



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, Charles Winfrey, Glenn Wilson, Candace Mushatt (8:10am)

ABSENT: James Avery, Tommie Johnson, Sharon Reeves

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Elizabeth Davis, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Karl Petrich, Melinda Johnson, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Michele Loper, Rod Evans, Micheal Foerster, Dennis McDonagh

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:09 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Scott Bennett moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Charles Winfrey, motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the August 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Scott Bennett made a motion, supported by Glenn Wilson, to approve the August 28, 2025 meeting minutes; motion approved unanimously.

Glenn Wilson made a motion to move resolutions #25-44 through #25-49 for discussion and approval, supported by Charles Winfrey.

Resolution #25-44 authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49.U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23 United States Code and other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration for Fiscal Year 2026.

Ed Benning stated that this is an annual requirement by the Federal Transit Administration.

Resolution #25-45 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with A.J. Gallagher & Company Grand Rapids MI for the purchase of a complete line of Comprehensive Insurance Coverages and Risk Management Services for a twelve-month period, at a cost of \$2,205,963.83 using current MTA assets and employee payrolls.

Ed Benning stated that A.J. Gallagher handles all insurances for the MTA and does a great job.

Resolution #25-46 authorizing the General Manager to enter into four (4) one-year Maintenance agreements with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. for software programs utilized by the Maintenance, Fixed Route, and Your Ride Departments of the Mass Transportation Authority for a total not to exceed cost of \$391,546.00.

Ed Benning stated that these various maintenance agreements help to track maintenance work orders, book passenger trips and give passengers the ability to access trip information and alerts.

Resolution #25-47 authorizing the General Manager to enter into agreement with Superior Lawn and Landscape, Inc. Fenton, MI for Snow and Ice Removal Services at ten MTA facility locations for the 2025-2026 winter season at a total contract cost of \$182,100.00.

Ed Benning stated that this agreement is for snow and ice removal for ten MTA sites.

Resolution #25-48 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year firm fixed price agreement with Major Brands Oil Company Warren, MI for the purchase of Bulk Automotive Fluids in accordance with MTA IFB #2025-14, in an amount of \$546,123.00 based on estimated annual usage.

Corwin Matthews stated that this one-year agreement provides an 11.3% decrease over last years pricing.

Resolution #25-49 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a five-year agreement with River North Transit (dba. Via Mobility, New York, NY) to deliver a comprehensive Demand Response Software System with Consultant Services for the Mass Transportation Authority Your Ride and Rides to Wellness Departments, at a total amount not to exceed the cost of \$1,599,500.00.

Ed Benning stated that this software agreement with Via will be customized for use in our Your Ride and Rides to Wellness services and eventually it will be used in microtransit services.

Corwin Matthews stated that the pilot program will start with Your Ride to provide improvements in current scheduling processes using new technology and AI intelligence.

Candace Mushatt asked what backup processes are in place if power goes out or the system goes down.

Ed Benning stated that many of our Your Ride passengers are subscription based. Staff will be working with other agencies who currently use Via to learn about how they use the software. Mr. Benning stated that we have plans in place if the system should go down.

Motion approved unanimously.

Comments of the Board

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 A.M.

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