

McKINNEY URBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) Board met in regular session in the McKinney City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Brian Loughmiller, Chair (non-voting Member) McKinney, TX
Scott Elliott, Vice ChairMcKinney City Council
Jason Little, SecretaryMelissa, TX
Craig Andres..... Prosper, TX
Derek BorgPrinceton, TX
Richard FranklinMcKinney City Council
Frederick FrazierMcKinney City Council
George Fuller.....McKinney City Council
Corbett HowardCelina, TX
Charlie Philips.....McKinney City Council
La'Shadion ShemwellMcKinney City Council
Derek Stephens..... Lowry Crossing, TX

Members Absent:

Rainey Rogers.....McKinney City Council

Staff Present, City of McKinney: City Manager Paul Grimes, Housing & Community Services Manager Janay Tieken, Transit Administrator Anthony Cao, Video Producer Joey Barr, Deputy City Secretary Lisa Sewell, City Secretary Empress Drane

Staff Present, Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA): Vice President of Operations Michelle Bloomer, Mobility Services Manager Mona Pickens

Chairman Brian Loughmiller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. upon determining a quorum of the Board was present.

Chairman Loughmiller called for Public Comments regarding items on the meeting agenda.

The following individuals spoke regarding agenda item #19-0949 (DCTA Transit Service Update), proposing to replace the current third-party transportation service

provider Irving Holdings / Yellow Cab with a different provider, Innovative Mobility Solutions – West (IMSW):

James Sasser, 6232 Park Forest Drive, McKinney TX 75070

Chuck Masterson, 700 Cresthaven Drive, McKinney TX 75071

Chairman Loughmiller called for the Board to consider / discuss / act on the following Consent Agenda:

19-0945 Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District of August 14, 2019

The MUTD Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member George Fuller, seconded by Board Member Richard Franklin, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Loughmiller called for the following Reports:

19-0946 Staff Updates

19-0947 Budget Update

19-0948 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

19-0949 DCTA Transit Service Update

Chairman Loughmiller called for the following Regular Agenda items:

19-0950 Consider/Discuss/Act on an Amendment to the Low-Income Eligibility Requirements Policy

This agenda item revisited a request by Board on August 14, 2019 for staff to evaluate the possibility of increasing the income eligibility range for applicants of the Low-Income Transit Subsidy Pilot Program. Transit Administrator Anthony Cao stated the current policy allows participation for individuals with income at or below one hundred fifty (150) percent above the U.S. Poverty Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Cao requested the Board to consider modifying the policy to allow participation for individuals with income at or below one hundred sixty (160) percent above the Poverty Guidelines. The increase to allow more eligible participants would limit federal and state aid available to the program, and consequentially affect funding to other city programs. The board requested additional information regarding the potential number of new eligible participants and financial data. The MUTD Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member Richard Franklin, seconded by Board Member Frederick Frazier, to table the item to another

meeting. Prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, the Board may conduct a Special Meeting to consider this item.

19-0951 Collin County Transit Hardship Pilot Program

Transit Administrator Anthony Cao introduced a Pilot Program to offer free taxi voucher services to individuals experiencing hardships such as homelessness, unemployment, and severe poverty. MUTD would allocate up to two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) dollars for the initial twelve-month period of the program and provide seventy-five (75) percent of the service cost. The application and approval process would be administered through a specified number of non-profit organizations that would also subsidize the twenty-five (25) percent portion of the service fee not covered by MUTD funding. The organization may pay that cost or require some payment from participants.

Janay Tieken, Staff was called to speak

19-0952 Consider/Discuss/Act on the Proposed Board Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2020

Council unanimously approved the motion by Board Secretary Jason Little, seconded by Board Vice Chair Scott Elliott, to the Board Meeting Dates for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 (6 p.m.) and every other month on the third Wednesday at 6 p.m., beginning April 15, 2020.

Transit Administrator Anthony Cao offered parting words as this is his final MUTD meeting before leaving the City of McKinney on November 26. Mr. Cao thanked the City of McKinney, MUTD and DCTA for their work, leadership, and contributions to his growth. Mr. Cao stated it was an honor and privilege to be a part of the team.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Board member Richard Franklin, seconded by Board member La'Shadion Shemwell, to adjourn. Board Chair Brian Loughmiller adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JASON LITTLE, Secretary