



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Conwell, Feliciano, Kilbane, Singh and Mitterholzer were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallucci entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Osbey was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Rico Dancy addressed the Committee regarding bus access to Public Square.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Kilbane and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Background information – Kahlil Seren

Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research & Policy Analyst, provided information relating to the major sources of revenue and expenditures for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; financial impact of changes to the Medicaid Managed Care sales tax; number of transit providers; recommendations for Public Square; and additional revenue sources for public transportation. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Seren pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) State budget process and Medicaid sales tax – Rob Zimmerman

Mr. Robert Zimmerman addressed the Committee regarding the State budget process, the anticipated schedule for adopting the State budget and strategies relating to the Medicaid Managed Care sales tax. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Zimmerman pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

7. DISCUSSION

- a) Strategy regarding Governor Kasich’s budget submissions

Mr. Miller stated that budget submissions are due by January 31st and due to time constraints, the Committee should consider passing a recommendation to the full Council. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Singh with a second by Mr. Mitterholzer, the following recommendation was approved by unanimous vote to be sent to the full Council:

“The Regional Transportation Advisory Subcommittee recommends that Cuyahoga County advocate with Governor John Kasich to include in his FY 2018-9 budget bills a plan to make public transit systems as well as local governments whole with respect to potential impacts of Federal policy on Medicaid Sales Tax. We also urge Cuyahoga County to collaborate on this issue with other counties that fund public transportation through sales tax.”

- b) Confirmation of date and time for next meeting

Mr. Miller stated that the next Regional Transportation Advisory Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Joseph Calabrese addressed the Committee regarding the Ohio Public Transit Association.

Mr. Al Porter, Jr. addressed the Committee regarding bus access to Public Square.

Mr. William Tarter, Jr. addressed the Committee regarding reports written by the Center for Community Solutions regarding Medicaid and the State budget.

Mr. Edward Kraus addressed the Committee regarding additional advocacy for public transportation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Kilbane with a second by Ms. Gallucci, the meeting was adjourned tat 11:46 a.m., without objection.