

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, April 23rd 2024, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson, Sara Sheets & KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Carleski, Chelsea Clark, Trent Emeneker and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, John Edmondson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia LeFlore, Troy Miller, Sean O'Leary, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Khaled Shammout and Bill Spraul

LEGAL COUNSEL: Kim Schaefer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

None

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Mr. Keesee updated the board on the recent FTA Cincinnati visit.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26TH, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Metz made a motion that the minutes from the March 26th, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 18th 2024, and there were no items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on April 18th 2024 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 19: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO: 040-2024-SS FOR FLEETWATCH UPGRADE FOR ACCESS

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Sheets seconded the motion. The contract approves a 1-year contract with S&A Systems, Inc., total cost not to exceed the value of \$159,185.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 20: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO: 055-2024-SS FOR FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Sheets seconded the motion. The contract approves a 5-year contract with AT&T Mobility, at a yearly cost of \$80,345 and a total cost not to exceed the value of \$401,725.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MARCH 31st, 2024

Mr. Aiello presented the March financial results. Total revenues were \$14.1 million, which was favorable to budget by \$459k. Total expenses were \$13.0 million, which is favorable to budget by 670k. Surplus/Deficit was \$1.1 million, which was favorable to budget by \$1,165k. Ridership was 1,100k, which is unfavorable to budget by 55k. Mr. Aiello presented the Investment of Funds Reserve

Summary with a total All Securities at \$173,373,144, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$1,140,861 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$4,252,965. 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. In celebration of Earth Day, we launched 10 new Metro Hybrid-electric technology buses into service, the Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Veronica Vanderpool traveled from Washington D.C. to hold a press conference in Cincinnati to announce updated regulations to the Public Transit Safety Plan, which focuses on increasing operator and passenger safety, Metro was named the Transit System of the Year by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Division of Opportunity & Inclusion. Metro recently received two Addy Awards from the American Advertising Association for our "Get Up & Go Metro" marketing campaign and for the partnership and design of the NAACP Cincinnati Chapter's "Your Voice is Your Vote" resource vehicle. In recognition of "National Bike to Work Day" on May 17, any rider utilizing the bike racks on the front of the buses get to ride free that trip.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

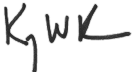
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
May 28th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Kreg Keese
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer