Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 27th, 2023

Location: Virtual Meeting via SRTA Microsoft Teams (2:00 PM)

                Call in Number: 1-929-523-2910; Access Code: 858 439 222#

Purpose: SRTA Advisory Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM EST.

(2) Roll Call

Present:

City of Fall River (Seth T. Aiken)	Town of Fairhaven (Leon Correy)
Town of Westport (Richard Brewer)	ADA Representative (Dan Robillard)

Absent:

City of New Bedford	Town of Acushnet
Town of Dartmouth	Town of Freetown
Town of Mattapoisett	Town of Somerset
Town of Swansea	Riders Representative

Additional Attendees:

Erik Rousseau, SRTA	Arthur Frank, General Counsel (SRTA)
Kristen Sniezek, SRTA	Shayne Trimbell, SRTA
Michelle Tavares, SRTA	Corey Hebert, SRTA
Andrea Duarte	

(3) Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2023, Advisory Board meeting will take place at the next Advisory Board meeting.

(4) Citizen's Participation

None.

(5) Civil Rights Update

Title VI:

The SRTA's current Title VI Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO):

The EEO Plan for South Coast Transit Management (SCTM) has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):

The SRTA's current DBE Goal Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

The most recent semi-annual report was submitted on December 1st and is under FTA review. The next semi-annual report is due June 1st.

The SRTA's current DBE Program Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

Environmental Justice:

Environmental justice is a requirement that the SRTA must engage the public whenever there is a major project or route change.

The SRTA is constantly working to increase public participation, and if any public input is needed, it will be conveyed to the Board as part of this report.

Public Hearings / Meetings:

Covered under agenda item 7.

(6) Old Business

FY24 Draft Budget Discussion

Mr. Rousseau gave an update on a budget change. The Information Technology expense will be moved from the Operator's budget to the Authority's budget.

(7) New Business

Fall River Service Considerations and Comment Period

Mr. Shayne Trimbell (SRTA) presented proposed route changes based off of the Fall River Service Assessment. These proposed changes include a re-alignment of the Fall River Route 1, an elimination of deviations on the Fall River Route 2, a complete elimination of the Fall River Route 6, a re-alignment and an elimination of the Battleship Cove deviation of the Fall River Route 7, an elimination of the deviations on the Fall River Route 9, and a re-alignment of the Fall River Route 10. Market demand was analyzed along with public outreach to determine these proposals.

The next public hearing will be on June 1st, 2023 at 12:00PM EST at the Fall River Terminal and the public comment period will be open from May 1st though June 1st.

Mr. Richard Brewer (Town of Westport) asked if any the proposed changes would impact the construction on route 79. Mr. Trimbell explained that there should not be any impact to route 14 which covers the area on route 79.

(8) Logistics for the Next Advisory Board Meeting

As indicated on the agenda, the next Advisory Board Meeting for the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority is on Thursday, May 25th, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

(9) Adjournment

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:43 PM EST.