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Report to the Board Called Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Opening: The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Walter Jones, at 8:45 a.m. in the Executive Briefing Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Members Present: Walter Jones, Ronald Lyas, and Guin Robinson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Debra Anderson-Burse, William Copling, Jacquese Gary, Judy Gordon, Barbara Lawson, Chris Leffert, Dr. Jesse Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Richard Nardecchia, Doris Powell, and Ken Simon.

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

Items for Information and/or Discussion

City of Birmingham – Level of Service and Financial Overview

William Copling, Interim Executive Director, reported that staff have attended meetings and answered questions of the Transportation & Communications Committee. Thus far, no decision has been received as to the intent of the City of Birmingham in regards to requested funds. He announced that February 28, 2010, would be the date that the BJCTA would no longer have funds to continue operations for the City of Birmingham. The BJCTA is required to provide reasonable accommodations and opportunity for public comment on any changes in transit service. Mr. Copling suggested a thirty (30) day notice but asked for a board decision as to when the BJCTA should give official notice to the public. Walter Jones referred to a notice in the *Birmingham News* and asked Ken Simon, Legal Counsel, if it sufficed for the official notice. Mr. Simon replied that in general, whenever legal notice is required, it is usually adequate to have it published in a newspaper's general circulation.

Dr. Jesse Lewis of The Lewis Group commented that the notification in discussion could not be used as an official document; it was just part of an article. He suggested waiting until after Tuesday, February 9, 2010, before giving an official announcement to the public.

Guin Robinson moved that the BJCTA staff continue communicating with the City of Birmingham and attending meetings, and then report to the Board after the next council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010; Ronald Lyas seconded, and it was approved by general consent. Mr. Copling offered to prepare a summary for the Board of the upcoming meetings.

Updates on the following municipalities were given:

- Birmingham: Mr. Robinson gave an overview of the BJCTA History and Explanation budget report that was prepared for the City of Birmingham, covering the period FY2006 through FY2010. He requested that Dr. Lewis give a copy of the report to the mayor's chief of staff on this day.
- Midfield: The meeting of January 28, 2010, was encouraging and a check in the amount of \$12,000 was received in good faith. There were no disputes in amounts of money or service. The mayor is looking at a new source of revenue that will hopefully allow him to make a major payment in February.
- Brighton: The City has a serious financial situation. The mayor believes in transit and wants to pay the bill and will contact the BJCTA next week.
- Hoover: The mayor has the BJCTA on the agenda for the February council meeting. He will propose \$50,000 for FY2010 transit services and a payment of \$30,117.50 for FY2009.
- Center Point: A memo of understanding has been received but no payments.
- Lipscomb: A memo of understanding has been received.

Resolutions for Consideration & Recommendation – None

Old Business – None

New Business –

Mr. Robinson suggested the BJCTA celebrate the arrival of the new fixed route buses and paratransit vehicles with the participating municipalities and riders.

Mr. Jones and Doris Powell applauded the efforts of Chairman Guin Robinson.

Mr. Copling requested and received permission to share the most recent BJCTA audit report with the Transportation & Communications Committee.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Walter Jones, Committee Chairman