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**DTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES HELD
ON MAY 22, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Robert Cramer
Mr. Luke Polcyn
Mr. John Naglick
Mr. Samuel Krassenstein

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Mr. John Paul Rea
Hon. Mary Sheffield

DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:

Mr. Ernest Latham, Deputy Gen. Mgr.
Cf. Edward Arnold
Ms. Pamela Day
Ms. Karen Foster
Mr. Cornelius Henry
Mr. Curt Knudsen
Ms. LaTrinda Perry
Ms. Leeya Sutter
Mr. Christopher Thomas
Mr. Anthony Vinson
Ms. Gwen Wallace
Mr. Michael Walter
Mr. James Zills

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mr. Luke Biernbaum
Mr. Khalil Davis
Mr. Lucas Lasecki
Mr. Ryan Mauck
Ms. Dominique McCarthy
Mr. Robert Pawlowski
Mr. Adam Sayyae
Mr. Ryan Schiffer

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Remarks

Chairperson Mr. Robert Cramer called the meeting of the Detroit Transportation Corporation Board of Directors to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Mr. Robert Cramer performed a roll call. A quorum was present with the following members: Chairperson Mr. Robert Cramer, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. John Naglick, Mr. John Paul Rea, and Mr. Samuel Krassenstein.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn and supported by Mr. John Naglick to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Robert Cramer suggested removing Action Item #3 from the agenda.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes from April 24, 2025

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein to adopt the Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting held on April 24, 2025.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Action Items

3. Resolution Authorization for Vehicle HVAC Annual Preventive Maintenance

The resolution for vehicle HVAC Annual Preventive Maintenance was tabled.

4. Resolution Authorization to increase and close out the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Escalator Rehab Contract

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors to to increase TK Elevators Systemwide Escalator Repair contract by **Thirty-Seven Thousand Forty- Four Dollars and 96/100 (\$37,044.96)** to a close out price of **\$2,531,957.04**.

Discussion: Mr. Curt Knudsen stated that this is the large escalator refurbishment contract that TK Elevator has been completing over the last year. He stated that when it was originally brought to the Board, there was no contingency and that there were fifteen units in the scope of work. Mr. Knudsen stated that in the course of completing all the work for the 15 units, there are two small things to be added, one at the Renaissance Center Station and one at the Broadway Station. He said that this is a small chain close-out change order of approximately Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) on the \$2.5 million contract.

Mr. Knudsen noted that there could be a decrease if the Broadway escalator handrails could be replaced under warranty.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein observed that the TKE contracts are both extensions and asked for an explanation of why the contract cannot be increased by \$57,000 or \$67,000. He also asked why there are two separate actions. Mr. Robert Cramer answered that they are two separate services. He explained that this is a change order on the grant-funded escalator overhaul projects and that this was a large one-time project to bring all of the escalators back up and running. He stated that the changes are extra things that had not been budgeted for in the authorization. Mr. Cramer said the other resolution is for an ongoing preventive maintenance and repair contract for elevators and escalators. He stated that this is a bridge because the Board approved Kone, but we hadn't finished negotiating the contract.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. Resolution Authorization to increase and close out the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Escalator Repair Contract

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn and supported by Mr. John Naglick that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors to approve a one-month contract extension with TK Elevators for maintenance and repair services and an increase authorization amount by **Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars a (\$29,700.00)**.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that the current contract we have with TKE ends at the end of the month. He stated that we have an approved vendor, Kone, but have not finished the contract negotiation, but that we are anticipating beginning in July. Mr. Cramer stated that we have a few known repairs that need to be made and one month of preventive maintenance activities. He stated that this is a one-month contract with TKE under the current terms, bridging to the new vendor.

Mr. Luke Polcyn asked why it is characterized as a one-month agreement instead of an extension and if it is an amendment to the existing agreement. Mr. Polyn and Mr. Cramer discussed amending the resolution to reflect a one-month extension to the existing agreement in the Resolve clause for maintenance repair services for Twenty-nine seven hundred dollars (\$29,700.00). Mr. Luke Polcyn asked if the amount is already authorized under the current contract. Mr. Robert Cramer answered that we need to increase the authorizing amount to the pricing that TKE uses, which is an hourly rate, but that this is additional funding we need to spend above the original. The original motion was amended to reflect a contract extension through June 30, 2025 and increased total authorization by \$29,700.00.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

6. Resolution Authorization to extend Contract(s) for Rail Replacement Project

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors to enter into a contract amendment as herein stated with Delta Railroad to extend the contract from May 31, 2025, to May 31, 2026 for the provision of the rail replacement services as directed by the DTC.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that most of the work was completed during the original shutdown, but Delta Railroad did not have the time, based on our having to wait for the Buy America clearance for the switch, to fit in the original schedule. He stated that the original contract goes through May 31st, but we are waiting to schedule and complete the last portion of work, which should be between 7 and 10 days of work; we are aiming for after Labor Day. He stated that it is to replace switch #1, which is one of the two outside switches, the switch next to the Times Square Station. Mr. Cramer stated that we are proposing to extend the contract through May 31, 2026, in case we have to push back the extra work until past the Fall.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

