



Minutes of the Four Hundred and Twenty-First Meeting
Of the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees

The Four Hundred and Twenty-first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority was held on March 25, 2009, in the Board Room, 213C, of the Student Center at the Utah Valley University located at 800 West University Parkway, Orem, Utah.

Members of the Board of Trustees in attendance:

Larry Ellertson, President	Robert A. Hunter
Gregory Simonsen, Vice President	P. Bret Millburn
Justin Y. Allen	Frederick W. Oates
Michelle Baguley	Michael Romero
Dama Barbour	
Keith Bartholomew	Absent:
Burtis Bills	Christopher R. Bleak
Necia Christensen	Terry C. Diehl
Orrin Colby, Jr.	Gregory Hughes
J. Stephen Curtis	J. Kent Millington
Charles Henderson	

Also in attendance were John English, General Manager; Bruce Jones, General Counsel; Celeste Burningham, Corporate Office Specialist, as well as interested citizens, UTA staff and media representatives.

Welcome – President Ellertson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance.

Swearing in of Board Members – Irene Huntsman swore in Board Members Dama Barbour, Orrin Colby, and Michael Romero.

Trustee Barbour introduced herself to the Board. She gave a brief background of her employment and her civic opportunities. She expressed her excitement to be a member of the UTA Board.

Trustee Colby expressed his excitement to be back on the Board of Trustees at UTA. He thanked the Board for their warm welcome back and for their hard work.

Trustee Romero expressed his excitement and gratitude to continue to serve on the Board of Trustees. He stated he has enjoyed his experience serving on this Board.

Public Comment

- Jeff Salt, Executive Director of Spirit of Utah Wilderness and Great Water Keepers. Mr. Salt stated that he was expressing concern, from the environmental community and residents of Draper City, in regards to the selection of the FrontRunner South future station location being discussed for

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either Draper City or Bluffdale City. He stated that the environmental community has been supporters of mass transit and believe it is an integral part of society. He discussed some of the projects that the environmental community has supported or opposed if transit was not considered first. He stated that in this situation the environmental community is being alienated. He expressed his hope that all parties could come together to create a collaborative effort and solution to this station location. He stated that the land at the Draper City site was set aside for cultural and open space preservation. He stated that this was not the site chosen by UTA as the preferred alternative and he hopes that it will not become the preferred site location. He stated that the other locations that have been selected he supports. He stated that the people he represents are serious about this and will fight to preserve the land in Draper City. He invited the Board Members to tour the site with his group and the governor.

Resolutions

-Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Between Utah Transit Authority and Valley Police Alliance.

Trustee Baguley stated that this Resolution will allow and Interlocal Agreement between UTA and the Valley Police Alliance that will allow the sharing of resources between police agencies. She described some of the reasons this has come about. She stated that this opens up doors but does not give up local control of any agency.

Bruce Jones stated that this Resolution is to agree to share common products but does not give up the local control or decision making for our police force.

Trustee Baguley made a motion to adopt this Resolution. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion.

Trustee Colby stated that he has been involved with this issue for some time. He stated that he is pleased to see something come together.

Trustee Bills stated his appreciation for this ILA. He stated that there were two typing corrections that needed to be made. He stated that on the second page of the Resolution, Item number 3, it states, "That a the final...", the "a" needs to be stricken. He stated that the dates in the upper right hand corner of the ILA need to be updated as well.

Trustee Baguley stated that her motion would include those technical changes. Trustee Christensen stated that the second would include them as well.

Mr. Jones stated that this Resolution puts in writing what has been in practice for a while. He stated that many agencies have been sending resources to other agencies whenever there was a need. He stated that there will be no cost when sending man power but there will be a way to agree to help on costs when using other resources. He stated that those costs would be worked out between agencies.

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The motion passed with 15 voting members present.

- A Resolution Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Utah Transit Authority Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed \$306,000,000; Fixing The Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount Of Such Bonds, The Maximum Number Of Years Over Which Such Bonds May Mature, The Maximum Interest Rates Which Such Bonds May Bear, And The Maximum Discount From Par At Which Such Bonds May Be Sold; Ratifying The Publication Of A Notice Of Public Hearing And Of Bonds To Be Issued And The Running Of A Contest Period And Calling A Public Hearing; Declaring An Intent To Reimburse; And Related Matters.

President Ellertson stated that this Resolution is to approve bonding for funding of the UTA 2015 plan.

Ken Montague stated that this further authorizes UTA to post notice that the bonding is intended for the purpose to continue funding for the 2015 projects. He stated that this is broadly written to allow for the option of negotiating different types of bonds. He described the differences between the types of bonds. He stated that in order to bond UTA is required by law to hold a public hearing. He stated that is public hearing will be held on April 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., prior to the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting. He stated that no formal action will be required.

