



**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
held remotely via phone or video conference
and broadcast live for the public via YouTube
May 20, 2020**

Board Members Participating:

Carlton Christensen, Chair
Beth Holbrook
Kent Millington

Also participating were members of UTA staff.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks. Chair Christensen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment. It was noted that online comment received for the meeting was distributed to the board prior to the meeting and will be included as an appendix to the minutes of the meeting.

In Memory of Operator Kris Newman. Trustee Millington mentioned the passing of UTA Operator Kris Newman, expressed condolences to his family and coworkers, and stated today's board meeting would be adjourned in Mr. Newman's memory.

Safety First Minute. Sheldon Shaw, UTA Director of Safety & Security, provided a brief safety message.

Consent Agenda. The consent agenda was comprised of:

- a. Approval of May 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. UTA Policy 6.2.1 – Use of Electronic Devices While Driving

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Agency Report.

Budget Amendment #2 Addition – Capital Planning and Environmental Funding.

Carolyn Gonot, UTA Executive Director, mentioned that monies for capital planning and environmental funding have been added to budget amendment #2 to allow the agency to better compete for grants.

UTA Recovery Guidelines. Ms. Gonot was joined by Eddy Cumins, UTA Chief Operating Officer, and Lorin Simpson, UTA Regional General Manager – Salt Lake Business Unit. Ms. Gonot stated the agency has formulated a recovery plan based on Governor Gary Herbert’s color-coded health guidance system. Mr. Cumins added there has been an increase in ridership now that some social distancing measures have been relaxed and more businesses are reopening.

Mr. Simpson said recovery efforts are focused on regaining ridership, ensuring financial sustainability, and building community confidence. He reviewed a draft plan for a phased recovery that contemplates short and mid-term service provisions, safety protocols, and planning efforts.

Discussion ensued. Questions on the timing of ridership reports, modes experiencing increased ridership, flexibility achieved through aligning with state guidelines, timeline for completion of customer surveys, and content of customer surveys were posed by the board and answered by staff.

Resolutions.

R2020-05-02 Resolution Establishing a Debt Reduction Reserve Fund. Mr. Biles explained the resolution, which creates a debt reduction reserve fund at an initial funding level of \$30 million. The purposes of the fund are to retire outstanding bonds early or, if needed, to supplement general operating reserves.

A motion to approve R2020-05-02 was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously, with aye votes from Trustee Millington, Trustee Holbrook, and Chair Christensen.

R2020-05-03 Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Lehi City for a Pedestrian Bridge over SR-92. Mary DeLoretto, UTA Chief Service Development Officer, was joined by Heather Bening, UTA Project Manager II. Ms. DeLoretto described

the resolution, which authorizes execution of an ILA with UDOT, Lehi City, and UTA related to the construction and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge over SR-92 at Timpanogos Highway. The bridge is part of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) first/last mile program of projects. Discussion ensued. A question on retaining right-of-way at the bridge site was posed by the board and answered by Ms. DeLoretto.

A motion to approve R2020-05-03 was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously, with aye votes from Trustee Millington, Trustee Holbrook, and Chair Christensen.

R2020-05-04 Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Millcreek City for Provision of Additional Funds to Supplement the Existing TIGER Stakeholder Agreement. Ms. DeLoretto was joined by Ms. Bening. Ms. DeLoretto summarized the resolution, which authorizes additional funds for the sidewalk project and inclusion of new bike lanes. Discussion ensued. Questions on the project budget and geographical size of the project were posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion to approve R2020-05-04 was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously, with aye votes from Trustee Holbrook, Trustee Millington, and Chair Christensen.

R2020-05-05 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 382. Kim Ulibarri, UTA Chief People Officer, was joined by Rich Murray, UTA Director of Human Resource Services & Labor Relations. Ms. Ulibarri provided background information on the bargaining process and bargaining objectives. Mr. Murray summarized different provisions of the CBA, including employee pay, insurance and healthcare, ancillary benefits, and employee working conditions.

A motion to approve R2020-05-05 was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously, with aye votes from Trustee Millington, Trustee Holbrook, and Chair Christensen.

Contracts, Disbursements, and Grants.

Contract: Vendor-Managed Inventory – Light Rail Parts (Siemens Mobility, Inc.). Todd Mills, UTA Sr. Supply Chain Manager summarized the contract, which allows the agency to streamline parts procurement for light rail vehicles purchased from Siemens Mobility, Inc. The contract term is for three years, with two one-year options. The annual cost is estimated at \$1,184,106 per year.

A motion to approve the contract was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract: Northern ADA Complementary Paratransit and Route Deviation Provider Services (MV Transportation, Inc.). Mr. Cumins was joined by Ben Adams, UTA Acting Special Services General Manager. Mr. Cumins explained the contract, which provides paratransit and route deviation services in Weber Davis, and Box Elder counties. The contract has a two-year term with five one-year options and is based on a fixed monthly rate plus an additional amount per revenue hour. Mr. Cumins recommended UTA exercise the option to bring the dispatching portion in-house by November 2020, which would lower the cost of the total contract. Discussion ensued. A question on the ability to bring the entire service in-house was posed by the board and answered by Mr. Cumins.

A motion to approve the contract at the higher contract amount (to accommodate whichever contract option is selected) was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract: Southern ADA Complementary Paratransit and Route Deviation Provider Services (United Way of Utah County). Mr. Cumins summarized the contract, which provides paratransit and route deviation services in Utah County. The contract has a two-year term with five one-year options and is based on a fixed monthly rate plus an additional amount per revenue hour. Mr. Cumins recommended UTA exercise the option to bring the dispatching portion in-house by May 2021.

A motion to approve the contract as outlined was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract: Accident Repair for Light Rail Vehicle 1137 (Siemens Mobility, Inc.). Mr. Cumins was joined by Bryan Sawyer, UTA Manager of Rail Technical Services & Quality

Assurance. Mr. Cumins explained the contract for repairs on light rail vehicle 1137 in the amount of \$1,503,250. The train was damaged by side impact collision. Discussion ensued. A question on insurance collection from the party at fault in the accident was posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion to approve the contract was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

Change Order: Employer Dental Insurance Agreement – Administrative Employees (EMI Health). Ms. Ulibarri summarized the change order, which exercises a one-year option for the provision of dental insurance to administrative employees at a cost of \$1 million per year. Ms. Ulibarri noted the auto-renewal clause in the contract has been revised to require affirmative action by UTA before future renewals.

A motion to approve the change order was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Change Order: Employer Dental Insurance Agreement – Bargaining Employees (EMI Health). Ms. Ulibarri explained the change order, which exercises a one-year option for the provision of dental insurance to bargaining employees at a cost of \$1 million per year. Ms. Ulibarri again noted the auto-renewal clause in the contract has been revised to require affirmative action by UTA before future renewals.

A motion to approve the change order was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Change Order: Employee Assistance Program (Blomquist Hale). Ms. Ulibarri described the change order, which exercises a one-year option on the existing contract in the amount of \$100,000. She stated the auto-renewal clause in the contract has been revised to require action by UTA before future renewals.

A motion to approve the change order was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

Change Order: Organizational Development Consultant Contract Extension (Nesso Strategies). Ms. Ulibarri was joined by Alisha Garrett, UTA Director of Culture & Talent Development. Ms. Ulibarri explained the change order, which exercises a final one-year option on the contract with Nesso for leadership development services at an amount

not to exceed \$80,000. The total contract value including the option is \$520,255. Discussion ensued. A question on the rationale for using a contractor in lieu of relying on in-house expertise was posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion to approve the change order was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Christensen called for a break at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:31 a.m.

Discussion Items.

Facilities Strategic Plan. Ms. DeLoretto was joined by Hal Johnson, UTA Manager of Project Development & Systems Planning. Mr. Johnson reviewed the Facilities Strategic Plan. He spoke about alignment with long-range plans and future facilities expansion needs. He then reviewed needs and recommendations for specific facilities, including Salt Lake Central, Depot District, Meadowbrook, Mt. Ogden, Timpanogos, Tooele, Riverside, 21st South, Mobility Center, Midvale Rail Service Center, Jordan River Rail Service Center, Warm Springs, and FrontLines Headquarters. Mr. Johnson also reviewed other UTA assets, such as supplemental properties and operator restrooms. He noted the Facilities Strategic Plan is a living document that is updated frequently.

Discussion ensued. Questions on land use at Meadowbrook, plans for electric bus infrastructure, future plans for compressed natural gas (CNG) use, coordination with Rocky Mountain Power, seismic recommendations, status of the OK Manufacturing property, incorporation of maintenance costs, and prioritization of needs were posed by the board and answered by staff.

Other Business.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the board will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by motion in memory of Kris Newman at 11:24 a.m.

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This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of this meeting.

**Online Public Comment
to the
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Received May 18, 2020 from George Chapman:

comments to the UTA Board of Trustees for May 20 meeting

Thank you for increasing the UTA driver salary to almost \$25 (23 and change). I still think that bus drivers' responsibilities should give them more but this is a start.

UTA has lost some great drivers who were fired for using a cellphone while parked and not accepting passengers (while parked at the station) in the past and those drivers should be given a chance to reapply.

I continue to be concerned about projects being pushed by UTA. Committing to spending millions and billions during this pandemic is disrespectful and until there is a vigorous public discussion on the projects, UTA should not in any way commit to these projects. I am disappointed in the lack of public notice and engagement in the expensive projects UTA is discussing.

I also wish to again push for publicizing free fare.
