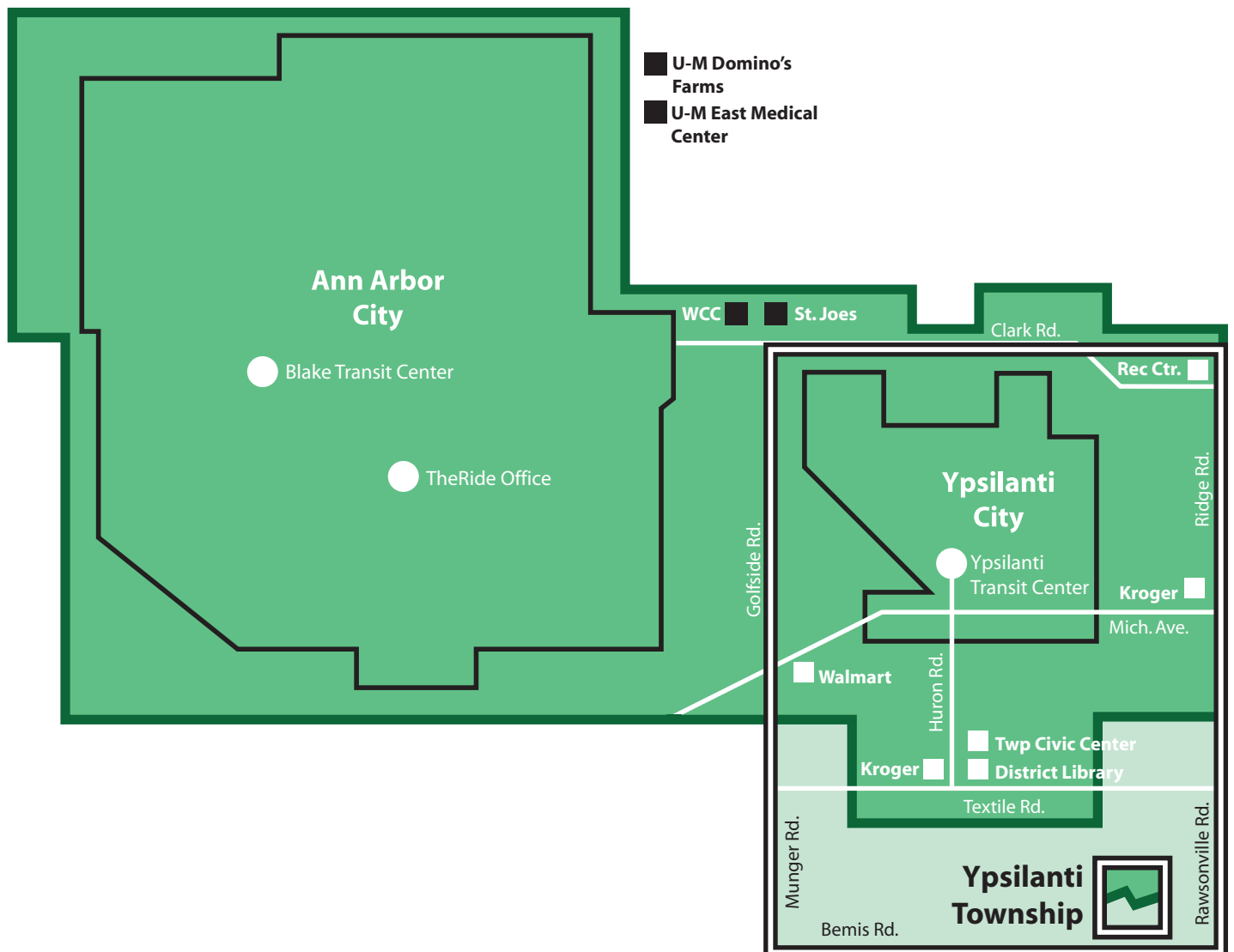
Trip Inclusions

Destinations included within your service area:

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- U-M East Medical Campus
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- St. Joe Hospital

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Pittsfield Township Service Area

This map illustrates the A-Ride service areas for eligible A-Ride Pittsfield Township residents. **To find out if A-Ride goes to a location you wish to travel to call (734) 973.1611.**



BASE SERVICE AREA

This is defined as 3/4 mile either side of an operating regular bus route. A-Ride eligible Pittsfield Twp. residents may reserve trips that have both a origin and destination entirely within the Base Service Area.



PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA

This is defined by the Pittsfield Twp. border. A-Ride eligible Pittsfield Twp. residents may also travel to any location entirely within Pittsfield Twp.

Additional funding permits A-Ride eligible Pittsfield Twp. residents to travel within the Ann Arbor City limits.



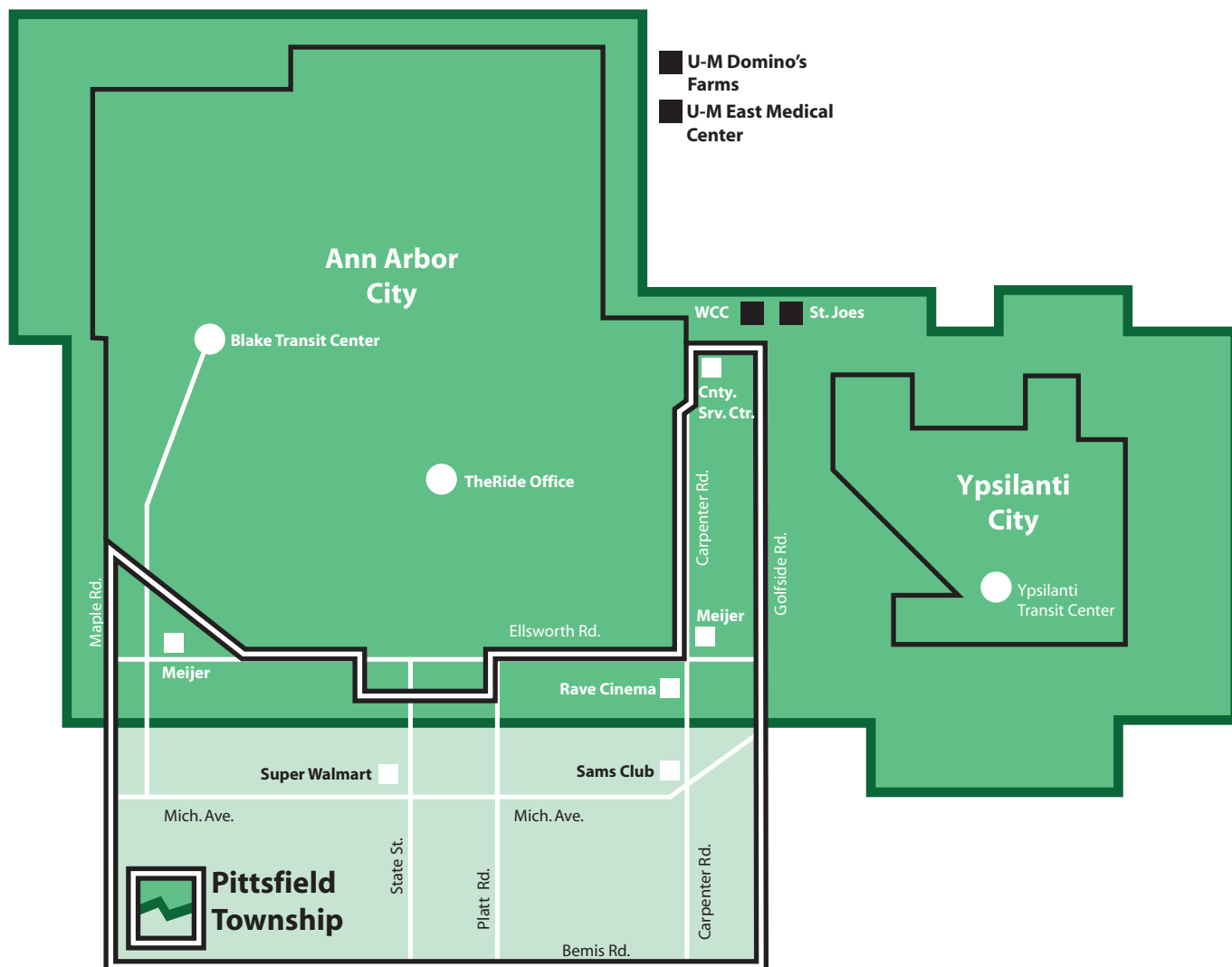
Trip Inclusions

Destinations included within your service area:

- Domino's Farms U-M Lobbies
- U-M East Medical Campus
- Wash. Community College
- St. Joe Hospital

LEGEND

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Superior Township Service Area

This map illustrates the service areas for eligible A-Ride Superior Township residents.

To find out if A-Ride goes to a location you wish to travel to call (734) 973.1611.



BASE SERVICE AREA

This is defined as 3/4 mile either side of an operating regular bus route. A-Ride eligible Superior Twp. residents may reserve trips that have both a origin and destination entirely within the Base Service Area.



SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA

This is defined by the Superior Twp. border. A-Ride eligible Superior Twp. residents may also travel to any location entirely within Pittsfield Twp.