Trustee Henderson made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Trustee Hunter seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 13 "aye" votes and new Trustee Barbour and new Trustee Colby abstaining.

General Manager's Report

- Net Promoter Score Report. John English stated that staff has been working on the Net Promoter Score Report for a while, gathering data from riders. He stated that the main question that was asked of riders was would you recommend this service to your friend. He discussed the process used to obtain information and discussed some of the organizations that are using this same reporting. He distributed the report and discussed some of the findings. He stated that customers gave the express bus and the BRT service high scores as well as TRAX and FrontRunner. He stated that the Salt Lake Bus Redesign showed a dramatic positive shift in the scores as well. He stated that the express buses are getting the highest scores.

Discussion took place on the data that was gathered.

Mr. English discussed some of the ideas that staff is working on to improve the service in order to improve the scores.

- Safety Report. Mr. English distributed the safety report and discussed some of the data that was found. He stated that UTA is discussing the safety issues

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with the cities in the district and coming up with some solutions. He stated that listed in the report are the many things UTA is doing to address environmental health, safety and information security. He listed some of the agencies that are involved with this. He discussed the work that is being done to bring people together to provide information to a central system for the state of Utah so that everyone can communicate necessary information. He stated that this system is building on the work that was set up by the FBI during the 2002 Olympics. He discussed some of the ways that UTA is improving environmentally with the ISO processes. He stated that UTA became the Founding Reporter of the Climate Registry in May of 2008. He reported that this was established to measure and public report green house gas emissions. He stated that this safety report is given yearly but that staff meets quarterly to discuss the safety issues.

- Mr. English reported that Michael Allegra is currently heading to Washington, D.C., to address the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Vice President Simonsen stated that there is concern with the Pioneer Park issue, where the drug deals are now taking place at other locations including TRAX stations. He stated that the county mayors met to discuss the issue. He stated his concern that this will deter people from using UTA's services. He stated his appreciation for the UTA police force for addressing this matter.

Discussion took place on the ideas being discussed to solve the problem, such as the use of cameras.

Mr. English stated that UTA is discussing the use of camera and other ways to deal with this issue. He stated that safety issues have been a concern for the downtown areas since construction began.

Trustee Allen stated his concern with the safety of the service downtown. He stated that this could escalate when the new projects are completed and more people are being brought downtown.

Discussion took place as to what is being done with the issues facing the downtown area.

General Counsel's Report

Mr. Jones stated that his report was minimal this month so he would not be distributing a written report. He stated that his office has received no additional Notices of Claim and that the legislative issues were discussed in the Board Committee meetings. He introduced a new attorney for UTA, Lisa Bowman. He stated that his office is involved with negotiation and investigation for easement on the West Valley TRAX line and a two year lease for bus storage and maintenance in Tooele. He expressed his appreciation for the work that the Board does and encouraged them to join with staff in meeting with the COG's and the Board members appointing authorities.

President's Report

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- President Ellertson stated that there will be many issues and activities taking place in the future and he encouraged the Board to continue to be involved and informed. He encouraged the Board to continue to discuss things with staff and each other.

Trustee Baguley made a motion to strike items 8 and 9 from the Board Meeting Agenda. Vice President Simonsen seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with 15 voting members present.

Trustee Bartholomew stated that communication sharing has greatly improved for the Board through use of the intranet. He stated that he would now like to see more information on what is being discussed between committees made available through the intranet. He stated he would like to see the presentations that were made and any documents that were passed out in all the meetings stored in a common location on the intranet.

Consent

- Approval of Financial Statements of January 31, 2009. The Financial Statements were approved by consent.
- Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting of February 25, 2009. The Minutes were approved by consent.

Other Business

Trustee Bartholomew stated that he would like a system created to deal with the possible changes of the dates and times of all meetings that are to be attended by Board members. He stated the process should make everyone aware of the changes, eliminating confusion.

- Honor Roll Nomination. Trustee Baguley stated that the Internal/External Committee has a nomination for the Honor Roll Award to bring to the Board for approval. She stated that it was proposed that Steve Randall be recognized for his contribution to transit. She read a brief history of the things Mr. Randall has done for transit.

Trustee Baguley made a motion to accept Steve Randall as the nomination to the Honor Roll Award. Trustee Bills seconded the motion.

The motion passed by acclamation with 15 voting members present.

Adjournment

Trustee Baguley made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with 15 voting members present.

The Board adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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