



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.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 members Gallucci and Osbey were absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Loh addressed the Committee regarding concerns relating to public transportation service issues.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Kilbane and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update on State transportation bill

Mr. Miller reported that the transportation bill was recently passed out of the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Singh reported that he traveled to Columbus and heard testimony regarding flex funding.

- b) Update on State operating budget bill

Mr. Miller reported that the legislation is currently in the House and that the Committee should advocate for additional general revenue funding for public transit.

Mr. Joseph Boatwright, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding the use of license tax funds for public transit. Discussion ensued.

- c) Update on Public Square access

Mr. Feliciano reported that buses began traveling through Public Square yesterday and that GCRTA is working to mitigate safety concerns.

Mr. Joseph Calabrese, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of GCRTA, addressed the Committee regarding bike access to Public Square. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Calabrese pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- d) Local public transit initiatives

Mr. Miller recommended that the Committee should focus on the following areas:

- 1) finding local funding;**
- 2) improving collaboration between GCRTA and other transportation organizations; and**
- 3) achieve efficiencies by allowing more services with the same funding**

Mr. Calabrese addressed the Committee regarding the Senior Connections Center. Discussion ensued.

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

- e) Confirmation of upcoming meeting dates and agenda items

Mr. Miller announced the following upcoming meeting dates and agenda items:

- 1) Thursday, March 23rd-Representatives from Health and Human Services and the senior transportation community will be in attendance;**
- 2) Thursday, April 6th-Transit Center will attend; and**
- 3) Thursday, April 27th- State Representative Dave Greenspan will be in attendance.**

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

There were no public comments given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Mitterholer with a discussion by Mr. Singh, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m., without objection.