7. Chief Executive Officer Report Ridership

Mr. Anthony Vinson stated that we had high hopes for 2024 with our free-fare program. We were able to increase ridership to over a million, our goal this year was to hit 2 million. He stated that we are falling a little short of that of that goal, but we are getting off to a good start He stated that we're close to being about

even from where we were this time last year and that right now we're about 20,000 riders short up through the first four months, which includes the NFL draft. Mr. Vinson stated that all the riders that we had in April of 2024, we've been able to catch up through the months. He noted that we had a strong January compared to January of last year.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein inquired about the bump in ridership during the NFL Draft. Mr. Anthony Vinson answered that the three day total was 70,000. Mr. Krassenstein asked how much it is above a normal April Weekend. Mr. Vinson stated that we average approximately 2,500 – 2,800 on a quiet weekday and 3,500 – 4,000 on a busy weekday such as if a conference is in town. He stated that Saturday is our busiest day and that we could be as high as 6,065 and if there's something in town we could be up to 8,000 on a Saturday.

Mr. Anthony Vinson stated that the Grand Circus Park Station has had more riders than it did last year. He said that we were doing a good job working with conventions, encouraging them to use the system. Mr. Vinson stated that we've started advertising and putting more information on our digital displays. He said that we are also putting information out for game days, a couple of hours prior to the start of the day.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein commented that we are expecting about 100,000 people downtown this weekend and that it would be good to see what the ridership will be.

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that our April numbers were about 60,000 less this year than last year, and if you subtract the draft bump, it's possibly close to even. He stated that we had an increase of 81% in January because the Auto Show was back for the first time. He also stated that in March, we were ahead of our pace last year, but February and April were a little bit behind. Mr. Cramer said that our busiest days for similar events are a little bit higher than the same events last year, so we are moving in the right direction, but there is still a lot of opportunity for us to better tie into some of the events and the Convention Center. Mr. Cramer stated that having trains out on the track and the screens enhanced are certainly boosting all the way, but he feels that there's a lot more potential.

Mr. Tony Vinson stated that we really look at 2015, 2019, 2018, 2023, 2025, and now 2025. He commented that in 2015 there was the Joe Louis Arena large ridership because of the Red Wings games and the Auto Show in January. He noted that in 2019, Joe Lewis went away, but the Auto Show was still in January. Mr. Vinson mentioned pre-COVID and that 2023 was our first full year open after COVID.

Mr. Vinson stated that we are also tracking vehicle revenue hours on a regular basis, and having a goal of three trains out and tracking that. Mr. Robert Cramer stated that we are not on pace to meet our high goal of getting two million this year, but we still have a lot of the year ahead of us, and we will be looking ahead as more of these events pick up.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that Movement will be this weekend and that next week we will be opening at 5:00 a.m. for the Grand Prix to support the large number of volunteers and paid staffers. Mr. Cramer mentioned that there will be major events happening every week until September. He also stated that the fireworks event will be a big day for us.

8. Public Participation

Mr. Robert Pawlowski gave recognition to the Marketing team and all that were involved with the first round of volunteers during the Tiger's Opening Day. Last month he was also one of the volunteers who first got to do it and be able to sit most of the day and help out riders and people who are fairly new to the area get engaged and use our system and find all the tools and attractions that were available. He stated that he

would want to see more of these volunteer opportunities take more headway, especially in the agency, itself, whether it's just for major events or events on the weekends. He mentioned that he had not heard anything about Movement, getting volunteer opportunities this weekend, but is something we could do next year, because Movement is also another huge event that attracts people from all across our country. He advised that DTC keep the program going because it is doing well.

Mr. Adam Sayyae presented a business plan proposal to help DTC boost revenue, increase ridership and also bring national attention. He stated that the business plan involves temporarily renovating one of the five rotating People Mover cars into a mobile ticketed first-of-its-kind local to Detroit experience. It involved partnering with local brewery to sell local drinks, having special event themes like the Motown Lounge or Detroit Sports Lounge, all having people riding through the city listening to Detroit music. He also stated that all the renovations are temporary and can be reverted back to the original car within 48 hours. Mr. Sayyae said that licensing operations, insurance, and everything in between will be handled privately, while the DTC can just sit back and rake in passive income. He stated that he had done countless hours of research within the past couple months to see if this plan is even possible. He stated that it is very possible and can make the DTC look like a revolutionizer, and not just moving people, but moving culture as well.

9. Closed Session

MOTION: It was motioned by Mr. John Naglick and supported by Mr. Robert Cramer that the Board of Directors enters into a Closed Session to discuss and consult with outside counsel the pending legal action because the discussion during Open Session will have a detrimental financial effect on the pending action.

Mr. Robert Cramer performed the roll call to enter into the Closed Session. The Board of Directors entered the Closed Session at approximately 4:29 p.m. The Closed Session ended at approximately 5:01 p.m.

The Board of Directors returned from the Closed session and was recalled back into the Open Session at approximately 5:02 p.m.

It was motioned by Mr. Luke Polcyn supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenteinto take the actions as were recommended by outside counsel related to the pending legal action.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn, and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:03 p.m.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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John Naglick

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John Naglick, Corporation Secretary