MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2022

BOARD NOTES
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
   Tiffany Collins
   Nick Lemmer
   Alan Herrmann
   Joanne Brackey
   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 noted that there is discussion about a possible special session of the legislature to
deal with unfinished business from the 2022 Legislative Session – especially a capital
bonding bill and matching funds for federal infrastructure dollars. Right now legislators
are focused on the upcoming elections. There will be many new legislators in 2023 and
MPTA will need to educate them about transit needs. She will set up one-on-one
meetings with new legislators.
   • Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the
reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. There are now several different bills addressing
the issue. Rep. Stauber has the bill that MPTA would like to see enacted which allows
the business rate to be used for volunteer drivers. Other bills would change the 14-cent
rate to 24-cents per mile which still leaves a much lower rate in place for the foreseeable future.

VI. Advocacy Update – Margaret Donahoe
- The Transportation Alliance will be hosting regional transportation meetings with candidates for the legislature this fall 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.
- The MPTA Annual Meeting will be held as part of the Minnesota Public Transit Conference in October. Several Board positions will need to be filled and an agenda will need to be developed for the meeting. MPTA Awards will also be presented right after the annual meeting.

VII. Event Coordinator – Heidi Buss
- Planning is going well for the transit conference next month. Heidi is working with exhibitors and sponsors and we anticipate strong participation this year.

VIII. President’s Update – Ryan Daniel
- Ryan discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting with OTAT.
- Ryan went through the agenda for the MPTA Annual Meeting which will take place during the transit conference.

IX. Financial Report – Nick Lemmer
- The Board reviewed the financial report through August 2022.

X. MCOTA Update – Tiffany Collins
- Tiffany reported that the Volunteer Driver committee has finalized a new brochure. MCOTA is setting up new committees as they look to the future. Volunteer Driver Forums are being planned with a webinar on October 5th and one in February.

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

XII. Next Meeting
November 22, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.