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Report to the Board Program Development Committee

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Opening: The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Ronald Lyas, at 10:10 a.m. in the Executive Briefing Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Members Present: Ronald Lyas, Doris Powell, and Rev. Patrick Sellers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Anna Brown, Jacquese Gary, Barbara Lawson, Dr. Jesse Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Richard Nardecchia, Wytangy Peak, Charles Riddley, Joi Scott, Collina Washington, and Deborah Whitt

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted by general consent.

Items for Information and/or Discussion –

In-town Transit Partnership (ITP) Grant Application

Ronald Lyas referred to the draft application that was released September 8, 2009, and expressed concerns regarding the RPC being the owner, manager, operator of the system and also the designated recipient of the funds. He noted that the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) was not listed as a supporter of the application and expressed concern on whether or not TAC had been asked to comment. William Copling, Interim Executive Director, reported that on September 14, 2009, the final application had been submitted, with revisions to address concerns expressed in the September 10, 2009, meeting of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). He offered to invite representatives of the RPC to the September 23, 2009, Board meeting for further discussion. Deborah Whitt, chair of TAC, was present and requested a copy of the application.

Bus Procurement

Collina Washington, Procurement Manager, reported that 12-30' buses, and 5-40' buses for a total of 17 buses would be purchased with the stimulus funds. Additional buses will be purchased from other various funds and earmarks. Mr. Copling reported that the \$1.7 million from the City of Birmingham will be used for the purchase of 30

paratransit vans. Other funds that have recently been identified will bring the total purchase of vehicles to 35 paratransit vans and 24 buses.

RFP on Paratransit Vehicles

The BJCTA will hold a pre-proposal conference this Friday, September 18, 2009. Thus far, three (3) vendors have responded. The proposal deadline is October 2, 2009. If everything goes as scheduled, the vehicles should arrive by January 31, 2010.

Update on Professional Transportation Planner Position

Mr. Copling reported that the position is still opened, applications have been received and three (3) candidates have been selected for the interview process.

Resolutions for Consideration and Recommendation –

Resolution No. 2009-29: Authorization to Accept Assignment from LAMetro for the Purchase of Twelve (12) New CNG Transit Vehicles was moved by Rev. Patrick Sellers, seconded by Ronald Lyas, and recommended to the full Board for its consideration by general consent.

Anna Brown, TAC member, announced that she has been attending the city council meetings of the City of Birmingham and presenting questions to Councilor Carol Duncan regarding funds that have been collected since January 2008 from business license fees, but not yet given to the BJCTA for capital improvement. Charles Riddley, TAC member, reported that members would meet with Councilor Duncan again next week to pursue the matter. Mr. Lyas expressed his appreciation to the TAC members for their efforts.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Mr. Copling reported that there is a resolution proposed by Councilor Roderick Royal, City of Birmingham, which requests the BJCTA to allow students going to and from school to ride for free between the hours of 7 am to 10 am and from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. Mr. Lyas responded that this subject was discussed fully in the Finance Committee, which recommended the subject come before the full Board. He deferred further discussion until the Board meeting on September 23, 2009.

Ms. Powell requested that the records reflect that she is in full support of Councilor Royal's resolution.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date:

Approved by:

Ronald Lyas, Committee Chairman