



**DETROIT
TRANSPORTATION
CORPORATION**

**DETROIT PEOPLE MOVER
DETROIT TRANSIT POLICE**

**DTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT:

Secretary / Treasurer

Mr. John Naglick
Mr. Michael Staley
Mr. Luke Polcyn
Comm. Abdul Haidous

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Hon. Mary Sheffield

DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:

Mr. Robert Cramer, General Mgr.
Mr. Ernest Latham, Jr., Deputy GM
Ms. Ericka Alexander
Mr. Michael Anderson, Jr.
Cf. Ricky Brown
Ms. Ophelia Crawford
Ms. Pamela Day
Ms. Karen Foster
Mr. Herbert Harris
Dep. Chief William Hart
Mr. Curt Knudsen
Ms. Emmielyn Legaspi
Ms. LaTrinda Perry
Mr. Mark Pitchford
Ms. Leeya Sutter
Mr. Christopher Thomas
Mr. Tony Vinson
Ms. Gwen Wallace
Mr. Mike Walter
Ms. Tiauna West

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mr. Robert Gorski
Mr. Lukas Lasecki
Ms. Jessica Miles
Mr. Renard Monczunaki
Mr. Robert Pawlowski
Mr. Cory Rowe
Mr. Ryan Schiffer
Ms. Andrea Taverna
Mr. Michael VanOverbeke, Esq.
Ms. Ashley Williams

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Remarks

Secretary/Treasurer John Naglick called the meeting of the Detroit Transportation Corporation Board of Directors to order at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call was presented by Mr. Robert Cramer. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance: Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. John Naglick, Mr. Michael Staley, Mr. Luke Polcyn, and Commissioner Abdul Haidous.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn, to adopt the amended agenda.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Michael Staley, and supported by Commissioner Abdul Haidous to adopt the Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting held on January 25, 2024.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Action Items

3. Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the 457 Plan: SECURE 2.0 Provision

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Michael Staley and supported by Commissioner Abdul Haidous that the 457 Plan be amended to include the SECURE Act 2.0 language and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents for the amendment to offer the associated optional provision to eligible participants.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that SECURE 2.0 2022 has some elective options that are eligible for 457 plans. In coordination with our outside council, we're proposing an amendment that would allow in DTC's 457 plan the ability for penalty-free withdrawal of funds for eligible participants, for victims of domestic abuse. Mr. Cramer stated that this cannot exceed the lesser of \$10,000 or 50% of the value and that the effective date is May 1, 2024, but that we have to elect through Empower by April 15, 2024. Mr. Cramer stated that this is not an additional cost to DTC other than a potential fee associated with incorporating the amendment into the Plan. He stated that it would be a benefit as we look to support survivors of domestic abuse.

Mr. Michael VanOverbeke agreed with Mr. Robert Cramer adding that it is an optional addition to the Plan and that we have not gotten a lot of guidance from the IRS as to how they would monitor or verify but assured that it would be a part of Empower's responsibility.

Mr. John Naglick asked if Empower is the Plan's administrator. Mr. Cramer answered in the affirmative. Mr. John Naglick made mention of the City's 457 Plans and suggested that we contact Mr. Craig Love and Human Resources to if there is anything that may apply to DTC's Plan.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. Resolution intent to not renew Agreement providing Transit Police Services for the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn and supported by Commissioner Abdul Haidous that the DTC will not extend its agreement or provide transit police services to the City after June 30, 2024. DTC staff should begin immediate plans for the transition process.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that this is a resolution that would express DTC's intent not to renew the contract for Transit Police services for the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT). Mr. Cramer explained that Transit Police were traditionally focused on the People Mover and several years ago to support the city during the bankruptcy recovery, expanded the services to include DDOT to support low staffing levels. Mr. Cramer stated that the Detroit Police Department (DPD) is now in the position to take this back over in addition to Transit Police being able to refocus their efforts on the People Mover given some positive developments as far as an uptick in ridership from the free fare program, and the ongoing lists of events, in addition to an increased number of downtown residents and returning small businesses.

Mr. Cramer stated that by doing this we can provide additional clarity not only to our staff but also provide ample time to make the appropriate arrangements for a smooth transition so that together we can all continue to support all the hard work of the TEOs at DDOT, their riders and passengers throughout the city.