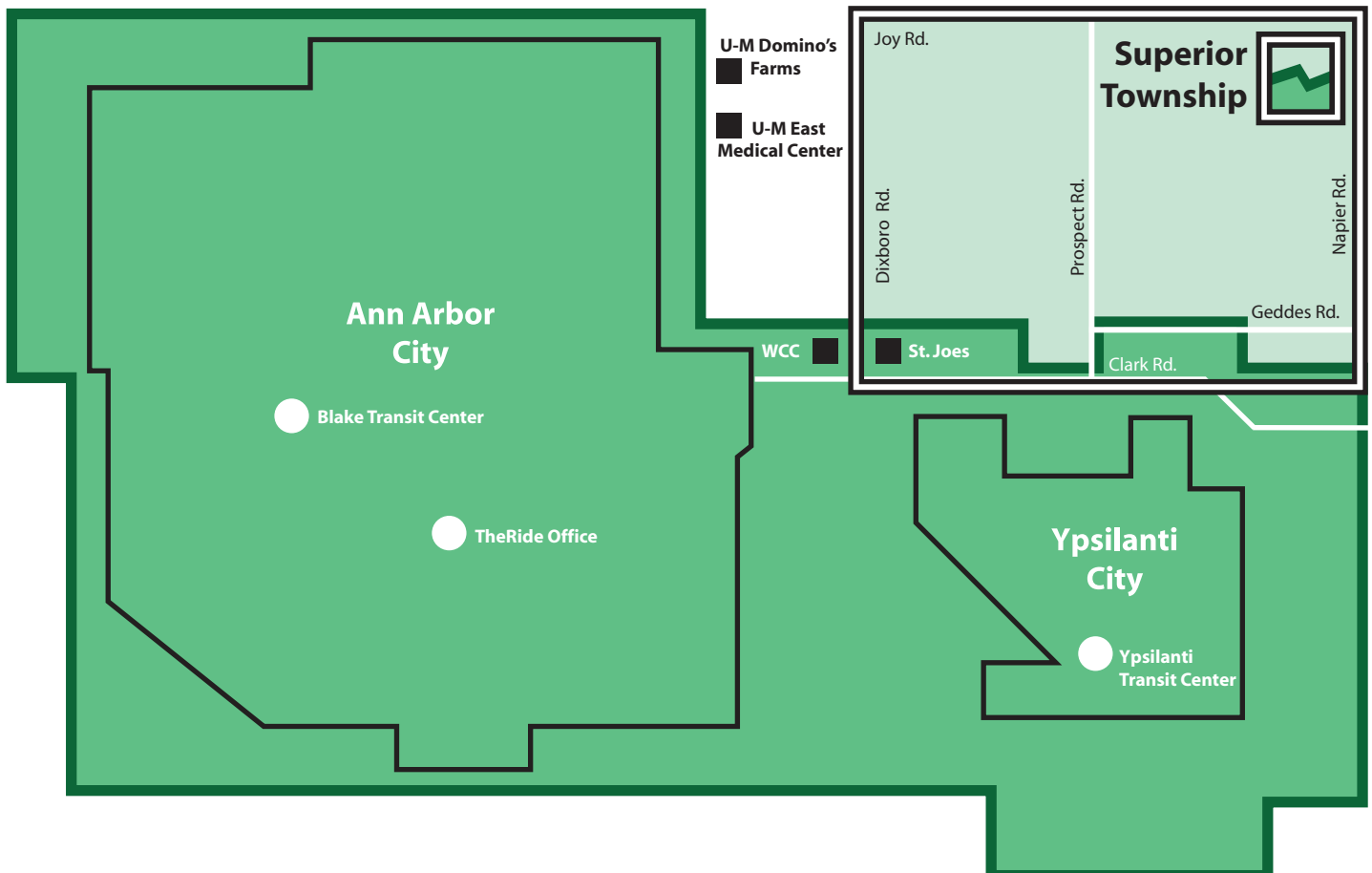
Trip Inclusions

Destinations included within your service area:

- Domino's Farms U-M Lobbies
- U-M East Medical Campus
- Wash. Community College
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LEGEND

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Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Planning and Development Committee
Proposed Meeting Summary
March 10, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Committee – Eli Cooper (via phone), Sue Gott (Chair), Larry Krieg, Eric Mahler (via phone)

Staff – Ron Copeland, Michael Benham, Jan Black, Terry Black, Brian Clouse, Ron Copeland, Bill De Groot, Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz, Bob Guenzel, Julia Roberts, Ed Robertson, Mary Stasiak, Al Thomas, Elizabeth Tibai, Phil Webb, Karen Wheeler, Michelle Whitlow, Reggie Whitlow

Absent with Notice: Gillian Ream Gainsley

Public – Clark Charnetski, Jim Mogensen,

Committee Chair Sue Gott called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1.0 *Communications and Announcements*

There were no announcements or communications.

