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Steve Poftak, General Manager



**Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
February 11, 2019
12:00 Noon
*MEETING MINUTES***

Present: Chair Joseph Aiello, Chrystal Kornegay, Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

MassDOT Board Members Present for the Joint Meeting: Chair Stephanie Pollack, Directors Kathleen Murtagh, Dean Mazzarella, Robert Moylan, Betsy Taylor, Tim King, Monica Tibbits-Nutt and Chrystal Kornegay

Others Present: General Manager Steven Poftak, Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Michelle Kalowski, David Sikorski, Laurel Paget-Seekins, John Dalton, Mike O'Dowd, Astrid Glynn, Michelle Ho, John Dalton and Dan Grabauskas

At the call of Chairman Joseph Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) was called to order at 2:37 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston,

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Massachusetts joining the MassDOT Board of Directors (Board) Meeting for Joint Board presentations.

Secretary Pollack called upon Chair Aiello to present Agenda Item 12, the report from the Fiscal and Management Control Board. Chair Aiello provided highlights of recent meetings including updates on: FY19 capital programs; capital improvements on the Fairmount Line and completion of the new Blue Hill Avenue station; staff updated the Board on the full commuter rail PTC implementation; parking pricing policy; Better Bus Project; commuter rail performance and the proposal for the Old Colony line late night service; the FY19 Operating Budget and quarterly updates on safety, GLX, Focus 40 and LEAN.

Chair Aiello continued noting the FMCB was notified of the continuation of the \$10 weekend fare pilot, approved a contract for the replacement of seven existing facility roofs, and was presented with a preview of the FY20 budget and proposal for a fare increase to help maintain and accelerate improvements across the system.

Chair Pollack noted that Agenda Item 13, the Green Line Extension Quarterly was a written submittal and that GLX Project Manager John Dalton was available to answer any questions the Boards may have. There was none.

Next, Chair Pollack called upon Rail and Transit Administrator Astrid Glynn to present Agenda Item 14, the quarterly update on the South Coast Rail and contract on culverts. Ms. Glynn provided an overview of the project and noted

independent consultants were hired to review the budget and timeline of Phase 1; the analysis was due in late February and the final finance plan was anticipated by the end of March. Ms. Glynn continued to discuss 2018 Milestones and FY19 activities underway and concluded with an update of early action construction contract and construction management, operations and maintenance cost approach, and community outreach, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "South Coast Rail, Phase 1, February 11, 2019." Secretary Pollack contributed to the presentation, and discussion ensued.

Ms. Glynn continued to request the Board's authorization to approve a contract with JF White that would allow for the replacement, cleanout and removal of culverts within the limits of South Cost Rail Phase I. Ms. Glynn discussed the construction scope of the project and the project benefits, and noted the contract fell within the Board allocated \$108 million in the CIP, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "MassDOT R & T Construction Contract : 609258, SCR Early Action Culverts, February 11, 2019." Discussion ensued, and Director Moylan noted the Capital Program Committee discussed this contract at an earlier meeting and recommended it for Board approval.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED:

That the Secretary of Transportation be, and hereby is, authorized in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of

Transportation to authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or her designee to award and execute MassDOT Construction contract 609258: SCR Early Action Culverts with JF White for an amount not to exceed \$18,347,000.00.

Chair Pollack next called upon Mike O'Dowd, MassDOT Project Manager to present Agenda Item 15, an update on the Allston I-90 project. Mr. o'Dowd discussed work done since November, the Secretary's decision on the Throat Section and next steps, and said discussion on financing options would continue. Mr. O'Dowd discussed details of the upcoming board presentations in April, June and August, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "I-90 Allston Interchange – a Multimodal Transportation Project, February 11, 2019." Secretary Pollack contributed to the presentation, and discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Pollack called upon Michelle Ho, Deputy Chief Financial Officer to present Agenda Item 16, an update on the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Ms. Ho provided the Board with a review of CIP milestones and a discussion of how the CIP would be developed. Ms. Ho noted the Joint Boards would consider the release of the CIP for public comment in May and would consider the CIP for final approval in June. Ms. Ho continued outlining the proposed 2020-2024 CIP Preliminary Sources and Proposed Program Sizes for MassDOT and the MBTA, and concluded with next steps, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FY2020-2024 Joint

Boards Presentation, February 11, 2019.” Discussion ensued, and Ms. Ho said she was seeking the Boards’ feedback on new refined programs and program sizes.

Chair Pollack noted for the record that the Monthly Commuter Rail Performance Update was a written submittal and included in their Board material and that Dan Grabauskas, Executive Director of Commuter Rail was available to answer any questions the Boards may have. There was none.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to adjourn the MassDOT Board of Directors at 3:26 p.m. (Secretary departed the meeting).

Chair Aiello took a two-minute recess prior to opening the public comment session of the FMCB only portion of the meeting.

The first speaker, Louise Baxter from TRU, commented on bus fares and AFC 2.0 point of sale and outreach.

Next, Paul Regan, Executive Director of the MBTA Advisory Board, commented on the later evening commuter rail schedule on the Old Colony/Greenbush line currently scheduled for implementation in the fall and suggested implementation be moved to this spring.

Next, Sara Levy from Green Roots, read a statement on behalf of Adela Gonzalez regarding fare inspections, and continued with her own comments, thanking the MBTA for hosting a better bus and fare increase meeting in Chelsea and the cashless fare system.

Chair Aiello apologized for the lateness of the public comment session.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon General Manager Steven Poftak to present Agenda Item 18, the General Manager's Report. Mr. Poftak provided the Board with a recap of the Patriots' Victory Parade and additional service required on the subway, buses, water transportation and commuter rail. Mr. Poftak thanked all MBTA operations staff, Transit Police, Keolis and volunteers who assisted with logistics and crowd control.

Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville continued with the General Manager's report and discussed the Friday, February 8 power incident that occurred at the Lincoln switching station affecting Blue, Green and Orange Line signals in the Downtown core area. Mr. Gonneville said it was due to a faulty cable on Causeway Street, emergency repairs were made and he discussed long-range plans to rebuild duct banks. Mr. Gonneville informed the Board that a Power Modernization Study had been initiated and would be completed and reported out in the summer, as set for the attached document labeled, "General Manager's Remarks, February 11, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello requested that when the study was completed it should be accompanied with an Implementation and Project Management Plan that would assure that this project could commence as soon as possible.

Next, was a discussion among the Board Members on the appointment of former Chief Financial Officer Mike Abramo to fill a vacancy on the MBTA Retirement Fund Board.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to appoint former Chief Financial Officer Michael Abramo to the MBTA Retirement Fund Board.

In closing, Mr. Poftak announced that the public meeting scheduled in Watertown the next evening had been cancelled due to forecasted inclement weather and would be rescheduled to a future date.

Next, the Chair called upon MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to present Agenda Item 19, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, February 11, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello next asked David Sikorski, AFC 2.0 Project Manager to present Agenda Item 20, an update on the Automated Fare Collection (AFC 2.0). Mr. Sikorski discussed the new project website, the device prototypes in the test lab and user testing, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "AFC 2.0 Update

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Documents relied upon for this meeting:

Green Line Extension Monthly Progress Report, January 2019

South Coast Rail – Phase I, February 11, 2019

MassDOT R & T Construction Contract: 609258, SCR Early Action Culverts, February 11, 2019

I-90 Allston Interchange, February 11, 2019

FY2020-2024 CIP Update, February 11, 2019

Commuter Rail Update, February 11, 2019

General Manager Remarks, February 11, 2019

FMCB Public Schedule, February 11, 2019

AFC 2.0 Update, February 11, 2019