

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2017**

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department.

Members Present: Mr. Charles Moore Mrs. Jessica Harley
 Mr. Dave Schwartz Mrs. Bianca Shoneman

Staff Present: Mr. Lamont Jackson Mrs. Rachel Manning

Guests:

I. WELCOME

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. Moore established a quorum.

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Harley to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz and passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson discussed the need of additional buses on the bus routes. He stated that at least four of the current six routes need an additional bus, in order to operate more efficiently. GREAT bus is experiencing a high decline in ridership. This is contributed to the long wait time between bus arrivals. By adding more buses to the routes, wait time would be reduced from one hour to thirty minutes. The additional buses would also lower the spare ratio for backup buses, which would then be in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Jackson would like the commission's support on the issue, to assist in obtaining approval from council. Mrs. Shoneman would like to see a presentation on transit systems in other cities, before recommendations are given.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson gave a brief update on GTAC. He reported that construction is progressing, but has had a few delays. The projected opening date is now April 2018.

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

Mr. Jackson presented the GREAT monthly report for June 2017. He reported an increase in ridership for the month, although a decline is still showing for year to date. Customer complaints have also declined, and expenses are continuing to remain under budget for year to date.

2. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information

No projects or meetings were announced.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

1. Parking Presentation – Debra Garfi

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Harley to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Mr. Schwartz and passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission