



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2022

BOARD AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order – **8:35 a.m. Ryan Daniel**

II. Roll Call

Mike Klauda

Ryan Daniel

Daryn Toso

Alan Herrmann

Nick Lemmer

Ted Nelson

Luther Wynder

Heidi Buss

Margaret Donahoe

Sherry Munyon

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None.

Old Business

IV. Approval of May 26, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)
Deferred to next Board meeting.

New Business

V. Legislative Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. Reps Pete Stauber and Angie Craig have signed onto a bill to tie the reimbursement rate to the IRS business mileage rate. North Carolina and Washington state congressional members have also agreed to sign on to the legislation. Rep. Craig has also introduced a separate bill that she is chief sponsor of and that has language that is not same as the bill introduced by Rep. Stauber.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- The Transportation Alliance will be hosting regional transportation meetings with candidates for the legislature this fall. The final schedule is not yet confirmed, but meetings will like be in: St. Cloud, Rochester, Owatonna, Willmar, Blaine, Eagan and

Duluth. Margaret urged Board members to participate in these meetings and help educate candidates about the need for transit funding.

- With the transit conference coming up in October, the Board needs to start thinking about the MPTA Annual Meeting. The meeting will include elections for Board members for 2023 and MPTA awards. OTAT and Met Council will be asked to provide an update.
- Margaret reviewed the sessions for the upcoming Transit Conference and asked members to forward any speaker suggestions.

VII. Program Coordinator – **Heidi Buss**

- Heidi reported that the Roadeo was very successful. We had a number of last-minute registrations so wound up with more drivers than in 2021. The Roadeo committee will hold a de-brief meeting when all expenses are accounted for.
- The next planning meeting for the Transit Conference will be held at the end of July. The committee has met and discussed the topics for training and break-out sessions. The conference will be held in October in St. Cloud. The registration is open for vendors and we have some companies signed up.

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

- Ryan reported that he has talked with Rod Fournier at DTA and Rod is interested in serving on the MPTA Board. He is also willing to host the 2023 Bus Roadeo in Duluth. There has been some discussion about possibly moving the Roadeo to August to avoid last-minute registrations. Ryan suggested that it might make sense to work with Metro Transit on the Bus Roadeo for 2024.
- Ryan reminded Board members that MPTA will cover the expenses for several members to attend the Washington, D.C. Fly-In. Ryan is planning attend and encouraged other Board members to attend.

IX. Financial Report – **Nick Lemmer**

- The Board reviewed the financial report through June, 2022.
- Nick reported that the Finance Task Force has met and working on a plan to reach out to vendors regarding contributing to MPTA in 2022. The task force will also be looking at new ways to general revenue in the future.
- It was suggested that MPTA finances be reviewed more thoroughly at the Annual Meeting.

X. MCOTA Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry reported that Volunteer Driver Forums are being planned for October and that one of the meetings will focus on the federal volunteer driver legislation.

XI. 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

XII. Next Meeting

August 25, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.