MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING

November 8, 2017

Authority Members Present: Jenny Dinsmore
                          David Flynn
                          James Manilla
                          Clement Solomon
                          Ron Bane
                          Denny Poluga

Authority Members Absent:

Other Personnel Present: David Bruffy
                         Wayne Pifer
                         Loring Danielson
                         Tracy DeBardi

I. Call to Order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for November 8, 2017 was called to order at
12:04 P.M. by Jenny Dinsmore.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes October 11, 2017

Ron Bane Made a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017
board meeting. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All  Opposed: None

III. Presentations:

A. Driver of the Month For October 2017

The Transit Authority Board announced the Authority’s October 2017 Driver of the
Month, Mr. Thomas Jones. The Authority also recognized John Blosser, James Smith,
Anne Cramer and Darren Garner for their outstanding performance during the month of
October 2017.

B. Rider of the Month For November 2017

The Transit Authority Board announced that Patricia Pumphrey is the November 2017
Rider of the Month selected by the Mountain Line Transit Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

The General Manager announced that John Blosser is celebrating 5 years and David
Bruffy is celebrating 20 years with Mountain Line Transit Authority.
IV. Opportunity for Public Comments:
None

V. Monthly Data Summaries and Correspondence

September 2017

The General Manager stated that the total passenger trips to date calendar year October 2017 were 832,568 compared to 882,535 total passenger trips to date for calendar year 2016. The total passenger trips for the year were down 6%. The total number of service days for the month of October 2017 was 31. Total passengers for October 2017 were 120,400 up 1% compared to October 2016. Disabled passenger trips were down 7%, senior passenger trips were same 0% and WVU passenger trips were down 0% compared to October 2016. During October 2017 the Transit Authority traveled 107,355 miles.

VI. Financial Report:

A. October 2017 Financial Report

The General Manager reviewed the financial report for October 2017 with the Transit Authority Board Members.

David Flynn Made a Motion to accept for audit the October 2017 Financial Report. Ron Bane seconded the Motion.

For: All  Opposed: None

VII. Old Business:

A. Public Presentations (Board Policy)

The General Manager stated as long as we discuss and are all on the same page the existing policy is Fine.

VII. New Business

A. EEO Plan Approval

David Flynn Made a Motion to adopt the 2017 EEO Plan. Ron Bane seconded the Motion.

For: All  Opposed: None

B. Potential Depot Relocation Sites and considerations

The General Manager stated he presented the county with 9 different possible locations for the Depot relocation. He stated that 6 of the locations are long term development projects between 3 to 5 years. The reason they are long term is they will involve the Federal Transit Administration grant cycle; they will require engineering design, construction and land acquisition.
The General Manager then stated that there were 3 sites that could be implemented more expeditiously. There was one site that there was no cost to it.

1st option - Our current location is the one that would have no cost, because we are already there.

2nd Option - The Westover Facility: We need to build a shelter and an accessible walkway all the way around the perimeter. The problem with this is a decline in ridership because it is going to change time tables. It will also shift the routes by 7 minutes and this will take those minutes off the end of the route, because you have to make up the time somewhere. This is an option because we own the property and we can control our own destiny. This might not be the most ideal place but it is an option for the Depot.

3rd option - The Chestnut Street location: This could be quickly implemented. We would need to build passenger amenities on both sides and have a service center to sell tickets and answer questions. This location will be very convenient for our riders, because Sheetz is just right there. This will be a quick and easy to implement and only requires action by The Morgantown City Council. They could annul it with a reversion clause that said Mountain Line Transit is not going to use it for transit purposes anymore which that it would revert back to the City for public use. I think it’s an opportunity to move to a location that wouldn’t disadvantage our passengers and might be better than where we are.

The General Manager stated there were 6 sites that are long term.

1st option – The Field House: The Beechurst PRT system and is located by the Stansbury Hall. This location has some potential, because I understand West Virginia University might look at rebuilding that entire area. I think there again we are looking into a situation where we would be located in an area that our location might not be the highest and best use of that land. We will have considerable issues with ingress and egress unless something is done to correct that. This is not an ideal situation but if it is going to be redeveloped it has potential that we could be included there. The advantage is that it’s next to a PRT system.

2nd option – The Stadium loop: This property has not been developed, but when you consider that 70% of the ridership is affiliated with WVU, it might make sense for us to be centrally located next to the downtown campus. There is room there and it’s not developed at this time and we could be included in the development plans.

3rd option – The VFW Site: This site is pretty tight and the building would need to be demolished. I think the sale price of this property is 1 million dollars as it sits. You will have issues with ingress and egress. It is a piece of property that is available and is downtown. The problem with any of these long term options is that we have no immediate funding and this can’t be done quickly.

4th option – The City Parking Lot: That is located behind Lotsa Motsa. This are or the other parking lot just to the North, either one of those. That is a congested area and when we proposed this last time the merchants didn’t like it and didn’t want to lose their daytime parking.
5th option – Southern Parking Lot: This is down on the south end which is behind the Morgantown Dental Group and the Iron Horse. This parking lot is controlled by the Morgantown Parking Authority. We talked to the Morgantown Parking Authority a couple of years ago about an intermodal facility combination with the parking garage so they could be developed at the same time. It has good access from North and South with the two streets and the cross streets on each end. The challenge is we would have to look at the stop light timing. If we would pull out 11 to 13 buses out at the same time we would clog up downtown bad. This is not too far from the PRT station, but of course there is no funding at this point for any of these long term projects.

6th option – Chico Property: That is at Willey Street and Richwood Ave. There is already a city right of way that runs through the property. There are a number of issues with the site. I think it has potential because it could be a gateway for the University or could be a good location for a parking lot for the University and for downtown. I could see the combination of the University, a private partner, the Transit Authority and the Parking Authority all working on this project. This site is not stable and has subsurface issues and I think that is why no one has built on it.

James Manilla Made a Motion to move forward on the Chestnut Street Location as our top priority. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All  
Opposed: None

IX. Board Member Reports and MPO Update

The General Manager stated the MPO meeting is next week.

X. Next Board Meeting Date and Time

December 13, 2017 at 12:00 Noon

XII. Adjournment

David Flynn Made a Motion to adjourn at 12:56 P.M.