

**RED ROSE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

DATE: February 15, 2012

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: RRTA Operations Center
45 Erick Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Public Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Members: Jeffrey R. Wibberley, Rebecca S. Denlinger, Jon P. Farrell,
Bonnie Glover, Cynthia M. Lonergan, Sandra M. Thompson

Solicitor: Brad Zuke – Appel & Yost

Staff: David W. Kilmer, Susan L. Darby, Jeffrey H. Glisson

Guests: Mark Glatz – Easton Coach, Bernie Harris – Lancaster
Newspapers, Barry Unger – Vision Mechanical, Inc.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

Chairman, Jeffrey R. Wibberley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Public Meeting

Upon motion by Ms. Glover, seconded by Ms. Lonergan, the minutes of the
January 18, 2012 public meeting were approved as written.

3. Bills and Communications

None

4. Reports of Committees

A. Personnel Committee – June J. Wolf, Chairwoman

No report

B. Operations Committee – Sandra M. Thompson, Chairwoman

No report

C. Finance Committee - Jon P. Farrell, Chairman

No report

D. Marketing Committee – Bonnie Glover, Chairwoman

Ms. Glover noted that the Marketing Report is included in the Board packet, and the Ten Ride Pass promotion will run through the month of March.

5. Old Business

A. Reappointment of Solicitor for Labor and other Legal Services

Mr. Kilmer reported that this action was tabled from the January meeting. Stevens & Lee will hold the price from the first year of the contract at \$235 per hour.

Upon motion by Ms. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Lonergan, the Board reappointed Stevens & Lee as Solicitor for Labor and other Legal Services.

6. New Business

A. Resolution 1-12, Purchase of Two 35' Hybrid Buses from Gillig

Mr. Kilmer reported that RRTA awarded a five year contract last February to Gillig, Inc., as part of a statewide bus purchase. RRTA was slated to replace four buses in year one of the contract depending on funding. Two buses are already on order as approved last year and with the appropriation for this year, RRTA has the money to purchase two more buses at a price of \$600,776 each. These buses will replace two 1998 TMC buses that are well beyond the required useful life of twelve years.

Upon motion by Ms. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Denlinger, the Board adopted Resolution 1-12.

B. Approval to Suspend Medical Assistance Transportation Services

Mr. Kilmer reported that the state budget for this year included an 18% reduction in the allocation for Lancaster County to provide Medical Assistance Transportation Services funded by the Department of Welfare to qualified

consumers. With no changes made to the program to save costs, this year's allocation is expected to run out by April 1, 2012. With the increased usage of the services, RRTA would need close to \$750,000 to continue providing the service through the end of the fiscal year. RRTA simply cannot provide service that is not funded. There are at least 30 other counties across the state that will also be discontinuing MATP services due to the allocation reductions.

Ms. Glover stated that the Advisory Committee met prior to the public meeting and agreed to support the decision to suspend the program.

The following motion made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Ms. Thompson, was approved by the Board: Based solely on a severe reduction of DPW funding for MATP, the Red Rose Transit Authority hereby regrettably approves the suspension of the MATP program, effective April 1, 2012.

C. Approval of Change Orders for Queen Street Station Project

Mr. Kilmer reviewed the change orders to the contractors completing the project. This work was included in the original General Construction Contract and was either not under contract to be performed or for items that needed to be corrected.

Upon motion by Ms. Glover, seconded by Ms. Denlinger, the Board approved the Change Orders for Queen Street Station Project.

D. Acceptance of the January 2012 Operating Statement

Mr. Kilmer reported that ridership increased 7.0% for the month from 158,808 to 169,984. This included a 6.5% increase in bus rides and a 10.0% increase in shared rides due to the mild winter weather. For the fiscal year, total ridership is up 3.7% , with fixed route showing a 4.5% increase in ridership to last year and shared ride showing a .2% decrease.

Financially, operating revenues of \$719,711 combined with grants of \$474,346 for total revenue of \$1,194,057. This compared against expenses of \$1,197,100 for a \$3,043 deficit for the month, mainly for the shared ride service.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Barry Unger, president of Vision Mechanical, Inc., stated that payment for his company's work at QSS Phase II is now 18 months past due. He requested a "no admission" discussion with the Board to resolve the issue.

Mr. Mark Glatz, Easton Coach, thanked the Board for eight new wheelchair accessible vans. He also stated his concern for the impact on Easton Coach's shared ride service with the suspension of the MATP program.

7. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Thompson

Respectfully submitted,



June J. Wolf
Secretary