



## ***PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BOARD MINUTES***

*September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

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**Members Present:** Ron Hartman, Chair  
Larry Schoen  
Astamay Curtis  
Alice Giles

**Staff Present:** John Powell, Executive Secretary  
John Ainsley, Recording Secretary

**Excused:** Jason Quan  
Hector Garcia  
Earl Armiger

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### **Approval of the July 28, 2015, Minutes**

- The Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Schoen abstained from this month's vote

### **Announcements**

- Mr. Powell introduced Victor Jimenez of the RTA whom demonstrated the new wireless tablet the RTA Paratransit drivers will start using in October. The tablets will eliminate paper Driver Manifest Sheets and will give Dispatchers direct ability to modify trips and adjust the schedule in Real time. The tablets will also provide the drivers with GPS directions and rider payment information.
- Mr. Powell informed the PTB that the Electric Bus Project has been approved and now is awaiting final concurrences from the MTA
- Mr. Powell stated the County Executive supports a Bike Sharing Program in Howard County that the OoT is currently researching for a pilot program in the county
- Mr. Powell advised that Chris Eatough (OoT) had presented the Bike Master Plan to the Howard County Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) review task force and it was well received
- Mr. Powell reported that eight new *Hybrid* vehicles will soon be available and will be used for both the Fixed Route & Paratransit services

### **Presentation- Maximize 2040**

- Todd Lang of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) presented a presentation of Maximize 2040 and addressed questions from the Board regarding the BRT study presentation
- In summary: Maximize 2040: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan is the Baltimore region's long-range transportation plan. This plan establishes the regions broad transportation goals and provides a list of the major surface transportation projects to implement from 2020 to 2040
- Regional Transportation Goals
  - Improved System Safety
  - Improve and Maintain Existing- Infrastructure
  - Improve Accessibility
  - Increase Mobility
  - Conserve and Enhance the Environment
  - Improve System Security
  - Promote Prosperity and Economic Opportunity
  - Foster Participation and Cooperation Among Stakeholders
  - Promote Informed Decision Making

- For more details regarding the Maximize 2040 Plan, please view the presentation online on the Howard County Website. [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Public\\_Transportation\\_Board.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Public_Transportation_Board.htm)

### **Public Comments**

- There were not public comments.

### **Board Discussion**

- A one page report was requested by Mr. Hartman that would include the RTA's key monthly activity's which would include High Level Indicators. A Draft report is to be available at next month's meeting.
- Mr. Hartman requested that the board have a Work Session to provide the a letter of support and Action Plan supporting Bus Rapid Transit in Howard County

### **New Business**

- Mr. Powell suggests the PTB Board may want to establish a new direction in its future goals and activity's. As an example: The board may wish to send letters of support requesting the Office of Transportation be involved in the initial planning process of future plans.

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### **Adjournment**

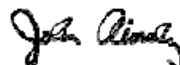
- Mr. Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm. The next Public Transportation Board meeting is scheduled for **October 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm.**



John Powell  
Executive Secretary

9/22/15

Date



John Ainsley  
Recording Secretary

9/22/15

Date