

Go Triangle Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2015
Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III (left 2:00 pm)

Mary-Ann Baldwin (arr. 1:48 pm)

William V. "Bill" Bell (left 2:00 pm)

Jim Crawford Jr.

Fred Day IV

Fred Foster Jr.

Ed Harrison

Bernadette Pelissier

Ellen Reckhow

Jennifer Robinson

Jeff Sheehan

Board Members Absent:

Vivian Jones (excused)

Vice Chair Jennifer Robinson officially called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Bell and second by Pelissier the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

Vice Chair Robinson recognized Brooks Godfrey, whose comments are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Robinson asked that staff follow up with the Board on this matter. Tallmadge stated that staff would report to the Operations & Finance Committee in May.

III. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager King announced the hiring of the following bus operators: Leslie Joyner, Phillip Norman, Renee Poindexter, Dale Smentek, Sheila Watford and Celia Webb.

C. Announcement of Promotions

General Manager King announced the following promotions: Rico Glover, from Mechanic II to Mechanic III and Jean Theodore, from Bus Operator I to Bus Operator II.

IV. Consent Agenda

Action: On motion by Bell and second by Reckhow the consent agenda was approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda item was approved:

- March 25, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes.

V. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. General Manager Search Committee Report

Committee Chair Fred Day reported that the Committee is making good progress, with the assessment center being held at the end of the month. He said the Committee hopes to conduct interviews following the assessment center and bring a recommendation to the Board in May.

C. Operations & Finance Committee Report

i. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with DCHC MPO Regarding Local Match for Planning Activities

Committee Chair Will Allen III presented a unanimous recommendation from the Committee to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with the DCHM MPO for a local match of \$21,996. He said this is the first time DCHC has made a request of Go Triangle for funds, but explained that under MAP-21 Go Triangle is now a voting member.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Pelissier the Board adopted *Resolution 2015 0002 Resolution of the GOTriangle Board of Trustees Authorizing GOTriangle to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization to Fund Local Planning Activities.* The motion was carried unanimously.

D. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Bernadette Pelissier reported that the Committee received a presentation on the status of the Duke-Durham-Go Triangle integration plan. She said there might be some cost savings to Duke for contracting and integrating services, but the Medical Center and University have to work out those details.

i. Parking Survey Contract

Pelissier stated that the Board originally authorized \$140,000 for a parking survey but there were problems with the bids. She added that the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve an increase to \$190,000.

Patrick McDonough explained that only one bid was received and staff did not feel the firm understood the work. He said after consulting a parking researcher at Texas A&M University and holding a pre-bid conference, a second procurement also resulted in only one bid, but this time from one of the top firms in the U.S. He said staff is comfortable with this bidder and the increase in cost.

Action: On motion by Bell and second by Allen the Board authorized staff to award a contract to a consulting firm to conduct a survey of parking constrained destinations, with a not-to-exceed value of \$190,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. New Business

i. FY15 Budget Ordinance Amendment

Harriet Lyons stated that the budget amendment approved by the Board last month related to the Raleigh Union Station project required two budget ordinances, but one was omitted. She requested that the second ordinance be approved retroactive to last month.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Reckhow the Board adopted *Ordinance 2015 0020 Triangle Transit Fiscal Year 2015 Major Capital Project Fund Ordinance Amendment*, retroactive to March 25, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

ii. Amendment to ILA for Wake County Transit Investment Strategy

John Tallmadge explained that since the inception of the Wake County Transit Investment Strategy effort there has been an agreement that additional facilitation, analysis and outreach tasks would strengthen the final strategy and has been added to the scope and cost of the project. He said the resolution and amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) would approximately double the cost, with Go Triangle's share going from \$50,000 to \$102,174. He added that all the funding partners will share proportionally in the increase and have agreed that this should be the last ask for additional funds. Tallmadge requested that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute an amendment to the ILA for the Wake County Transit Investment Strategy.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Reckhow the Board adopted Resolution 2015 0003 *Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees Authorizing GoTriangle to Enter into an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Raleigh, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Raleigh Durham Airport Authority, the Town of Cary and Wake County Regarding Cost Sharing and Procurement of a Consultant to Develop a Wake County Transit Investment Strategy and Authorize Additional Funding*. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager David King highlighted the following items from his written report:

- Work continues on the D-O LRT project, with two representatives from FTA's Atlanta Regional office visiting recently to get an update on the project.
- Several staff members joined me at the Research Triangle Foundation to talk with Bob Geolas and his development partners about how transit might fit in with the Park Center development at the site of the old Governor's Inn.

- Go Triangle ridership was up 6% in March and 4% for Go Durham, in spite of historically low gas prices.

1. I-40/440 Fortify Project Update

Brad Schulz offered an update on construction, ridership and marketing efforts for Laurie Barrett. He said NCDOT anticipates an increase to peak commute times over the next few weeks. He added that the project completion date has been pushed out to December 2016 and NCDOT is seeking financial assistance for extended bus service for these additional months.

2. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Update

Greg Northcutt said the draft Environmental Impact Statement will be submitted to FTA on June 1, which starts the formal coordination process ultimately leading to a Record of Decision in February 2016. He then distributed copies of a presentation, attached and hereby made a part of these minutes, planned for the Durham City Council work session in May.

Baldwin arrived.

3. Legislative Update

Damien Graham said conversation continues about the lack of Federal funding and the pending expiration of the transportation authorization at the end of May. He said another extension to the authorization is expected. Secretary Foxx has released a revised vision for the Grow America Act with a proposed \$478 billion over six years to fund highway, transit and passenger rail programs. On the State level there are several bills of potential interest, HB 1927 for transportation funding and HB 464 regarding the restructuring of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and HB 903 providing flexibility for sales tax options.

Allen and Bell left.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Deborah Ross noted the following items from her written report:

- We have received from the Department of Administration the District Drive Park-and-Ride agreement, which gives us the possibility of a 15-year lease for a park-and-ride lot off Blue Ridge Road. She said this long term lease allows us to make capital investments on amenities.
- The closing on the Raleigh Union Station property is next scheduled for next week with the groundbreaking on May 8.
- FTA has concurred on the appraisal of the Alston Avenue and Pettigrew Street properties that NCDOT wants to acquire for a road widening and bridge replacement project in Durham. We are negotiating the price with NCDOT.
- A letter is being drafted to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) about their jurisdiction in the rail corridor.
- Cary has received its grant to purchase the Towerview property.

C. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Robinson reminded Board members of two personnel evaluations due. She said the Board will meeting with the General Manager Search Committee on Tuesday, May 5 and the three committees will meet this day as well.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO TAC Representative

No report.

2. DCHC TAC Representative

No report.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

No report.

VII. Adjournment

Action: Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.



William W. "Bill" Bell, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board