



East Corridor Oversight Committee  
Tuesday, January 10, 2006 10:00 a.m.  
MTA Conference Room  
Nashville, TN

### MINUTES

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Ballard	RTA – Governor Appointee
Don Fox	City of Lebanon
Jeff Baines	City of Lebanon
Randall Dunn	Metro / MDHA
Jim Ladieu	TDOT
Mike Choate	TDOT
Roger Farley	RTA – Governor Appointee
Terry Bebout	TSG / NERC
John Kennedy	Metro
Bill Farquhar	RTA
Allyson Shumate	RTA
Teresa McKissick	RTA
Kevin Walker	RTA – NS

Mr. Ballard called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2005.

#### 1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### 2. Approval of December 13, 2005 ECOC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ballard called for approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2005 meeting. Jeff Baines motioned, Jim Ladieu seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Operations and Maintenance Contract – Bill Farquhar

Mr. Bill Farquhar briefed the committee on this item. This is five year contract with an option to renew for an additional five years. This RFP was released in November 2005 and the selection was made last year. The dollar figures have increased based on inflation. This is a contract to operate the ten train schedule shown in the business plan. Any additional service would be in addition and would be approved in accordance with the change control procedures.

Jeff Baines made a motion for the ECOC recommend the full RTA Board award a contract to the selected Operations and Maintenance Contractor, Transit Solution Group (TSG), a five year contract with an option to renew for one

additional five year period in the amount not exceed \$6,990,667.00 00 for the base service. Service expansions (e.g. additional trips or cars) and charters/special events will be compensated for per the terms of the Contract, RFP and the BAFO. The decision to amend the contract for such service expansions up to \$25,000.00 will be approved by the RTA Executive Director. Contract changes for service expansion exceeding \$25,000.00 will be approved in accordance with the Nashville Commuter Rail Change Control Procedure, Revision 1. Contract changes for charter/special event service rests with the RTA Executive Director based on recommendation from the Music City Star Commuter Rail Director. Randall Dunn seconded. There was a brief discussion from regarding the special events and charter policy. A request was made to simplify the process and issue to the committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Lebanon Layover / Storage Facility – Bill Farquhar**

Mr. Farquhar briefed the committee this item. This contract is to store the equipment in the Lebanon area. This is in accordance with the lease agreement executed in August 2004. This will add storage tracks, paving and oil collection equipment necessary for the Music City Star fleet. The cost is reduced based on the fact that this will be performed by NERC forces.

Jeff Baines motioned for the ECOC to recommend the full RTA Board approve a contract with the Nashville and Eastern Railroad Corporation (NERC) to implement the improvements to the Lebanon Facility in accordance with Maintenance Facility, Property and Sidetrack Lease Agreement dated 14 August, 2004, at the NERC yard in Lebanon. The contract is not to exceed **\$625,613.00**. Randall Dunn seconded. Mayor Fox asked about the changes and requested the changes be summarized in the cost table sheet. Staff stated they would make this information available. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Budget Impacts of Construction Delays / Contract Change Orders**

Mr. Farquhar briefed the committee on these items. In October and November of this past year, change orders were processed to make a clean break if the construction needed to be paused. At the December board meeting, a line of credit was approved and the remaining work was then negotiated back into the construction contracts. Kevin Walker and the field construction team have done a great job of keeping the costs down. Most of the work was added back in for the bid prices with the exception of some material price increases. There is also a construction delay affecting the project. This is the TDOT project at the Martha area. Two at grade crossings need to be equipped with warning devices before the beginning of service. These crossings will eventually be eliminated by the TDOT project, however, due to the delay, warning devices must be installed.

This means that the permanent station at the Martha area will be delayed significantly. This will enable the permanent station to be built out of the formula funds that become available.

Proposal – rescope the Martha project to include a temporary station and use remaining budget to cover cost increases of the construction due to delays. It is also recommended to reduce the number of shelters from four to three at each of the outlying stations.

Mr. Ballard stated that County Executive Hank Thompson is very interested in this station. Mr. Bill Farquhar stated that he will try to discuss this with Hank Thompson before the board meeting next week.

Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the construction change orders. Change order 2006-002 is from contingency. Change order 2006-003 and 2006-005 go together. Change order 003 adds back in the shelters and hand rails. Change order 005 removes one of the shelters from each of the outlying stations. Change order 2006-004 is for Riverfront Station. This adds the remaining work for the station. There is approximately \$45,000 in cost increases due to the funding delays.

Jim Ladieu motioned to approve re-scoping Martha station and using remaining budget from Martha Station to cover construction and contingency line items. The re-scope of the budget line item for Martha Station will be for a temporary station and to approve Change Orders 2006-001, 2006-002, 2006-003, 2006-004, 2006-005, and 2006-006 to complete construction management and the construction of track, signals, and stations. Jeff Baines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Status of Federal and State Funding – Allyson Shumate**

Allyson Shumate briefed the committee on the status of the federal grant and the matching state funds required to complete the project.

#### **7. Other Business**

Mayor Fox has had questions regarding kiosks at the stations. It was clarified that a Request for Proposal will be issued for this so that it can be competitively procured.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.