2.0 *Public Time – Comment on Agenda Items*

Jim Mogensen commented on the upcoming board retreat noting that when the Board seeks to define the customer base, it is necessary to consider the different needs for both commuters/choice riders and transit dependent riders.

Clark Charnetski was in agreement with staff on the proposed MDOT project on U.S. 23. He noted that the HOV lanes need to be explored further. Mr. Charnetski handed out an article praising the Michigan Flyer/ AAATA AirRide service experience.

With no one further appearing, Ms. Gott declared public time closed.

3.0 *New Business*

There was no new business up for consideration.

4.0 *Continuing Business*

4.1 *Annual Board Retreat Planning: Sarah Gryniewicz and Bill De Groot*

Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz introduced the retreat agenda draft which included three discussion elements: Customer Service, Capital and Categorical Needs Prioritization, and Committee Structure. Sarah stated that it may be helpful to have the committee structure conversation once the new CEO is on-boarded. She also said that during the

“Customer Service” discussion, the staff recommendation is to discuss and define customer service as it relates to TheRide’s operations. On Time Performance (OTP) was identified as a key component in reaching customer needs and expectations.

The committee discussed hiring a professional facilitator for the retreat. It was felt that a decision on this subject should be made soon, as it is anticipated to take about a month to hire a facilitator. Larry Krieg preferred not to utilize a facilitator as he felt it would be difficult to justify the added cost to the taxpayers. Bob Guenzel stated that he preferred to have a facilitator, whether it be an outside representative or someone internally, in order to keep the retreat running smoothly. Eli Cooper and Eric Mahler both preferred to have a facilitator (either internal or external) to lead the retreat.

Eric suggested reducing the time spent on defining “Customer Service” and emphasized the importance of developing a list of the top 5-10 work plan priorities. Sue Gott encouraged the Authority members to bring the names of suggested facilitators to the Governance committee for further deliberation. She asked staff to determine board member availability and any time constraints for the retreat. She also suggested adjusting the agenda based on board member availability. AAATA staff will check on the date and time preferences of all board members for the upcoming retreat.

5.0 Action Items

5.1 *Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS): Jan Black*

Al Thomas reported that Clever Devices LTD of Woodbury, NY, has been selected as the provider for the new CAD/AVL system. He noted that AAATA has been using its current CAD/AVL system for 18 years and the timing was now right to look at new systems since the Authority will be investing in 60 new buses over the next 5 years. An RFP was issued last October and four responses were received. Al noted that Clever Devices was selected after proposal evaluations, on-site presentations and several interviews with the four vendors. Staff is recommending approval of an award to Clever Devices LTD for an amount not to exceed \$3,617,000. Al noted that the contract award amount is programmed into this year’s budget. The CAD/AVL systems will be installed on paratransit vehicles and busses in phases.

It was noted that the passenger counter component of the new CAD/AVL system will count passengers boarding and de-boarding the bus. This is a large step forward from the current system. Some other agencies that use Clever Devices include CTA, SMART, Washington Metro, New Jersey Transit, and New York City Transit. The committee discussed cellular coverage and the implications associated with the new CAD/AVL system.

Sue Gott requested a friendly amendment to the resolution under the ‘NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED’ clause that there be ***periodic updates, reported to the***

Planning and Development Committee, on the progress of the work, to ensure that funding is correlating to successful use.

Eli Cooper recommended support of the motion as written, with the addition of the friendly amendment. Larry Krieg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The motion will be forwarded to the full board for further consideration.

5.2 *Revision to Capital and Categorical Grant Program: Chris White*

Julia Roberts reported on a revision to the Capital and Categorical Grant Program (CCG Program) necessitated by a slightly lower than expected federal allocation. This allocation reduction resulted in a 3.7% shortfall. Last year's allocation rose 7% and the Authority has averaged a 3% increase over the last 10 years. To deal with this year's small decrease, staff is asking for a small decrease in planning funds. Staff's recommendation would reduce planning funds in FY15 from \$320,000 to \$136,470.

Julia noted that planning is one of the more flexible, longer-term budget items. The Authority can afford to adjust planning funding in the short term. It was noted that there will be no direct impact on planning activities in the short-term due to this reduction, however, if the trend continues, the CCG Program may need to be re-evaluated in the long-term. Eli Cooper suggested an addition of a WHEREAS clause to the resolution noting that ***the reduction of funds has a meaningful effect on our organization and transit community.***

Eli Cooper recommended support of the motion as written with the addition of communication to the congressional legislation on the effects of the reduction. Larry Krieg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion and it will be forwarded to the full board for further consideration.

