



MEETING: COTA BOARD STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: WILLIAM G. PORTER BOARDROOM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mentel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Sean Mentel
Erica Clark Jones
Doug McCollough
Kumi Walker

Board Members Absent

3. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Trustee McCollough motioned to approve the November 8, 2023, Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION

LINKSUS UPDATE (RIA) – KIM SHARP, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Kim Sharp, Senior Director of Development, provided a LinkUS update. Corridor status updates are: West Broad Street Corridor is at 60% design and a Rating Request was submitted in August. East Main Street Corridor is at 30% draft design and the committee is scoping for final design. Northwest Corridor is scoping is at 30% design. The Downtown Convergence transit system has been designed and multi-modal and mixed-use transit center evaluation of locations is under evaluation by the City of Columbus which is scheduled for the first quarter of 2024. The 'Next' Corridors is the Metropolitan Transit Plan (MTP) process.

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Grant – The USDOT Build America Bureau advances investment in transportation – COTA (only transit agency in 2022) was awarded funding under the Bureau's RIA Grant program to accelerate, build capacity, and generate funding.



Accelerate

- Accelerate development of LinkUS infrastructure projects
- Coordinate construction schedules with dozens of other public construction schedules in the region for efficiencies

Build Capacity

- Buildout organizational capacity for LinkUS program delivery
- What positions, expertise, agreements and policies will need to be in place for the success of LinkUS program to be built – and ultimately maintained, operated and capitalized upon

Generate Funding

- Generate innovative funding strategies for the LinkUS program
- Preview and apply P3 to appropriate projects, TIFIA loan master agreement, flex fund agreements, et al (Federal)

RIA Grant 2023 Work

- Program Kickoff August 21, 2023
- RIA Day – November 29th at University of Maryland
 - 75 attendees and FTA and USDOT staff
 - Roundtables and best practices shared
 - The biggest takeaway – Collaboration is key; FTA and USDOT are invested in our success; can match this work with near future FTA funding requests
 - COTA is collaborating with BART (San Francisco) and Sound Transit (Seattle) to understand capacity building
- Public Engagement Plan, Program Framework and Capacity Analysis task all begin
 - Draft recommendations for all tasks - September 2024
 - Final FTA Report – July 2025
- Peer Cities as Case Studies: Sound Transit (Seattle); CapMetro (Austin); IndyGo (Indianapolis); Metro Transit (Twin Cities); RTD (Denver); and SORTA (Cincinnati)

LinkUS Inter-Agency Team: 2024 Goals

- West Broad to 90% design; East Main to 60% design; Northwest Corridor to 30% design
- Complete a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and Budget (CIP and CIB)
- Complete West Broad MOU as a template for other corridors; sub-agreements in place (management, ROW acquisition, etc.)
- Effective Regional Engagement and Leadership Coalition Teams and Larger overall impact
- Detailed program for 5-year CIP and 10-year plan
- 18-month grants application plan. Test and then legally set-up financial mechanisms – ex: P3
- Development incentive packages set up for coming years
- Goals and measurements that are attainable and make sense

5. OTHER BUSINESS



6. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: ORC 121.22(G)(4) PREPARING FOR, CONDUCTING, OR REVIEWING NEGOTIATIONS OR BARGAINING SESSIONS WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Chair Mentel, Erica Clark Jones, Doug McCollough and Kumi Walker

Executive Session called to order by Chair Mentel at 10:25 a.m.


Trustee Walker motioned to call the Executive Session to order, seconded by Trustee Clark Jones. Motion carried.

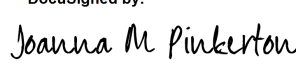
Regular Session returned to session at 11:04 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mentel motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was moved by Trustee McCollough, seconded by Trustee Walker that the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

ADOPTED: _____ March 5, 2024
Date Adopted

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Chair, Strategic & Operational Planning Committee

ATTEST: _____
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President/CEO

Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Members

Andy Biesterveld, Chief Staff Liaison

Sean Mentel, Chair

Erika Clark Jones

Doug McCollough

Kumi Walker