



East Corridor Oversight Committee
Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:00 a.m.
MTA Conference Room
Nashville, TN

MINUTES

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Ballard	Governor Appointee
Rob Shearer	City of Mt. Juliet
Randall Dunn	Metro - MDHA
Don Fox	City of Lebanon
Jim Ladieu	TDOT
Mike Choate	TDOT
Terry Bebout	TSG / NERC
John Kennedy	Metro
Bill Farquhar	RTA
Allyson Shumate	RTA
Teresa McKissick	RTA
Kevin Walker	RTA

Mr. Paul Ballard called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2006.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Approval of the Minutes from January 24, 2006 ECOC Meeting

Mr. Paul Ballard called for the approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2006 meeting. Mayor Don Fox of Lebanon motioned, Randal Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Operations Mobilization Update – Bill Farquhar

Mr. Bill Farquhar briefed the committee on the status of the Operations Mobilization tasks. Full Notice to Proceed was issued on Friday, February 10, 2006. A detailed schedule for the remaining mobilization work is expected within two weeks and then the master project schedule will be updated with the information.

4. Ride Guide Update-Teresa McKissick

Teresa McKissick briefed the committee on the latest news articles as well as the revised Ride Guide. The Ride Guide has been revised based on the comments from this committee. A Ride Guide was handed out for review. The

guaranteed ride home information has been added, and the platform purchase ticket costs. The schedule has been noted as draft so changes can be made after the testing of trains is completed.

Rob Shearer asked about the possibility of running special event service for dancing in the district. This entails a later train and possibly a bus. There would be a psychological impact of having the stations as a reference point. Train or bus would increase the visibility and flexibility of the ridership.

Ms. McKissick briefed the committee on an article in APTA new publication. It was emailed out to the committee and board.

5. Construction Update – Kevin Walker

Mr. Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the status of construction. The railroad rehabilitation portion of the construction work has begun the recently awarded work. Signals and grade crossing work is progressing. Mt. Juliet and Lebanon stations are basically complete with the exception of paving, striping and shelters. Paving will begin when asphalt becomes available. The shelters are currently being fabricated and will be installed in March. Riverfront station building is erected and closed in. Dry wall is installed. The Lebanon layover facility will be completed within a couple of months.

Track to riverfront station will be installed after the completion of the Lebanon Facility. New ties and relay rail.

Martha Station update – The team was planning to on issuing an RFP for design / build. This approach would require a good bid of time and efforts. After review, it appears the track rehabilitation contract is scope can accommodate the improvements needed for the temporary Martha station. Metro procurement is in agreement. Staff requested permission to negotiate the scope of work with Queen City Railroad. Rob Shearer motioned to approve the team to move forward with negotiations for the temporary Martha Station with the railroad rehabilitation contractor, Queen City. Mayor Don Fox seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Funding Status – Allyson Shumate

Mrs. Shumate briefed the committee on the status of the funds. Funds are extremely tight and it appears that the project will need to draw down on the line of credit.

The TDOT match is needed as well as the remaining local. TDOT believes it is in the best interest of the project for Mr. Paul Ballard and Bill Farquhar to brief TDOT on the progress and increase the comfort level of spending the funds.

7. Other Business

Mr. Ballard briefed the committee on the presentation made at the TRB on the project. He stated that everyone on the panel was amazed this could be done on such a small budget.

Inter-local agreements – RTA staff requested feedback from the City attorneys.

Future Agenda - presentation on the Marketing Implementation Plan at the March 28 ECOC meeting.