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MassDOT BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2013

At the call of the Chair, a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation was held at the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, MassDOT Board Room, Suite 3830, Boston, MA on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

There were present: Messrs. Jenkins, Alvaro, Davey, Bonfiglio, Macdonald, Whittle and Miss Loux, being the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Also present were the General Manager and Rail and Transit Administrator Scott, Frank DePaola, Administrator of the Highway Division, Rachel Kaprielian, Administrator of the RMV Division, Christopher Willenborg, Administrator of the Aeronautics Division, Rachael Rollins, MassDOT and MBTA General Counsel, Owen Kane, Senior Counsel to the Board, and Paula Fallon, Recording Secretary.

The Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, presided.

Chairman Jenkins called the Open Meeting to Order and presented the order of business.

Chairman Jenkins opened up the meeting for public comment.

The first few speakers were John Lovett, Jeffrey Ferris and John Spears from Bridging Forest Hills. They all commented on the Casey Overpass project and the selection of the at grade design. They believe that it is the wrong design for area.

The next speaker is Diane Simpson from Jamaica Plain. Ms. Simpson is for the bridge design for the Casey overpass.

The next speaker was Rhea Becker a Jamaica Plain resident. Ms. Becker commented on the Casey Overpass project and is for the bridge design.

The next speaker was Louise Baxter from the T Riders Union. Ms. Baxter commented on the MBTA Budget.

The next speaker was Rowan C. de la Barre for the F4OPH Preservation Society. Mr. de la Barre is interested in our old locomotives for their preservation society.

The next speaker was Sarah Freeman from the Arborway Coalition. Ms. Freeman is in favor of the at grade design for the Casey Overpass.

The next speaker was Marilyn MacNab. Ms. MacNab commented on the Government Center Design and its accessibility. She also asked if they were going to allow the public to look at the plans.

The next speaker was Don Somerfield. Mr. Somerfield commented on the accessibility designs at Kenmore Station. He asked that in the future the MBTA make more effort to include the designs.

The last speaker was George Gordon. Mr. Gordon is in favor of a bridge to replace the Casey Overpass.

Chairman Jenkins closed public comment period.

Next Secretary gave his report. The Secretary recognized Steven L. Rawding, Aviation Planner of the Aeronautics Division. One of Steve's responsibilities is developing and implementing Aviation Education programs and initiatives and coordinating education outreach events across the Commonwealth with the FAA, the Office of the Governor, Department of Education, and secondary schools. The Secretary ended talking about the Whittier and Longfellow Bridge projects and the Accelerated Bridge Program stating that since its creation, the ABP has created or sustained just under 19,000 construction jobs and with the Longfellow and Whittier projects expected to break ground later this year, both jobs promise to add to that total. (Full Report Attached)

Next Frank DePaola, Administrator of Mass Highway gave his report. He announced that next week they are having their 2nd Annual Innovation Conference. The second item is they have been working on a project to renovate Parcel 7 the Haymarket Garage. They entered into an agreement with DCAM. They received bids last week, the lowest was \$11 million, coming in under budget.

Next Rachael Kaprielian, Registrar of the Registry of Motor Vehicles gave her report. She began her update with ALARS. She is happy to report that they have a contract with Deloitte \$49,710,000. The team immediately began working on the project. She went over the dashboard and gave an update on the wait times.

Next Chris Willenborg, Administrator of Mass Aeronautics. He announced the Aeronautics completed their consultant interviews for their Airport Information Management Systems (AIMS). CDM Smith Team was selected for the project with a project completion of December 2013. They have been working with the VOLPE Center on their Carbon Neutral Airport Project. They received four proposals; one will be selected for the pilot project. He followed up with announcing that the FAA sent a letter to the airports that will be closed due to the sequestration on April 7th. They are working with the airport managers on contingency plans.