Mr. John Naglick inquired if we are confident that for the fiscal year 2025, we will have the appropriate amount budgeted for security for the People Mover and any transition cost that would come out of terminating the contract with DDOT. Mr. Cramer answered that the Budget Hearing for DTC is March 21st and that we will continue our efforts to refine our DTC budget, but that he is confident that we will be able to account for and discuss the impacts on our budget and any transition costs.

Commissioner Abdul Haidous asked if DPD would be taking over the part that we covered or will another security company. Mr. Cramer answered that it would be DPD on July 1, 2024.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. General Manager's Report:

- Ridership / KPI Update

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that we were a little short of a 100% increase in ridership for the month of January. He stated that the weekends have been what has grown the most. He stated that two (2) of our four (4) Saturdays in January had over 6,000 rides and that this past Saturday we had almost 8,000 rides. He stated that this weekend we will be very busy with the Nation of Islam. He stated that our commitment was to try for a 50% increase and that so far in January we were close to 100% and that in February we will be close to the mark again. He stated that this confirms some of our assumptions about the fares, and people being able to consistently use the system conveniently. Mr. Cramer stated that it's a great way to ramp up heading into March Madness, Opening Day, and the NFL Draft

- 1259 Broadway Excess Property – Draft and Beyond

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that we have excess property at 1259 Broadway. He explained that when the system was first built there were a number of excess property pieces and as best we could tell, all of them have been sold off except this one remaining piece. He

stated that it's at the corner of Gratiot, Randolph, Broadway, and another street that used to dead-end into it like an intersection. He stated that currently it's used for surface parking that's planned to be a part of the footprint for the NFL Draft. He stated that there has been some interest in purchasing the property to be part of the adjacent development. He stated that we don't have anything final to bring to the Board. He stated that if we were to sell the property, it would have to be sold at the appraised value or if we went to the market and all the bids, we could accept the lowest bid. He stated that because the People Mover was originally FTA funded any of those proceeds could go into a sequestered account and then reinvested by attaching them to the future grant as extra revenue and reinvesting them into the system. He stated that we have to report it to the FTA, we have to hold the money to the side, but they have a system where we can request it and it's always granted that you can reinvest that into the system.

- **Presenting Sponsor Press Conference**
Mr. Cramer stated that we are zeroing in on 313 Day for our presenting sponsor press conference and we'll have more details. He stated that we are wrapping up the documentation for it, but we're going to have a press conference and some fanfare around it in the middle of March. He stated that most of the screen kiosks will have been installed by that point, but we're not sure if they'll be fully functional, but that there are a lot of visible things that people will be able to see in the system.
- **TTC Parts Update**
Mr. Robert Cramer stated that we received one (1) semi-truck trailer full of parts from the Toronto Transit Commission; 32 skids full of items, from couplers which take up a whole skid down to individual bolts and nuts, etc. He stated that this was one of the first of many shipments to come but it was great to get the first one across the border and pulled into the loading dock. He stated that we are hoping to get some flatbed deliveries that will have a full truck assembly, some of the bigger parts. He stated that between those two deliveries, which are the critical parts we need to get up to four trains before the Draft and that some of the items in there already are things that we will be stockpiling for when we switch over to the TTC vehicles.

Next Meeting:

- Various Procurement Items
- 2023 Audit Presentation by Alan C. Young
- Priorities for 2024

Mr. John Naglick asked who runs the Boardway parking lot. Ms. Karen Foster stated that Smart Parking runs the lot. Mr. Naglick asked if the revenue belonged to DTC. Mr. Cramer answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Luke Polcyn asked if the parts had begun arriving and if the deal had been formalized and signed. Mr. Robert Cramer answered that we've received different offers for certain lots of parts that we sent over an official offer for, and then they sent us an acceptance letter. He stated that we have an offer to them for rail vehicles as well.

6. Public Participation

Mr. Renard Monczunaki, a member of the Detroit people platform and organizer for transit, who resides in District 6, expressed his concern regarding the decision not to renew the Transit Police

service contract with DDOT. Mr. Robert Cramer assured Mr. Renard Monczunaki that the Transit Police will be focusing all their efforts on the People Mover system which was their original intent when they were created.

Mr. Cunningham reiterated his suggestions to place placards above the seating regarding DDOT and DTC meetings coming up along with hiring information for DDOT.

Mr. Robert Pawlowski expressed his concerns with the Detroit Police Department taking over the assignment of policing the DDOT bus system.

Mr. Lukas Lasecki expressed his excitement regarding the People Mover and its future.

7. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: Moved Luke Polcyn, and supported by Mr. Michael Staley, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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John Naglick, Corporation Secretary