

**METRORTA
PLANNING /MARKETING/ RAIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

Committee

Members Present: Donald Christian, Gary Spring, Dana LaGarde, Robert Konstand

Trustees Present: Robert DeJournett, Mark Derrig, Chuck Rector

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angela Neeley, Tatia Harris, Jay Hunter, Jesse Dent,
Molly Becker, Valerie Shea

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Donald Christian called the meeting to order at 10:39am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

Mr. Robert DeJournett made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Report IValerie Shea

KPis were reviewed and agenda items were discussed. A question was asked about whether steps were taken to inform the community about the holiday service ahead of time, and it was reported that they were.

Marketing Report IMolly Becker

KPis and agenda items were reviewed. A question was asked about who handles the responding to comments on social media, especially when those comments are critical, and it was reported that the PR & Marketing department is in charge of managing the social media accounts, including responding to customer and community member comments.

Rail Report IValerie Shea

Rail was discussed. A question was asked about the deadline to reply to the FTA, and it was reported that METRO, with the aid of counsel, had been keeping the FTA informed of the progress. A question was asked about the purpose of the appraisal and the timing for the completion of the appraisal, and it was reported that the appraisal was required by the FTA to

aid in determining the appropriate disposal option, and the appraisal was not expected to be completed in 2023. A question was asked about the FTA's role in potentially transferring the asset to another entity, and it was reported that the FTA's role would depend on the selected method of disposal. A question was asked about whether, in a hypothetical situation involving disposal of the asset through a transfer, METRO would be required to pay the FTA the difference of the appraisal value or the purchase price of the rail, and it was reported that each method of disposal outlined by the FTA specifies the process and details of that method, and it would be difficult to answer the question of what factored into what METRO would be obligated to pay to the FTA until after the appraisal and after a method of disposal was selected. A question was asked about whether the FTA would be responsible for selling the rail or if the FTA would just be responsible for approving a sale presented to it by METRO, and it was reported that in the event of a sale to a public entity, the FTA would actually list the property and accept bids, but in other circumstances, the FTA would only approve the sale rather than manage it. A question was asked about whether the price METRO paid to acquire the rail would factor into the appraisal, and it was reported that it would. It was suggested that once the appraisal of the rail property was complete, METRO's counsel be brought before the board to outline the process. The question was again asked of, in a situation where the rail is sold, whether METRO would be obligated to pay the FTA the difference between the sale price and the original purchase price or the difference between the sale price and the appraised value, and it was reported that it would be best to wait until further in the process to go over the specifics of a potential sale. A question was asked about whether there was any entity METRO was aware of that was currently interested in buying railways, and it was reported that within the last five years, METRO had been approached by someone who stated their company was interested in purchasing rail properties, but they had not heard from that individual or their company since.

Mr. Ron Brubaker was allowed two minutes to speak before the committee, who reported that TASQFORCE had submitted a list of questions to the FTA regarding the rail property and had requested a meeting to determine how TASQFORCE could assist through their advocacy.

RESOLUTIONS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

A question was asked about the board member's role in the public Reimagine meetings, and it was reported that the board member would not be expected to present or answer questions, but just to act as an observer.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:05am



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
SECRETARY-TREASURER**