5.3 *U.S. 23 Response to Environmental Assessment: Michael Benham*

Michael Benham introduced proposed AAATA comments on the U.S. 23 environmental assessment and noted they closely reflect comments made by the Authority early on in MDOT's U.S. 23 proposal. Included in the commentary is a desire to discuss transit alternatives in the corridor and to further research the use of HOV lanes.

Larry Krieg drafted a resolution pertaining to the environmental assessment for the committees' consideration. Some changes made to the resolution include:

- 6th Whereas clause, "Whereas, financial support cannot legally be provided from current local revenue sources; and", was deleted.
- 1st Whereas- added "traffic congestion ***due to incidents and obsolete design...***"
- 2nd Whereas – added, "***proposed to address design deficiency*** to add capacity..."
- Final Whereas clause – added, "...requires ***service characteristics including trip reliability and*** a schedule..."

- Under the Now, therefore, be it resolved clause –

#1 – substituted “adequate funding is provided...” for “adequate funding is **available...**”

#2 – “adequate funding is provided...express bus service at a fare level that will maximize ridership.” Was changed to read “adequate funding is **available.....express bus service at a market based fare that will foster ridership.**”

Sue Gott suggested adding the benefits of having park and ride lots further north to capture riders at the beginning of their trip. Other committee members suggested placing such a statement in the memo or letter, rather than the resolution. The draft resolution and comments will be forwarded to Charles Griffith for further review before being submitted to MDOT by the March 17 response deadline. The draft documents will be brought to the AAATA board in April. Charles will update the letter to include the sentence, ‘On behalf of the AAATA...’ before forwarding to MDOT.

Larry Krieg recommended support of the motion with the recommended changes. Eric Mahler seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion and it will be forwarded to the full board for further consideration.

6.0 *Reports/Updates:*

- 6.1 *ARide Contract Status: Brian Clouse and Bill De Groot:* The report will appear on the April PDC agenda.

- 6.2 *YTC Update: Bill De Groot & Reggie Whitlow*

Bill De Groot noted that the Authority is working on site feasibility and ownership responsibilities, as well as the internal and external scope of the project. Bill announced that he is planning a site visit to the YTC in April for PDC committee members. During the site visit, he plans to discuss the site analysis.

- 6.3 *RTA Developments: B. De Groot and S. Gryniewicz*

Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz reported that the RTA now has 5 employees on staff. Sue Gott requested AAATA staff to understand the work load requested from the RTA and to define the AAATA staff time capabilities. The RTA is expected to produce AAATA work estimates by April/May of this year.

- 6.4 *August 2015 Service change – Public Input²⁷: Mary Stasiak*

Mary Stasiak distributed information announcing the August 2015 service changes and requests for public input. She noted that a public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at SPARK East in Ypsilanti.

6.5 *R&D Projects: Michael Benham, Chris White*

Michael Benham noted that North-South Rail Steering and Advisory committee met last week. Public meetings are scheduled on Thursday, March 12 and Monday, March 16. There has also been a request for a meeting in Howell. He noted that the alternatives analysis for the Connector study is wrapping up this year. Once everything is complete, a public meeting will be scheduled.

6.6 *Sustainability Policy and Commitments: Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz*

Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz reported that progress has been made on the development of the sustainability policy. Chris White suggested the Authority define the bus technology portion of the policy early on, so that AAATA is prepared if grants become available and new vehicles can be purchased sooner.

Sarah noted that the draft Sustainability policy should be available in August. A review of the draft will occur in September with a final review in October. Ms. Gott requested public engagement in August and November. She also asked that discussion on the public commentary be added to the PDC agenda in the respective months.

7.0 *Public Time*

Clark Charnetski noted that MDOT has 23 refurbished and leased rail cars. Rail cars to be used in service in New Jersey were rehabilitated by Amtrak and cost almost double what MDOT has paid for its cars. In addition, the New Jersey cars have less seats than the MDOT cars. Clark noted that California paid out of state workers to do the work on its cars, while the work on the Michigan rail cars was done locally.

Jim Mogensen spoke of the 5YTIP, CCG Program, Sustainability policy and commitments, and the budgeting process, suggesting that AAATA should find a way to combine the items to better understand the processes and decisions being made.

He would like the Authority to consider public comments/presentations.

8.0 *Future Meetings*

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

9.0 *Adjourn*

There being no further business, Ms. Gott adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Tibai



To: Planning and Development Committee

From: Jan Black, Manager of Information Technology
Michelle Whitlow, CPPO, CPPB, Manager of Purchasing

Date: March 10, 2015

Re: **Award New Contract for Purchase of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator (CAD/AVL) System**

Background

Currently TheRide uses a CAD/AVL system for dispatching and tracking fixed route buses as well as providing real time bus information to fixed route bus customers. The system used for fixed route is 18 years old.

Over the next 5 years, TheRide will need to further invest in CAD/AVL equipment for (up to 60) new buses costing over \$900K for fixed route only.

TheRide also will begin scheduling and booking rides on Paratransit vehicles in May 2015. A CAD/AVL system must be procured in order to track Paratransit vehicles.

Because of the large investment needed to procure CAD/AVL technology for these two initiatives, TheRide chose to investigate other more advanced technology that would meet the needs of TheRide for both fixed route and paratransit services well into the future.

In February, 2014, The AAATA Board of Directors approved a contract award with TranSystems of Boston, MA to perform consulting services for the purchase of Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) Needs. Through a detailed process, specifications for the CAD/AVL technology was drafted.

Issuing a Request for Proposal

On October 17, 2014, AAATA issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 2015-09 for the provision, installation and implementation of a new CAD/AVL system.

The RFP was posted online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) Bid System where 304 vendors were sent notices; 67 of which viewed the solicitation. The RFP was advertised in *Washtenaw County Legal News* and in *Passenger Transport* (21 vendors requested copies of the RFP as a result of this advertisement) and on AAATA's website, theride.org.

A Pre-Proposal Presentation and Tour was held on November 12, 2014 and six (6) people representing four (4) firms participated.

On December 12, 2014, AAATA received four (4) proposals:

1. Avail Technologies, Inc., (State College, PA)
2. Clever Devices LTD, (Woodbury, NY)
3. DoubleMap (Indianapolis, IN)
4. Trapeze Software Group (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Staff (each department participated in the evaluation process) evaluated the proposals based on the proposed systems capability to meet National Transit Data requirements, experience and installation, qualifications and price. Proposals from Clever Devices and Avail Technologies were rated as the top two and both firms were invited to give a series of in-person and on-line presentations.

Along with presentations, AAATA staff also participated in on-site visits and/or conference discussions with:

- Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit (SMART – Troy and Inkster locations), Clever Devices
- TheRapid (Grand Rapids, MI), Avail
- Kalamazoo Metro (Kalamazoo, MI) Avail
- Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA in Worcester, MA) Clever Devices

Once presentations were completed, Best and Final Offers (BAFO's) were requested from both firms.

Clever Devices' technical proposal was rated highest and their pricing was lowest. In their BAFO, Clever Devices included over \$200K of additional software and services for no additional cost, thus demonstrating that they sincerely listened to the needs of TheRide during the post-presentation conference call and the on-line presentation.

After careful consideration, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve award of a contract to Clever Devices LTD of Woodbury, NY at an amount not to exceed \$3,617,000 which includes 10% contingency.

Staff will provide periodic updates to the Performance Monitoring-External Relations (PMER) Committee to make certain that TheRide's funding is correlating to successful use.

The contract award amount is within the programmed budget amount.

Resolution 15/2015

**AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)
COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR (CAD-AVL) SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) uses a Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) system for dispatching and tracking fixed route buses as well as providing real time bus information to fixed route bus customers, and

WHEREAS, the current CAD/AVL system used for fixed route buses is 18 years old, and

WHEREAS, AAATA will need to invest in CAD/AVL equipment for up to 60 new buses over the next five (5) years, and the cost of this investment is estimated to be in excess of \$900,000 for fixed route buses only, and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, AAATA will begin scheduling rides on Paratransit vehicles thus requiring the procurement of a CAD/AVL system in order to track Paratransit vehicles, and

WHEREAS, given the large investment needed to procure CAD/AVL technology for these two initiatives, AAATA chose to investigate options for other more advanced technology that would meet the needs of AAATA for both fixed route and paratransit services well into the future, and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, AAATA's Board of Directors approved a contract with TranSystems of Boston, MA to perform consulting services for the purchase of a CAD/AVL system which produced specifications for the CAD/AVL technology AAATA requires, and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, AAATA issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 2015-09 for the provision, installation and implementation of a new CAD/AVL system, and

WHEREAS, four (4) proposals were received and Staff representing all AAATA departments evaluated the proposals based on the proposed system's capability, proposer's experience, implementation process, qualifications and price, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Clever Devices LTD of Woodbury, NY has been determined to be the most advantageous to AAATA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Clever Devices LTD at an amount not to exceed \$3,617,000 which includes 10% contingency.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that Staff will provide periodic updates to the Performance Monitoring-External Relations (PMER) Committee to make certain that TheRide's funding is correlating to successful use.

Charles Griffith, Chair

March 19, 2015

Susan Baskett, Secretary

March 19, 2015



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MEMO

To: Planning and Development Committee
From: Chris White, Manager of Service Development
Date: February 18, 2015
Re: Federal Formula Allocation for FY 2015

Message: The allocation of federal transit formula funds was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2015. The formula funds for the Ann Arbor urbanized area are:
Section 5307: \$6,218,888
Section 5339 (capital use only): \$724,458
Section 5310 (Service for seniors and people with disabilities): \$198,173
The RTA is the designated recipient for all of these funds.

