



**REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Meeting Summary

Board of Directors

Thursday, March 16, 2023

1:00 PM

1. Call to order at 1:07 PM

Board Members Present:

Paul Hillegonds; Don Morandini; Alma Smith; Ned Staebler; Jon Moore; June Lee;
Jeannette Bradshaw (virtual); Helaine Zack (virtual)

RTA Representatives Present:

Ben Stupka; Khalil Davis; Corri Wofford; Shauna Morris

Other Meeting Participants:

Morrow and Associates – RTA Consultant

2. Approval of Agenda

There were no objections, the March 16, 2023 Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the February 16, 2023 Board Meeting Summary

Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Ned Staebler. The February 16, 2023, Meeting Summary was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

Robert Pawloski provided public comment regarding the hiring and retention of DDOT drivers and the possible focus on increased wages.

5. February 2023 Financial Report - Action

Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Jon Moore. The February 2023 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

6. DDOT Update

Executive Director Mikel Olgelsby, Detroit Department of Transportation, provided a summary on the state of the system. The full presentation is [here](#).

7. FY 2022 Audit -

Michael Nicholas and David Esshaki, George Johnson and Company, reviewed the FY 2022 audit report. [FY 2022 Financial Statement](#) [FY 2022 Single Audit](#)

Moved by Alma Smith and supported by June Lee, the FY 2022 Audit was unanimously approved.

8. Federal Funding Overview Presentation

Mr. Stupka provided an overview in relation to transit planning and capital funding. Mr. Stupka described RTA's role in the capital planning process for the purpose of expanding transit throughout the region.

9. Communications Report

Corri Wofford provided a summary of the RTA's efforts in improving social media presence, external communications, partnerships, and outreach. In addition, Mr. Stupka advised that the RTA is in the process of finalizing the annual Legislative Report and will be presenting before the Transportation Committees of both the Michigan Senate and House, possibly in April or May 2023.

10. Staffing Presentation

Mr. Stupka stated that the RTA will be posting three positions: Program Director, Planning and Grants Director, and Communications Associate. Mr. Stupka asked board members to participate in the interview process, if available.

11. Staff Report

Mr. Stupka reviewed the staff report, as included in the meeting packet.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM