



MEETING: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 4

TIME: 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM

LOCATION: COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY – CARNEIGE ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Treneff called the March 4, 2022 Special Meeting of the COTA Board of Trustees to order at 10:01 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Craig Treneff, Chair
Marlon Moore, Vice Chair
Jennifer Gallagher
Doug McCollough
Sean Mentel
Kumi Walker
Trudy Bartley
Julie Colley

Board Members Absent

Steve Gladman
Julie Sloat
Timothy Skinner

3. NEW BUSINESS

Joanna M. Pinkerton, President/CEO welcomed the group and provided an overview of COTA. This included information on Team COTA, fixed route services and strategic plans and projects.

Angel Mumma, Chief Financial Officer, provided a financial update. She presented on 2021 and 2022 revenue and expenditures and the Capital Improvement Program. Trustee Walker posed a question to Angel regarding the status of COTA’s reserve levels. She indicated that COTA is in a healthy position with over 200% of expenditures in reserves as COTA ended 2021. Angel also noted that sales tax revenue continues to show double digit growth, but COTA will monitor this growth closely.

President Pinkerton presented on the future of mobility at COTA. She noted that as major economic development continues in the Columbus region with announcements like Intel, COTA must be poised to address future growth. She discussed the Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center (RAMC). She noted that 25,000 employees currently work in the Rickenbacker area, and that



number is expected to more than double by 2040. Safe, reliable and affordable transportation for the workforce is necessary for continued prosperity.

President Pinkerton went on to discuss LinkUS, Central Ohio's mobility and growth initiative that will shape the region for decades to come by reimagining mobility investments along key corridors. She noted that the East and West corridors have already been accepted into the Federal Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration in October 2021. The Northwest Corridor is anticipated to be submitted to FTA in 2022.

Chair Treneff led a discussion on proposed changes to the Board Governance documents including changes to Ohio Ethics Commission filing requirements and Board committee structure.

Angel Mumma, continued the LinkUS conversation by reviewing draft priority networks along with potential project costs. These draft priority networks will include high priority transportation projects that promote regional multimodal connectivity. They have been reviewed during the LinkUS Steering Committee process through 2021 and early 2022. She noted that an equity analysis was performed to define these priorities. The proposed financial model has been built in partnership with external consultants pfm and AECOM.

Angel went on to discuss next steps including a presentation to the full LinkUS Steering Committee and this committee will make recommendations within a month. Joanna M. Pinkerton summarized the conversation surrounding LinkUS saying that this initiative involves the future of mobility technology and is about people and equity at its core.

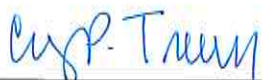
EMC Research presented key findings of a citizen sentiment survey to the group. This research focused on sentiment regarding the economic outlook, top issues facing Central Ohio, transit attitudes and general COTA sentiment.

Chair Treneff thanked everyone for their time and announced that the next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30 at 9:00 AM.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee McCollough motioned to adjourn the March 4 Special Meeting of the COTA Board of Trustees. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Adopted: _____ March 30, 2022 _____

Signed: _____  _____

Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Joan Smith

President/CEO

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