



## **Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting via SRTA Microsoft Teams (2:00 PM)  
Call in Number: 1-929-523-2910; Access Code: 946 367 27#  
**Purpose:** SRTA Advisory Board Meeting

### (1) Call to Order

**The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM EST.**

### (2) Roll Call

**Present:**

City of New Bedford (Jennifer Clarke)	City of Fall River (Christopher Parayno)
Town of Dartmouth (Chris Vitale)	Town of Mattapoisett (Michael Lorenzo)
Town of Westport (Richard Brewer)	ADA Representative (Dan Robillard)

**Absent:**

Town of Acushnet	Town of Fairhaven
Town of Freetown	Town of Somerset
Town of Swansea	Riders Representative

**Additional Attendees:**

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

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(3) Approval of Minutes

**Motion: The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (Town of Dartmouth) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.**

**Discussion: N/A**

**Vote:**

**For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, Town of Mattapoisett, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative**

**Status: Motion Passes**

**Motion: The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (Town of Dartmouth) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Discussion: N/A**

**Vote:**

**For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, Town of Mattapoisett, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative**

**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 Program Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

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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.

*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:*

N/A – No scheduled Public Hearings or Meetings.

(6) Old Business

*FY23 Audit Presentation*

Mrs. Sniezek presented an overview of the FY23 Audit. The balance sheet and income statement reflect an increase in net assets of nearly \$1.7 million due to the strength of the SRTA's capital program. The statement of revenues and expenses shows a more favorable position than what was expected in the budget. The audit report is available to all attendees and can be referenced for further detail.

**Motion: The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (Town of Westport) to accept the FY23 Audit.**

**For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, Town of Mattapoisett, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative**

**Discussion: N/A**

**Status: Motion Passes**

*New Bedford Comprehensive Operational Assessment*

Mr. Trimbell presented the proposed service changes that were a result of the New Bedford Comprehensive Operational Assessment. The changes would impact Route 9, Route 203, Route 204, Route 205, Route 206, Route 208, Route 210, Route 211, and Route 221. The details of the presentation have been provided to the members of the board.

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Mr. Vitale asked if UMass Dartmouth was contacted regarding the proposed changes to the Route 9. Mr. Trimbell explained that the proposed service changes wouldn't impact UMass Dartmouth but instead would eliminate the route deviation through Faunce Corner Road and Cross Road. Ms. Clarke expressed New Bedford's desire to evaluate other mitigation measures before voting to undertake the proposed Route 205 elimination.

*FY24 Budget Update*

Mr. Rousseau provided an update on the SRTA's capacity to pilot Sunday service from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 due to increased funding of State Contract Assistance. It is important to note that should the pilot become permanent, there would be a corresponding matching local assessment to support the continuation of service.

(7) New Business

None.

(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 October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

(9) Adjournment

**The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:27 PM EST.**

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