

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2016

Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Board Members Present:

Mary-Ann Baldwin

William V. "Bill" Bell

Jim Crawford Jr.

Fred Day IV

Ed Harrison

Vivian Jones

Bernadette Pelissier

Ellen Reckhow

Jeff Sheehan

Board Members Absent:

Will Allen III (excused)

Fred Foster Jr. (excused)

Jennifer Robinson (excused)

Chair William V. "Bill" Bell officially called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Reckhow the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New General Counsel

Chair Bell noted that GoTriangle's new General Counsel, Shelley Blake, was present and introduced at the budget work session.

B. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager Mann announced the hiring of Teshale Gebremichael, Mechanic I; Tommy Hill and Travis Meriweather, Bus Operators; and Kelly Houston and Dominique Paige, Administrative Assistants.

C. Announcement of Promotions

General Manager Mann announced the following promotion: Eric Young, Bus Operator II to Bus Operator III.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- March 23, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes;
- March 23, 2016 – Closed Session Minutes;
- April 5, 2016 – Special Session Minutes; and
- April 5, 2016 – Closed Session Minutes.

V. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Ellen Reckhow reported on behalf of the Operations & Finance Committee. She stated that the main subject of meeting was the first draft of the budget, with extensive discussion. She added that the General Manager advised the Committee that Cushman Wakefield has been retained to assist staff in locating a project office.

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Bernadette Pelissier reported that the Committee's focus was the Wake County Transit Plan and the Interlocal Agreement (ILA). She said the Committee had a number of comments.

D. New Business

1. Authorization to Negotiate an Agreement for Program Management Consultant (PMC) Services for the DOLRT Project

Danny Rogers stated that two teams made presentations for the program management consultant services contract and the Committee ranked them as follows: (1) HNTB North Carolina, PC (HNTB) and (2) Gannett Fleming/Hill International Joint Venture (GF/Hill). Rogers requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate a contract, which should come back to the Board in June.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Reckhow the Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate an agreement with the most qualified and experienced firm for Program Management Consultant (PMC) Services for the DOLRT Project in ranked order of preference as recommended above. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Transfer of Buses to the City of Raleigh

Laurie Barrett asked the Board to approve adoption of a resolution officially transferring three (3) buses that Raleigh is currently using, to them permanently. She added that FTA has approved the transfer pending the adoption of the resolution. Barrett said Raleigh will also request that the City Council approve receipt of the vehicles.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Reckhow the Board adopted *Resolution 2016 0001 Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees Approving the Transfer of Buses to GoRaleigh*. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

The General Manager's report is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He highlighted the following items:

- There is a renewed focus on property management to determine if some of our properties can be moved to an income-producing status and identify future development opportunities.
- The strategic planning process continues to move forward. Staff will present a revised vision statement to the Planning & Legislative Committee in May and seek public input on the strategic plan. The goal is to complete the plan this calendar year and update it annually.
- Progress is being made on the Wake County Transit Plan. The draft Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was released on April 18th for public comment, with a public hearing scheduled for May 18th. This Board will consider adoption of the plan and ILA on May 25th, with the Wake County Board of County Commissioners considering it in June.
- Bus operations' performance improved for GoDurham and GoTriangle in March in the areas of safety and on-time performance. There were marginal declines in ridership: 1.5% for GoTriangle and 2% for GoDurham.
- Seven (7) contracts were signed that did not require board approval for \$103,866.
- Mann participated in the Raleigh Chamber InterCity Visit to San Diego along with several Board members.

1. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Program Update

Danny Rogers reported the following items:

- Staff is negotiating a contract with the preferred General Engineering Consultant (GEC).
- A preferred Program Management Consultant (PMC) has been selected.

- Staff is looking at potential project office sites, which is taking longer than expected. Sheehan asked the anticipated location. Rogers responded downtown Durham is preferred as it is on the line and in close proximity to the City of Durham.

3. Legislative Update

Jeff Mann reported that House Bill 988 was just filed by primary sponsors Representatives Torbett, Shepard and Tine. Mann said this bill would remove the light rail transit funding cap, repealing section G.S. 136-189.11. Bell stated that when it was proposed he sent a letter to the chairman and all committee members thanking them for their support of the bill. He suggested that GoTriangle do the same.

B. Interim General Counsel's Report

Interim General Counsel Karen Porter noted the following items:

- We have met with the new General Counsel, filling her in on what is happening.
- The Assistant General Counsel position has been posted for an environmental, land use attorney.
- GoTriangle and the City of Raleigh have settled with the Midwest Bus Corporation related to Fortify buses.
- Legal is working with the finance department on securing a credit rating for GoTriangle.
- The agreements with the City of Raleigh and NCDOT for the Fortify project will be extended due to the project's extension.
- We have been involved in the Wake County governance issues and development of the ILA.

Baldwin thanked Porter for her work as Interim General Counsel. Chair Bell echoed this sentiment from the Board.

C. Chair's Report

No report.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Mayor Bell referenced Will Allen's reported previously submitted:

The April 20 CAMPO meeting detailed some elements of version 9 of the Wake Transit Plan ILA. The presentation from the CAMPO meeting is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. A public hearing was held on the Raleigh-Cary Rail Crossing (RCRX) study and the executive committee voted to endorse the recommendations in the study.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Bernadette Pelissier reported that DCHC was required to zero out the money allocated for the DOLRT due to the State's light rail funding cap.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Mayor Bell referenced Will Allen's previously submitted report to the Board:

- No recent meetings.
- Joe Milazzo participating in the InterCity trip to San Diego and coordinated an optional trip aboard the commuter rail Coaster train.
- I will be participating in a one-day workshop with RTA to northern Virginia to see multi-modal transit options in operating there.


4. InterCity Visit Report

Chair Bell recognized Board members to report on the InterCity Visit. Baldwin commented that this InterCity trip was the best of all she has participated in due to the takeaways. She discussed the Coaster commuter rail line and what has been done to make it more pedestrian, bike and roadway-friendly. She also talked about affordable housing, the bike share program and the downtown electric cars on demand.

Fred Day explained more about the electric cars and how it works with an app to call up the vehicle within certain areas of the city. He said the initial investment was \$2 million, and advertising on the open-air vehicles is one method of raising revenue for the free service. He also shared information from a session on their referendum. Day said a 2/3s vote was required to pass the referendum and \$3 million was raised for the campaign. He shared some of their advice: don't overdo it and over talk it and push it so much that people get tired of hearing about it; but rather present the plan, be available, answer questions, and have experts support the plan. Day added that congestion was the frame for their campaign, not as a solution but something to reduce the pain. He said the project cost was \$2 billion for a 15-mile project.

VII. Adjournment

Action: On motion by Baldwin the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.



Jennifer Robinson, Vice Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board