



**REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Proposed Meeting Summary

Board of Directors

Thursday, May 18, 2023

1:00 PM

1. Call to order at 1:04 PM

Julia Roberts, RTA Planning & Innovation Director, was introduced to the RTA Board of Directors and public attendees.

Board Members Present:

Paul Hillegonds; Don Morandini; Jon Moore; Helaine Zack; Dr. Erica Robertson;
Freman Hendrix; June Lee

RTA Representatives Present:

Ben Stupka; Khalil Davis; Corri Wofford; Shauna Morris; Julia Roberts,

Other Meeting Participants:

Morrow and Associates – RTA Consultant
Michelle Hodges, Rehmann – RTA Consultant

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeannette Bradshaw and supported by Freman Hendrix, the May 18, 2023 Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended, to move item #8 (Universal Basic Mobility Pilot Contracts) to item #6 (after Financial Reports).

3. Approval of the April 2023 Board Meeting Summary

Moved by Jeannette Bradshaw and supported by Helaine Zack. The April 20, 2023, Meeting Summary was unanimously approved, as amended, to include Freman Hendrix in the attendance list.

4. Public Comment

- Robert Pawloski provided public comment supporting improvements made by the Q-Line in scheduling and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority for taking steps to hire more drivers.
- Megan Owens expressed support for the major boost in Local Bus Operating (LBO) funding and offered continued willingness to collaborate with the RTA for the expansion of transit throughout the region.

5. April 2023 Financial Reports - Action

Ben Stupka introduced a new format for Financial Reports. Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Erica Robertson. The April 2023 Financial Reports were unanimously approved.

6. Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) Pilot Contracts

Ben Stupka provided an overview of the scope, schedule, budget, and agreements for services for the UBM Pilot, as included in the meeting packet. The proposed pilot program seeks to deliver an account-based mobility wallet that will allow riders the capability to access multiple transportation services with one account. Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Helaine Zack, the UBM Pilot contracts were unanimously approved.

7. **M1 Rail Presentation**

Lisa Nuszowski, M-1 Rail President, provided a summary of the state of the system. The full presentation is [here](#).

8. **Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide)**

Matt Carpenter, CEO TheRide, provided a summary of the state of the system. The full presentation is [here](#).

9. **Federal Funding Overview**

Ben Stupka provided an overview of the 2023 Federal Funding Process. The full presentation is [here](#).

10. **Communications Report**

Corri Wofford provided a summary of the RTA's efforts in improving social media presence, external communications, partnerships, and outreach, highlighting: 5310 public education, presentations in Lansing, Leadership Detroit panel discussion, Detroit's Hometown Tourist Day, and recognition of Arab American and Chaldean-American Heritage Month.

11. **Staff Report**

Mr. Stupka reviewed the staff report, as included in the meeting packet. Julia Roberts, Planning & Innovative Director, start date was 5/17/2023. Melanie Piana, Program Director, will start 5/22/2023.

12. **New Business**

Paul Hillegonds announced that Gov. Whitmer had appointed a new RTA Chair, as the Chair's term expired March 2022. The RTA Board and staff thanked Mr. Hillegonds for his leadership and dedication.

13. **Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 PM**