

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OMAHA**  
**2222 Cuming Street**  
**Omaha, Nebraska, 68102**  
**September 24, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

The Transit Authority of the City of Omaha Board met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., in the Authority's Administration Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. Notice was given in advance of the meeting by publication in the Omaha World Herald. For the benefit of the public in attendance, a copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted in the meeting room and the Agenda is published on the display in the facility lobby. The following persons were in attendance at the meeting:

**Authority Board:**

Ms. Amy Haase, Chair  
Mr. Daniel Lawse, Vice Chair  
Mr. Michael Young, Secretary/Treasurer (absent)  
Mr. Michael Leahy  
Mr. Jay Lund

**Authority Staff:**

C. Simon, Executive Director  
E. Simpson, Legal/Human Resource Director (absent)  
D. Finken, Finance Director  
D. Jameson, Safety Director  
K. Shadden, Operations Director  
L. Barritt, Marketing Director  
L. Cencic, Project Development Manager  
J. Overfield, Grant Administrator

**Others Present:**

Omaha World Herald Staffer  
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) staff  
Other Metro Staff

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### Agenda Item #1: Call to order

Ms. Haase called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. For the benefit of the public in attendance, a copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted in the meeting room and the Agenda is published on the display in the facility lobby.

### Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Ms. Haase entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2015.

The Chair entertained a motion for the approval. Motion by Mr. Leahy; Second by Mr. Lund to approve the minutes as presented.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES.**

### Agenda Item #3a: Administrative Reports (E. Simpson)

Mr. Simon informed the Board that Ms. Simpson was not in the office today.

### Agenda Item #3b: Administrative Reports (K. Shadden)

- The next pick was extended by one week and will become effective on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff met for a route meeting on Wednesday to look at three routes which appear to have timing issues. We are looking at these to see if adjustments can be made before the first pick in 2016 goes into effect.
- I have been working with Intelleride in looking at their procedures to ensure that paratransit trips are being entered correctly and that correct information is given to all Metro customers.

Discussion was had between the Board members and Mr. Shadden regarding to customer service issues.

### Agenda Item #4: Administrative Reports (C. Simon)

Mr. Simon informed to the Board that the Federal Transit Administration's Regional Office approved the feasibility study on the Creighton Project; and the next step will be to perform the environmental study. The Project is likely to require a historical property review as well. Mr. Simon further informed the Board that the step after that would involve locating a firm to do the final design for architectural and technical services.

Mr. Simon informed the Board that he had provided the members with information regarding the Highway Bill recently passed by the Senate, has moved on to the House.

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Mr. Simon informed the Board that oil has been sitting in the \$46 to \$48 per barrel range. Mr. Simon stated that the price of diesel was \$1.67/gallon yesterday, and could be locked into a contract through March 2016. Metro is currently budgeted for \$2.66/gallon.

Mr. Simon stated that Metro continues to approach the philanthropic community for additional funding for the Bus Rapid Transit Project. Next Wednesday Metro has a meeting scheduled with the Sherwood Foundation.


Discussion was had regarding the future purchase of fixed route buses.

**Agenda Item #8:                      Date, Time and Place of Next Board Meetings**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at Metro Transit Authority's Administrative Building.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. It was announced that there would be no further action taken by the Board at the conclusion of the meeting. Motion by Mr. Lawse; Second by Mr. Lund to adjourn.

**ROLL CALL:  
UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIES.**

  
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Mr. Daniel Lawse, Vice Chair

  
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Ms. Rebecca Mahr, Recording Secretary