

McKINNEY URBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The McKinney Urban Transit District Board met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on February 16, 2022 at 4 p.m.

PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.002, A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT. NO CITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

CALL TO ORDER

Board members Present: George Fuller, Geré Feltus, Justin Beller, Jason Little, Corbett Howard, Craig Andres, Patrick Cloutier

Absent: Brian Loughmiller, Rainey Rogers, Charlie Philips, Richard Franklin, Derek Borg, Derek Stephens

Staff Present: City Manager Paul Grimes, Assistant City Manager Kim Flom, Housing & Community Development Director Janay Tieken, Transit Administrator Akia Pichon, DART Project Manager Ryan McCutchan

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None came forward.

CONSENT ITEMS

22-0014 Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member George Fuller, seconded by Council member Geré Feltus, to Approved and Referred 22-0014 Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

REPORTS

22-0017 Transit Service Implementation Update from Dallas Area Rapid Transit

REGULAR AGENDA

22-0019 Discuss Transit Service Eligibility Guidelines

Councilmember Beller stated that he requested the discussion on eligibility and would like clarification on staff's goal to double ridership over the course of the first year of DART powered service. Councilmember Beller also stated that he would like additional information on the nonprofit partnership pilot and provided an example on how to expand the user base using contacts at LIHTC properties. Housing & Community Development Director Janay Tieken spoke to the history of the MUTD service and reminded the Board that staff was given an explicit directive to expand slowly, to be a good steward of funds, and that staff is working that end. Further indicated that Collin County is eligible to take a seat on the MUTD board, providing financial capacity to further expand transit programming without eating into the existing budget. Councilmember Beller stated that he is not sure of the capacity to double ridership without reducing or changing eligibility requirements and asked how best to slowly expand program with the same eligibility qualifications. Transit Administrator Akia Pichon advised that keeping eligibility requirements in place while increasing the user base will also increase the administrative cost of the program.

22-0018 Update on Non-Profit Partnership Pilot

Mayor Fuller stated that he spoke to several nonprofits and would like staff to start with the nonprofit partnership to expand eligibility. Staff indicated that transit administrator is actively working on the pilot and has reached out to several agencies to that end. Councilmember Beller stated that someone should reach out to LITHC properties, healthcare facilities, and other prime destinations for low income users and asked what was needed from the board in order to make this happen. HCD Director Janay Tieken stated that she will discuss finer points of these with the Homeless Task Force and that staff will bring back a draft MOU for the MUTD Board to review at the next meeting. Director Tieken also spoke to the limitations of having a single staff person for the transit department and stated that a request for additional staff may be coming soon as well. Mayor Fuller agreed that the transit administrator may need additional capacity to complete this and requested to see this as a discussion and action item on the next MUTD agenda. Director Tieken stated that staff will make sure the item is brought through the proper channels.

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Dr Feltus thanked Administrator Pichon for her hard work.

ADJOURN

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Patrick Cloutier, seconded by Council member Geré Feltus, to ADJOURN

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Chairman

ATTEST:

AKIA PICHON
Clerk