



Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 25th, 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 2:03 PM EST.

(2) Roll Call

Present:

City of Fall River (Seth T. Aiken)	City of New Bedford (Jennifer Clarke)
Town of Dartmouth (Chris Vitale)	Town of Fairhaven (Leon Correy)

Absent:

Town of Acushnet	Town of Freetown
Town of Mattapoisett	Town of Somerset
Town of Swansea	Town of Westport
ADA Representative	Riders Representative

Additional Attendees:

Erik Rousseau, SRTA	Arthur Frank, General Counsel (SRTA)
Kristen Sniezek, SRTA	John LeBert, SRTA
Shayne Trimbell, SRTA	Martiza Aquino, SRTA
Brendan Marden, SRTA	Michelle Tavares, SRTA
Corey Hebert, SRTA	Andrea Duarte

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(3) Approval of Minutes

Motion: The motion was made (City of Fall River) and seconded (Town of Mattapoisett) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on March 23rd, 2023.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Mattapoisett

Status: Motion Passes

The Advisory Board Chair approved and memorialized the minutes of the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on April 27th, 2023, that did not have a quorum.

(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.

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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:

The open public comment period that began on May 1st, 2023 to hear public comments on the proposed service adjustments in Fall River will conclude on June 1st, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the Fall River Terminal

(6) Old Business

Adopt FY24 Budget

Mr. Rousseau presented highlights of the FY24 Budget which included an expected increase in revenue, increase in pension expense, the movement of the information technology expense from the operator to SRTA administration, decrease in fuel expense, and the increase in the cost to borrow funds.

Motion: The motion was made (City of Fall River) and seconded (Town of Mattapoisett) to endorse and adopt the fiscal year 2024 budget in the amount of \$26,500,560.00.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Mattapoisett

Status: Motion Passes

Update on Fall River Service Considerations Comments

There will be a hearing on June 1st, 2023, at 12:00 pm as mentioned in item (5).

(7) 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, June 22nd, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

(8) Adjournment

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:21 PM EST.

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