

Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 22nd, 2023

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

Call in Number: 1-929-523-2910; Access Code: 139 858 886#

Purpose: SRTA Advisory Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EST.

(2) Roll Call

Present:

City of Fall River (Seth T. Aiken) City of New Bedford (Joshua Amaral)

Town of Dartmouth (Chris Vitale) Town of Fairhaven (Leon Correy)

ADA Representative

Absent:

Town of Acushnet Town of Freetown

Town of Mattapoisett Town of Somerset

Town of Swansea Town of Westport

Riders Representative

Additional Attendees:

Erik Rousseau, SRTA Arthur Frank, General Counsel (SRTA)

Kristen Sniezek, SRTA Shayne Trimbell, SRTA

Martiza Aquino, SRTA Brendan Marden, SRTA

Corey Hebert, SRTA Andrea Duarte

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(3) Approval of Minutes

Motion: The motion was made (Town of Dartmouth) and seconded (Town of Fairhaven) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on May 25th, 2023.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

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

Status: Motion Passes

(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 June 1st and is under FTA review. The next semi-annual report is due December 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.

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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 next public meeting will take place in the Fall of 2023 relating to the New Bedford Service Analysis.

(6) Old Business

Adopt Fall River Service Changes

Mr. Trimbell presented a summary of the Fall River service changes. 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.

Motion: The motion was made (Town of Dartmouth) and seconded (ADA Representative) to adopt the Fall River service changes.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, Town of Fairhaven, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, ADA Representative

Status: Motion Passes

(7) New Business

FY23 Budget Revision

Mr. Rousseau presented revisions to the fiscal year 2023 budget. Major revisions include the addition of pilot service, an increase in auxiliary revenue, and an increase in fixed route revenue. There were also increases in expenses which were funded by the SRTA's operating assistance.

Motion: The motion was made (Town of Dartmouth) and seconded (ADA Representative) to approve the revisions to the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, Town of Fairhaven, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, ADA Representative

Status: Motion Passes

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Adopt Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Motion: The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (Town of Dartmouth) to adopt the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, Town of Fairhaven, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, ADA

Representative

Status: Motion Passes

(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 to be determined.

(9) Adjournment

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:24 PM EST.