



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

**MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
February 25, 2022**

BOARD AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order – 8:32 a.m. Ryan Daniel

II. Roll Call

Margaret Donahoe
Kendra Kotzer
Mike Klauda
Ryan Daniel
Sherry Munyon
Daryn Toso
Tiffany Collins
Ted Nelson
Nick Leske
Matt Fyten
Alan Herrmann

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve- Daryn Toso; Second: Mike Klauda
Motion passed.

Old Business

IV. Approval of January 27, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)

Motion to approve- Matt Fyten Second: Daryn Toso
Motion passed.

New Business

V. OTAT – Ryan Daniel

- Ryan reviewed the meeting with OTAT staff held the previous day. Ryan and Sherry walked through MPTA's Legislative Agenda for 2022. OTAT staff asked about efforts at the federal level to change the 14-cent per mile reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers and talked about their work in communicating with national organizations and other states.
There were questions about the timing of updates to the Greater MN Transit Investment Plan and publishing the operating contract awards. MPTA members discussed the goal of securing \$7 million per year to match federal IJA funds and the goal of dedicating all of

the revenue from the sales tax on auto repair parts to transportation with 15% of that dedicated to transit.

OTAT confirmed that the agency will provide a \$5000 sponsorship for the Roadeo and a \$5000 sponsorship for the transit conference.

VI. Legislative Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry reported that she is tracking bills being introduced that impact transit and so far most of them deal with Metropolitan Area Transit. She is meeting with legislators and discussing the need for matching funds. The February forecast will be released soon and is expected to project a larger budget surplus.

VII. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- Transportation Day at the Capital is approaching on March 31st. The Capitol Building will be open to the public and Margaret is hopeful we will be able to set meetings with legislators. She stressed the importance for the board members to come to St. Paul for the event.
- Margaret would like to do more outreach to the legislators and informed the group of the one-pagers we will be using with legislators on each transit system.

VIII. Program Coordinator Position – **Kendra Kotzer**

- Kendra announced that she is leaving the Alliance to take a position with another organization.
- She gave an update on the one-pagers Margaret had mentioned.
- Kendra discussed the upcoming dates for the MPTA Roadeo in July as well as the Transit Conference in St. Cloud in October.

IX. President's Update – **Ryan Daniel**

- The issue of obtaining CDL licenses was discussed and the difficulty in finding drivers. Ryan agreed to share his system's policy regarding signing bonuses and referral bonuses.

X. Financial Report –

- The Board reviewed the financial report through January 31, 2022. Systems that have not yet paid dues were encouraged to get their dues paid as soon as they can.
- Revenue from MPTA events will be important this year to avoid a negative balance at the end of the year.

Motion to approve Financial Report: Alan Herrmann. Second by: Tiffany Collins. Motion approved.

XI. MCOTA Update – **Tiffany Collins**

- Tiffany noted that the Volunteer Driver Coalition will meet with the Department of Revenue to finalize a fact sheet on the volunteer driving program. She will provide more of an update after the MCOTA meeting in March.

XII. Events 2022

- Roadeo – Austin, MN - July 14,15, 2022

- Transit Conference – St. Cloud, MN - October 23-25, 2022
- Transportation Day at the Capitol - March 31, 2022 at Capitol Ridge Hotel
- Fly-In – Washington D.C. – September 20-22, 2022

XIII. Next Meeting

March 24, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Other Business

XV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.