

SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
SORTA BOARD ROOM-6th FLOOR
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, February 27th 2024, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss and Gwen Robinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Amanda Carleski, Chelsea Clark, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Sara Sheets, KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, John Edmondson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia LeFlore, Bradley Mason, Kevin Ruth, August Schweitzer and Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL: Anthony Osterlund (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: David Wormald, AECOM; Dan Cahall, COA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ethridge SORTA Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

None

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16TH, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the January 16th, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 20th 2024, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 6: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO: 122-2023 FOR BRT ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The contract approves a 5-year contract with WSP USA, Inc., total cost not to exceed the value of \$36,000,000.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

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PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on February 20th 2024 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JANUARY 31ST, 2024

Mr. Aiello presented the January financial results. Total revenues were \$13.2 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$17k. Total expenses were \$12.8 million, which is favorable to budget by 894k. Surplus/Deficit was \$0.5 million, which was favorable to budget by \$877k. Ridership was 987k, which is unfavorable to budget by 129k. Mr. Aiello presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary

with a total All Securities at \$173,222,636, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$16,114 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$2,769,211. Mr. Aiello then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE

Mr. Haley presented the Metro on the Move report. Each year we make a visit to Capitol Hill to share our successes and the impact we've been able to make thanks to the federal funds we've received. This month Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation announced the awarding of more than \$100 million in investments to support quality public transportation in Ohio and Metro was awarded \$2.8 million in funds for our real-time E-paper signage project, long-range transportation plan, one badge to rule them all project upgrade our badging system and funds to purchase handheld data collection hardware. Metro celebrated Ohio Loves Transit the week of February 11-17 and Black History Month SBA signing on February 16th. National Transit Employee Appreciation Day will be on March 18, the Golden Bus Awards are scheduled for March 21 and Metro will offer free rides on March 16th and November 5th for Election Day. Mr. Haley then concluded his report.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

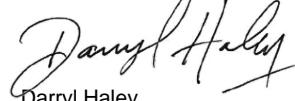
The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
March 19th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Kreg Keesee
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer