



Utah Transit Authority

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES - Draft

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:00 AM

FrontLines Headquarters

The UTA Board of Trustees will meet in person at UTA FrontLines Headquarters (FLHQ) 669 W. 200 S., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Present: Chair Carlton Christensen
Trustee Beth Holbrook
Trustee Jeff Acerson

Also attending were UTA staff and interested community members.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Carlton Christensen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Safety First Minute

Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA Chief Planning & Engagement Officer, delivered a brief safety message.

4. Public Comment

In-Person/Virtual Comment

In-person comment was made by Nick Merrill and Spencer Hogue.

Mr. Merrill expressed his affinity for transit but frustration with a lack of bus connections at the American Fork FrontRunner Station. He said the closest connection is on State Street, which is a 25-minute walk over roads with no sidewalks or streetlights. He requested the board "please put the transit in transit-oriented development."

Mr. Hogue introduced himself as the principal officer of Teamsters Local 222 and a resident of South Salt Lake City. Mr. Hogue expressed opposition to the legislative efforts of UTA. He said UTA is proposing and supporting legislation that "is intended to take away rights of individuals." He went on to say House Bill 243 is an attack on employees' rights to organize and bargain collectively. Mr. Hogue stated UTA is not fulfilling its mission to provide service and instead is "spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to deny the rights of 42 individuals the right to collectively bargain." He concluded by saying the actions UTA is taking in paying lobbyists, consultants, and attorneys "to deny people rights is just absolutely wrong."

5. Consent**a. Approval of January 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Reports**a. Executive Director's Report**

- **2022 Ridership**
- **Ski Service - Traffic Issues**

2022 Ridership

Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director reported systemwide ridership was up 31.2% in 2022. He then reviewed systemwide ridership increases by month between 2021 and 2022; average daily ridership by weekday, Saturday, and Sunday; monthly ridership by mode; and monthly percent increase by mode. The ridership portion of his report concluded with statistics on On Demand ridership, which was 246,797 in 2022.

Ski Service - Traffic Issues

Mr. Fox was joined by Cherryl Beveridge, UTA Chief Operating Officer; Steve Wright, UTA Chief Communications Officer; and Andres Colman, UTA Regional General Manager - Salt Lake Business Unit. Mr. Colman addressed delays on route 972, which services Solitude and Brighton resorts in Big Cottonwood Canyon. He explained various factors complicating transportation in the canyon, including travel patterns in the canyon and the single-lane Brighton loop. Mr. Colman noted buses are caught in the same traffic as other drivers and said it is not uncommon to be stuck in the Brighton Loop for two hours, which is challenging for customers and UTA employees.

Mr. Colman indicated the agency will be using social media to help customers identify the best bus to board when they come down the canyon. Mr. Wright added UTA will be communicating that customers should expect and be prepared for extended delays on ski bus service. This messaging will be conveyed through social media, UTA's website landing page, push notifications in apps, and announcements and signage on buses.

Discussion ensued. Questions on traffic control efforts by the ski resorts, impact of night skiing, how UTA determines conclusion of service for the day, location of facilities for operators, impact of Solitude's parking fees, availability of app and update information, and response of law enforcement were posed by the board and answered by staff.

Mr. Fox said UTA is actively working with community partners to address canyon transportation concerns.

b. Government Relations and Legislative Update

Shule Bishop, UTA Government Relations Director, who participated in the meeting

remotely, was joined by David Wilkins, UTA Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Bishop reported Senate Bill 84 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments passed out of the Senate and out of the House committee, and Senate Bill 27 Transportation Revisions passed the Senate. He added the Infrastructure and General Government (IGG) Subcommittee listed zero fare on its priorities list. He also mentioned House Bill 243 Public Transit Employee Collective Bargaining Amendments (HB243) passed out of committee and passed on the floor. He said there is misinformation circulating about the language in this bill and yielded the floor to Mr. Wilkins for a more in-depth explanation.

Mr. Wilkins clarified that HB243 is not retroactive, and its passage would not affect the rights of UTA's 42 TRAX supervisors to organize for collective bargaining.

7. Resolutions

a. **R2023-02-01 - Resolution Appointing Officers, and Setting Compensation for District Officers and Employees**

Kim Shanklin, UTA Chief People Officer, summarized the resolution, which appoints officers and sets a new, updated compensation structure for district officers and employees. She noted compensation for Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director, was set in a separate resolution.

Discussion ensued. A question on treatment for employees at the pay lane maximum was posed by the board and answered by Ms. Shanklin.

Chair Christensen mentioned the board's compensation is also set through a separate resolution by the Local Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Christensen, Trustee Holbrook, and Trustee Acerson

8. Contracts, Disbursements and Grants

a. **Contract: Fuel Card Program (U.S. Bank)**

Rob Lamph, UTA Assistant Treasurer, was joined by Troy Bingham, UTA Comptroller. Mr. Lamph requested the board approve a five-year contract with U.S. Bank for fuel cards for vanpool, microtransit, and police fuel purchases. The estimated total contract value is \$6,694,000.

Discussion ensued. Questions on card limitations and usage calculations were posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, that this

- contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- b. **Contract: Data Discovery of UTA Infrastructure (Info-Tech Research Group Inc.)**
- Kyle Brimley, UTA IT Director, was joined by Edison Pascascio, UTA Special Projects Manager. Mr. Pascascio requested the board approve a \$255,000 contract with Info-Tech Research Group Inc. for data discovery and a review of related infrastructure.
- Discussion ensued. Questions on assumptions related to data discovery and project timeline were posed by the board and answered by staff.
- A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- c. **Change Order: TIGER Program Change Order No. 81 - Construction Services Amendment #23 - UTA Wayfinding Project (Granite Construction Company)**
- [Note: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program of projects consists of multiple community betterment projects, including UTA wayfinding project discussed in today's meeting.]
- David Hancock, UTA Director of Capital Development, was joined by Travis Colledge, UTA Project Manager III. Mr. Colledge requested the board approve \$240,263.04 change order to the contract with Granite Construction company for the replacement of canopy wayfinding signage at 15 FrontRunner stations.
- Discussion ensued. Questions on sign design and location were posed by the board and answered by staff.
- A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- d. **Change Order: TIGER Program Change Order No. 82 - 300 North Salt Lake City Overhead Pedestrian Bridge Elevator Structure Modifications (Granite Construction Company)**
- [Note: The TIGER program of projects consists of multiple community betterment projects, including the pedestrian bridge elevator structure discussed in today's meeting.]
- Mr. Hancock was again joined by Mr. Colledge. Mr. Hancock requested the board approve a \$132,074 change order to the contract with Granite Construction Company for work on the pedestrian bridge elevator structure located at 300 North in Salt Lake City. More specifically, the change order relates to closure plate materials and welding services and is the second of three subdivided parts of a Direction of Authorization to Proceed (DAP) in the amount of \$520,036.79 that was discussed with the board as an informational item in its September 14, 2022 board meeting. The DAP amount was later reduced to \$462,641.

Discussion ensued. A question on the consistency between the estimated versus actual costs was posed by the board and answered by Mr. Hancock.

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

e. Pre-Procurements

- Operator Restrooms

Todd Mills, UTA Director of Supply Chain indicated the agency intends to procure prefabricated operator restrooms as outlined on the meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued. Questions on the anticipated request for proposal (RFP) participation and installation timeline were posed by the board and answered by Mr. Mills.

9. Other Business

- a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Closed Session

a. Strategy Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining

Chair Christensen indicated there were matters to be discussed in closed session relative to collective bargaining. A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, for a closed session. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Christensen called for a break at 10:16 a.m.

The meeting reconvened in closed session at 10:25 a.m.

11. Open Session

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, to return to open session. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting reconvened in open session at 11:01 a.m.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Transcribed by Cathie Griffiths
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Approved Date:

Carlton J. Christensen
Chair, Board of Trustees