

## CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES from October 18, 2024.

**Noticed: 11:00 AM. Commenced: 11:04 AM.**

**AGENDA:** The posted agenda for the meeting can be found at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com), "About CTA" "Transit Board Meetings", "Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes", "10/18/2024", "Citizens Advisory Board", "Agenda".

#### **ROLL CALL:**

KANTAYA RABY  
ROBERT CASTANEDA  
ROBERT JOHNSON  
\*EMMANUEL GARCIA (Student Member)  
PETER HENDERSON  
\*AIDEN KEEFE (Student Member)  
TRACY POWELL  
RYAN MCCRAY  
\*DANIELLE STANLEY (Remote)  
SCOTT VAN DER WEELE.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Katanya Raby, Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Board. The roll was called, and all members of the CAB were present with the exception of Sonia Del Real and Caroline Pavlovic. It was established that there was a quorum with 7 out of 10 voting members attending in person.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- III. **CTA STAFF PRESENTATIONS: PROPOSED 2025 OPERATING BUDGET** Chairperson Raby introduced CTA's Chief Financial Officer Tom McKone to present the proposed 2025 Operating Budget. Tom McKone introduced himself and stated that he came into the CFO position in August of 2024 and that he has been at the CTA for 10 years having previously served as the Vice President of Budget and Capital Finance and also the CTA's Chief Administrative Officer. He introduced two persons from his team who were also in attendance: Lisa Smith, Director of Budgets and Jeff Overcash, Vice President of Budget and Capital Finance.

He stated that the overview of the 2025 Operating Budget would focus on the following four themes:

1. Enhancing Service and Reliability
2. Clean Buses, Trains and Facilities
3. Safety and Security
4. Maintaining Investments in Employees

Summary of the 2025 Operating Budget:

- \$.16 Billion Dollars – impacted by service levels and wage increases.
- Capital Program (2025-2029) is \$6.95 Billion – is a bit higher because of the Red Line Extension Project

- Ridership Growth is projected to be 25.8% based on the growth that was seen during FY24.
- The gap will require Federal Relief dollars in the about of \$578.7 Million which the agency will have for FY25 with funds running out in FY26.

There was a review of the highlights for the FY25 budget and a review of the details within the budget.

#### REVENUE SOURCES:

1. Public Funding Trend by Year: Tom McKone highlighted how transit is publicly funded and how public funding has trended from 2018 through the present day. He also presented the forecast for public funding for FY25.

Members of the CAB had questions about the public funding that has been received and there was discussion.

2. Ridership: Ridership is projected to grow during FY25 with the bus recovery being stronger than rail recovery by 20%

#### EXPENSES:

1. Labor Expenses are directly impacted by the levels of service.
  - a. Service Hours have increased.
  - b. There are also contractual wage increases that have been negotiated with the unions.
2. The increase in service is also impacting the use of materials, fuel, and electricity
3. The electricity rate has increased by 40-50%
4. Other expenses: marketing, safety, Ventra, et al

#### 2025 BUDGET SUBSIDY PER PASSENGER TRIP:

There was a review of the operating expense per passenger trip and the projected 2025 net operating loss per rider. There was also the presentation of the cost per ride for CTA as compared to other transit agencies across the country.

There was discussion. A large part of the discussion focused on public funding, how CTA can generate revenue and the cost of safety on the transit system.

#### 2025-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Tom McKone then reviewed the Funding Sources for the capital improvement program and the timeline for securing the receipt of those funds.

There was discussion about the Capital Improvement Program and the Red Line Extension Project.

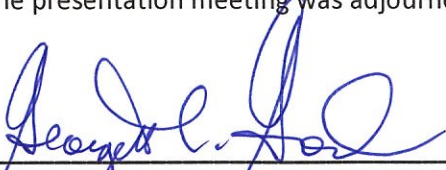
#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Tom McKone then reviewed the growths and the challenges in various performance measures that relate to staffing and service delivery.

There was discussion.

Following the discussion, it was moved by Robert Castenada that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Peter Henderson. The roll call vote in favor of adjournment was unanimous.

The presentation meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

By:   
Secretary of the CTA Transit Board

Date: 12/06/2024