Next Dr. Scott gave her Rail and Transit report. (attached)

The next item on the agenda is the presentation on Government Center project given by Ed Hunter, Assistant General Manager for Design and Construction. Government Center Station Project has a total projected budget of \$130,564,650 which includes design, construction, force accounts, real estate and project administration and inspection. The total construction budget of \$92,558,483 consists of the Engineer's estimate of \$78 million. The MBTA is required to make the Government Center Project comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Government Center is the last of 80 key stations to be brought into compliance with the FTA Key Station Plan. The project includes the modernization of a station, which varies in age from 50-113 years old, to be fully accessible while also making modifications to achieve improvements for a customer-friendly and efficient station that appropriately serves and conveys the image as a gateway to City Hall Plaza. There will be modifications to the new entrance and exits to create an accessible route to City Hall Plaza. The project duration is 3 years and it was determined to close Government Center Station to patrons which will eliminate the need for a temporary head house, innumerable temporary station changes, operational service impacts, a significant number of weekend and nightly closures and allows

construction to proceed more rapidly, thereby resulting in the overall construction schedule to be reduced.

The next item on the agenda is the affirming of the Delegation of Authority Policy. Secretary Davey stated that this is for the Board to affirm the policy that is required by the Transportation reform.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously;

VOTED:That, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 242 of the Sessions Laws of 2012, the Board hereby adopts this Delegation of Authority Policy restating and reaffirming the statutory delegation of authority to the Secretary/CEO, and confirming that it is the policy of this Board that, the Secretary/CEO is authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation all contracts, instruments, and other agreements with a value less than \$15,000,000.00, including but not limited to leases, permits, licenses, deeds, grant applications and approvals, construction and professional services contracts, contracts for the purchase or sale of real estate, goods and services, extra work orders, requests for reimbursement, including but not limited to, reimbursements from federal agencies, agreements with other political subdivisions, commissions, authorities, and agencies and amendments to any such contracts, agreements or instruments. The Board hereby specifically reaffirms that it is this Board's policy to retain for itself the duty and responsibility to authorize the execution and/or issuance of all contracts valued at \$15,000,000.00 or more and that the Board has not delegated to the Secretary/CEO the authority:

(1) to fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for transit over the metropolitan highway system and the turnpike;

(2) to develop a long-term state-wide transportation plan for the Commonwealth that includes planning for intermodal and integrated transportation;

(3) to approve the annual operating and capital budget for the Department and its divisions and to recommend to the Governor and General Court annual appropriations for the Department;

(4) to authorize the execution of public-private partnerships in accordance with sections 57 to 70 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws;

(5) to approve an annual five-year capital plan for the Department and its Divisions; and

(6) to authorize the issuance, refunding and/or reissuance of debt instruments on behalf of the Department.

FURTHER VOTED:

That this Delegation of Authority Policy shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board rescinds or amends said policy.

The next item on the agenda presented by Jonathan Davis is the authorization for the approval of the MBTA Fiscal Year 2014 preliminary budget request. Mr. Davis stated the vote is for the Authority's preliminary fiscal year 2013 budget of current operating expenses and debt service costs for a one year period-July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The total expense budget of \$1,868,317,862 represents a \$102.1 million increase (5.8%) over fiscal year FY2013. Of the total increase \$95.3 million is allocated to operating expenses and \$6.8 million to debt service. Chapter 161A, Section 20 requires that the Board approve a preliminary budget for the subsequent fiscal year no later than March 15th.

On motion duly made and seconded; it was unanimously;

VOTED: That the Board of Directors approve the Authority s preliminary budget of current operating expenses and debt service costs for a one year period-July 1,2013 through June 30, 20 14-in the amount of \$1 ,868,317,862 as discussed at this Meeting;

That the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit the preliminary budget, in the name and on behalf of the Authority, to the MBTA Advisory Board; and

That following the Advisory Board review, a final itemized budget will be submitted to the MBTA Board of Directors no later than April 15, 2013 in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 161A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The next item on the agenda presented by Victor Rivas is a briefing on the MBTA Draft Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018. The CIP includes Governor Patrick's Wayforward transportation plan. He noted that with the release of the CIP the public participation process will go through until the end of March. Once the public portion is over they will share their results with the public input data with the Finance Commission and then the Board.

Chairman Jenkins announced that they are done with the open part of the meeting. They will be going into executive session to discuss security issues and we will not be going back into open session.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to adjourn.

Documents relied on in meeting:

Delegation of Authority Document

Memo on MBTA FY2014 Preliminary Budget

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Government Center Powerpoint Presentation