



MINUTES
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 14, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) Board of Directors was held in room 208A at the Music City Center, 205 5th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Kim McMillan, City of Clarksville Mayor.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair McMillan entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting. Proper motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were adopted unanimously.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR 2017 BOARD OFFICERS (A-16-025):** The selections of the candidates for the 2017 officers of the RTA Board were approved at the Executive Committee for submission to the full board in January. The candidates selected were City of Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan as Chair, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto as Vice Chair, and Rutherford County Governor Appointee Paula Mansfield as Secretary.
- V. **MONTHLY OPERATING STATISTICS (I-16-015):** Chief Operating Officer India Birdsong reviewed the October 2016 monthly operating statistics for the Board. Some light discussion of ongoing transit issues followed.
- VI. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT COMPARED TO BUDGET (I-16-016):** Chief Financial Officer Ed Oliphant reviewed the Statement of Operations Compared to Budget and the Comparative Balance Sheets for month ended October 31, 2016.
- VII. **CEO'S REPORT:** CEO Steve Bland reported the following:
 - **New Year's Eve Music City Star** – Tickets are on sale and MillerCoors did not choose to renew the sponsorship this year. Historically, the New Year's Eve service has been profitable for the RTA. This year, a lot of the festivities are moving from lower Broadway to the Bicentennial Mall. Transportation options are in place to get people from the train to the mall.
 - **Annual Financial Audit** – We expect to present our fiscal 2016 annual financial audit to the Board in January.
 - **Fiscal 2018 Budget** – We don't expect the mayors to have any unpleasant surprises with next year's budget preparation.

- Music City Star Operator Process – We are continuing to go through the operator selection process for the Music City Star and are completing a lot of due diligence.
- Hamilton Springs Development – We continue to work with the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and the City of Lebanon on closing out our funding gap on the Hamilton Springs Station project. We are optimistic that can be done in the next month or two.
- Mt. Juliet Joint Development Project – This past month, we had a design meeting with the developer and the City of Mt. Juliet. The concepts that were presented seemed to be well received.
- Positive Train Control (PTC) – We received our type approval from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on our PTC System and our approach to Positive Train Control. We can now go out to bid for that system in the next couple of months.
- Northwest Corridor Study – We are wrapping up the study and expect it to be delivered to the Board in final presentation probably by the end of the first quarter 2017.
- South Corridor Study – We are working with the MPO to identify funds to expand the scope of the South Corridor Study into a more complete and full alternatives analysis. We want it to look more like what we did in the Northwest Corridor so that hopefully we can go toward projects quickly after that process is completed.

VIII. CHAIR’S REPORT: Chair McMillan thanked all the mayors who have participated this past year with the RTA, and she thanked staff for their hard work. Continuing, she noted her appreciation to TDOT and all other outside partners for their support. She stated that we truly are a regional transportation authority looking for regional solutions and alternatives.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business to come before the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully,

Paula Mansfield

Governor’s Appointee
RTA Secretary