This total of Section 5307 and 5339 funds is 3.7% less than last year. This is unusual. Last year our allocation rose 7% and we have averaged a 3% increase over the last 10 years.

For our Capital and Categorical Grant Program, we projected the same allocation in FY15 as we received in FY14. As you may recall, the adopted program for FY15 would use nearly the entire projected amount of federal funds available, with a small projected carryover. With the reduction, there are insufficient federal funds for the entire adopted FY15 program.

The shortfall is \$183,530. The adopted FY15 program is attached. It is a very large program which includes the purchase of 10 replacement buses and 12 buses for service expansion. The total amount of federal formula funds required for the program is \$8,251,200 which includes \$1,124,324 in carryover funds from the FY14 allocation which we saved for this purpose.

An adjustment to the FY15 program is needed. Staff recommends reducing federal funding for the planning program for FY15 from \$320,000 to \$136,470 to balance the program. The loss in operating revenues is manageable and we may be able to reduce the expenditure of grant funds for planning in FY14 to carry forward some funds and reduce the impact in FY15.

This is a relatively small problem for FY15. It is a larger concern going forward if the federal program remains at this level. We can wait until summer to see if Congress will take up new transportation authorizing legislation, but if they do not we will need to consider how we balance the use of federal formula funds for operating and capital going forward.

A resolution to adjust the FY2015 element of the Capital and Categorical Grant program is attached for your consideration.

Resolution 16/2015

REVISE FY2015-2019 CAPITAL AND CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in December, 2014 the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) adopted a Capital and Categorical Grant Program for FY2015-2019, and

WHEREAS, the FY2015 element was based on a projected amount of federal formula funds, and

WHEREAS, the actual allocation of federal formula funds for the Ann Arbor urbanized area has been released and is less than expected,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors hereby revises the FY2015 element of the FY2015-2019 Capital and Categorical Grant Program to reduce the programmed federal formula funds for planning from \$320,000 to \$136,470 to balance the program with available federal funding.

Charles Griffith, Chair

March 19, 2015

Susan Baskett, Secretary

March 19, 2015

**ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL & CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY
THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Approved
12/18/2014

DESCRIPTION	2013 approved	2014 approved	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Large Buses - Replacement <small>Quantity</small>	² \$1,445,400	⁰ \$0	¹⁰ \$5,139,000	⁰ \$0	⁵ \$2,863,000	⁴ \$1,821,000	¹⁵ \$6,830,000
Medium/Small Buses <small>Quantity</small>	⁰ \$0	⁹ \$1,305,000	⁰ \$0	⁰ \$0	¹ \$150,000	⁵ \$600,000	⁵ \$625,000
Vehicles for Vanpool Program <small>Quantity</small>	²⁵ \$625,000	⁰ \$0	¹² \$270,000	²⁶ \$585,000	³⁷ \$832,500	²⁷ \$607,500	³⁰ \$720,000
Buses for Expanded Service <small>Quantity</small>	² \$960,000	² \$1,016,250	¹² \$5,464,000	⁷ \$3,188,000	⁰ \$0	⁰ \$0	⁰ \$0
On-Board Systems and Equipment	\$20,000	\$400,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,500,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Maint. Equip. and Bus Components	\$300,000	\$250,000	\$320,000	\$250,000	\$450,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Computer Hardware and Software	\$150,000	\$530,000	\$150,000	\$720,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Park and Ride Lots & Transfer Facilities	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0
Major Buildings and Facilities	\$1,808,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-revenue Vehicles <small>Quantity</small>	⁴ \$0	² \$50,000	⁵ \$140,000	² \$80,000	⁰ \$0	⁰ \$0	⁰ \$0
Passenger Area Facilities and Equip.	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$95,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Capital Cost of Contracting	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Preventive Maintenance	\$2,100,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Planning	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Outreach and Rideshare	\$455,000	\$455,000	\$501,000	\$455,000	\$455,000	\$455,000	\$455,000
Operating Assistance	\$1,474,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
TOTAL	\$10,117,400	\$9,256,250	\$19,029,000	\$12,378,000	\$9,650,500	\$9,533,500	\$13,180,000

ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FY 2015 CAPITAL & CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRAM

Approved

12/18/2014

DESCRIPTION	LOCAL	FEDERAL		STATE	TOTAL	NOTES
		Section 5307/5339 Formula Funds	Other Programs (see notes)			
10 Large Buses - Replacement		\$2,391,200	\$1,720,000	\$1,027,800	\$5,139,000	# of buses changed from 19 to 10. Remaining 9 buses deferred to 2017 and 2018. Includes 3 hybrid buses and 7 clean diesel. Includes \$1.72 million in CMAQ funds programmed for this project
0 Medium/Small Buses		\$0		\$0	\$0	
12 Vehicles for Vanpool Program		\$216,000		\$54,000	\$270,000	Assumes use of funds approved in project MI-90-X671 for 25 vehicles. Total vans to be purchased = 25 replacement + 15 expansion
12 Buses for Expanded Service	\$5,464,000				\$5,464,000	14 buses required for service expansion in FY16 including 2 small buses for route P. 2 buses already funded by Livability Grant in FY14 leaving 12 in this project
On-Board Systems and Equipment		\$880,000		\$220,000	\$1,100,000	TransitMaster AOS replacement Phase I. Moved from 2017
Maint. Equip. and Bus Components		\$256,000		\$64,000	\$320,000	Associated Capital maintenance including hybrid battery replacement (\$250K) + Maintenance equipment (fall protection \$70K)
Computer Hardware and Software		\$120,000		\$30,000	\$150,000	Ongoing upgrade of computer capabilities
Park and Ride Lots & Transfer Facilities		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Major Buildings and Facilities		\$480,000		\$120,000	\$600,000	Modifications to 2700 to accommodate service expansion including parking lot expansion, new maintenance in former brake room, and enclosing archives
5 Non-revenue Vehicles		\$112,000		\$28,000	\$140,000	Replacement of two 2008 pickup trucks + 1 trucks for new facility maint. Staff+ 2 driver shuttle vehicles for expanded service
Passenger Area Facilities and Equip.		\$76,000		\$19,000	\$95,000	Accessibility and shelter/bench program
Capital Cost of Contracting		\$120,000		\$30,000	\$150,000	Operating expense - portion of subcontracted service attributable to capital costs. Reduced because we're buying buses rather than having them provided by subcontractor
Preventive Maintenance		\$880,000		\$220,000	\$1,100,000	Operating expense. Decrease from \$2.1 million. Replaced by operating assistance
Planning	\$240,000	\$320,000	\$960,000	\$80,000	\$1,600,000	Operating expense - Includes \$1.2 for Connector environmental analysis and preliminary engineering. No funding source secured. TIGER application submitted in March, 2014
Outreach and Rideshare	\$0		\$501,000		\$501,000	Operating expense. 100% Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are anticipated.
Operating Assistance		\$2,400,000			\$2,400,000	Increase from \$1.4 million. \$1 million transferred from preventive maintenance.
TOTAL	\$5,704,000	\$8,251,200	\$3,181,000	\$1,892,800	\$19,029,000	

Resolution 17/2015

Express Bus Service on U.S. 23

WHEREAS, traffic congestion due to incidents and obsolete design on U.S. 23 between Brighton and Ann Arbor has reached unacceptable levels during morning and evening peak periods; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) proposes to address design deficiency and add capacity during peak periods; and

WHEREAS, MDOT also proposes to monitor and control traffic by means of electronic systems; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has further proposed that the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide) provide express bus service between a park-and-ride lot on land to be provided by MDOT and destinations in the Ann Arbor area; and

WHEREAS, financial support will be necessary to provide the aforesaid express bus service; and

WHEREAS, attracting significant numbers of riders to an express service requires service characteristics, including trip reliability, travel speed competitive with or faster than a single-occupancy vehicle along the same route:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors shall agree to provide express bus service along U.S. 23 only if and when the following conditions are met:

1. Adequate funding is available above and beyond current income sources to build and properly maintain a suitable park-and-ride facility;
2. Adequate funding is available to operate express bus service at a market based fare that will foster ridership;
3. Provision is made for express buses to bypass traffic congestion so that service will be reliable and competitive with travel in single-occupancy vehicles.

Charles Griffith, Chair

Susan Baskett, Secretary

March 19, 2015

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Resolution 18/2015

EXTEND CONTRACT WITH INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) Board of Directors (Board) approved an Agreement with Robert E. Guenzel (Guenzel) on September 29, 2014 for Guenzel to serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer beginning on October 13, 2014, and

WHEREAS the Agreement is for a term of six months or employment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and

WHEREAS, the budgeted amount of the Agreement has not been met, and funds remain available, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes a stipulation that the term of the Agreement may be extended beyond the initial six months in the event a permanent CEO has not been employed, and

WHEREAS, the six month term will end on April 13, 2015, and it is anticipated that a permanent CEO will not be employed by that date,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors hereby authorizes an extension of the Agreement with Robert E. Guenzel on a month-to-month basis to terminate no later than June 1, 2015.

Charles Griffith, Chair

March 19, 2015

Susan Baskett, Secretary

March 19, 2015