PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES October 16, 2013

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, Room 337.

Members Present: Mr. Dave Schwartz, Mr. Rick Smiley, Ms. Jessica Faison and Mr. Charles Moore.

Members Absent: Ms. Marsha Wyly and Mr. Bob Thompson.

Staff Present: Mr. Scott Godefroy, City Engineer; Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Operations Manager;

Mr. Stephen Mancuso, Transit Manager; and Ms. Geraldine Teel, Secretary.

WELCOME: Due to the fact that Ms. Marsha Wyly, Chairperson had an excused absence and Mr. Bob Thompson, Vice-Chairperson being excused because of illness; therefore, Ms. Wyly had appointed Mr. Dave Schwartz to conduct the meeting in their absence. Mr. Dave Schwartz called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and established a quorum was present.

AGENDA: Mr. Dave Schwartz asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved.

MINUTES: Mr. Dave Schwartz asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the September Minutes. There were none. Mr. Rick Smiley moved approval as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Faison and unanimously approved.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER: Mr. Scott Godefroy gave a brief update on GTAC. He stated that three different models; large, medium, and small were presented to City Council at the last meeting. After much debate, Council decided upon the large 10,000 sq. ft. two story building model. Mr. Godefroy stated the next step is to acquire the (CE) Categorical Exclusion. He noted that is part of the environmental approval process.

Mr. Godefroy said he had been asked to look for additional parking that could be made available adjacent to the site. He noted he is taking into consideration a couple of lots owned by the City which joins Clark Street that could potentially be used. He stated he has done one layout of two lots that borders Bonners Lane. He thought it would be better to have overflow parking available at this location as it would be closer to and within an easy line of sight to the GTAC building. He noted that Bonners Lane will likely be widened and extended to include the two lots mentioned. Mr. Godefroy said it will create about twelve spaces. He has prepared a layout on Clark Street as well; however a person will have to walk a little further to get to the GTAC building he noted. Mr. Godefroy will be meeting with staff to see what option to pursue.

Mr. Mancuso stated after the Categorical Exclusion has been approved and the property acquisition has been done, final design work for on site and off site will perhaps start in about six to nine months. Mr. Stephen Mancuso stated that he will be applying for funding as soon as the Categorical Exclusion is approved. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 2016 he noted. Mr. Godefroy mentioned various other projects that are ongoing as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Dave Schwartz asked if there were any public comments. There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Dave Schwartz asked if there were any New Business. There were none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING UPDATE: Mr. Rick Smiley wanted an update on the parking issues in the TRUNA neighborhood. Mr. Scott Godefroy stated the response has been overwhelming. Residents are coming in daily to purchase parking permits; nevertheless, some students have been ticketed as well he noted. Mr. Godefroy mentioned the resurfacing of First Street with parallel parking and a bike lane also.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso stated that ridership for the month of September was a good month as well. He noted expenses were under budget and revenues were over budget for the month of September. He said the trend has followed for the past few months.

Mr. Mancuso said the route adjustments are going well. Mr. Mancuso noted the Commission should receive a draft report of the Short Range Transit Plan in November and the report is scheduled to be presented to City Council in December. He noted that Route 4 changes will perhaps take place in December or January along with implementation of NextBus. The remaining route changes will perhaps take place in July.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary Public Transportation & Parking Commission