

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Madison County Mass Transit District
8:30 a.m., Thursday, February 25, 2021
One Transit Way, Granite City, Illinois

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jedda led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Call to Order: Roll Call

Chairman Jedda called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: ALLEN P. ADOMITE, ANDREW F. ECONOMY,
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY, RONALD L. JEDDA, AND J.
KELLY SCHMIDT.

MEMBER ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: ANDREW CARRUTHERS, LEGAL COUNSEL; SJ
MORRISON, ACT; SUMMER MOORE, ACT; MICHELLE
DOMER, ACT; PHIL ROGGIO, ACT; PENNY BROWN,
ACT; JONATHAN CORTEZ, ACT; AMANDA
SCHOMAKER, ACT; ROB SCHMIDT, ACT; KELLY
BRASEL, ACT; & MARK ACHENBACH.

III. Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

IV. Consideration of the Minutes of the January 28, 2021, regular meeting for inclusion in the official records of the District.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Jedda revised the agenda order.

VI. Transit Service:

G. Morrison stated that an expansion to a five-member board would improve ACT Board governance.

Adomite questioned if the Bylaws had a maximum.

Morrison responded five.

Jedda commended Mark Achenbach, President of the ACT Board, for the suggestion to expand to a five-member board.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-39 APPOINTING DIRECTORS OF THE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT, INC

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Financial

A. Investment Policy

Morrison mentioned that he and Michelle Domer met with Chris Slusser, the Madison County Treasurer, to discuss additional investment strategies. Slusser provided a variety of investment options. Morrison suggested requesting proposals for a broker to manage and diversify the investment portfolio.

Schmidt stated a broker would act with due diligence and in the best interest of the client.

Jedda commented the board would need to provide an investing dollar amount because the basis points would be dependent on the amount invested. The request for proposals could be sent with the basis points for a specific dollar amount to be vested.

Schmidt stated that ideally a broker would provide maturity, quality, stock diversification, and liquidity when needed. A broker would be able to guide us to liquidity, quality, and superior rates.

Jedda mentioned that diversified maturity rate durations would provide liquidity and drive income. The investment policy would need to be modified to allow diversification.

Schmidt stated it may be beneficial to review other public institutions investment policies. Also, a broker could assist in creating an investment policy as part of the scope of work.

B. Payments and Claims: Consideration of the January 2021 claims for payment:

Managing Director SJ Morrison presented the payments and claims report.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS, EXCLUDING THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO THE CITY OF TROY AND THE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE ECONOMY MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GUY, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS TO THE CITY OF TROY AND THE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	ABSTAINED
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	ABSTAINED

TRUSTEE ADOMITE & SCHMIDT ABSTAINED. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Monthly Financial Report: Reviews of the monthly financial records as of January 31, 2021:

Managing Director SJ Morrison presented the monthly financial report.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DATE.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. TRUSTEE SCHMIDT MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-32 AMENDING THE FY2021 OPERATING BUDGET

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
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ANDREW F. ECONOMY AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-33 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO GRANT IL-2020-042 WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR ROLLING STOCK

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

- F. TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-34 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET REVISION TO GRANT IL-90-X733 WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY AYE
CHRISTOPHER C. GUY AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Transit Service:

- A. Managing Director's Report, SJ Morrison

A FOIA request was received in January and withdrawn the following day.

The Illinois 102nd General Assembly's piece of legislation, also known as House Bill 3108, to eliminate special taxing districts' ability to tax the sale and consumption of cannabis had resurfaced with a different sponsor. The lobbyist was contacted, and a letter was drafted to encourage the removal of the Metro-East Mass Transit District (MED).

Guy excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Morrison mentioned bringing the Operating Budget and Capital budget to the board for review in March, approval for posting in April, and considered for approval in June.

Jedda stated that it can be changed after the fact. Morrison state that is correct. The schedule is per the Illinois Budget Act.

The Eastgate Park & Ride construction was on hold due to the weather conditions. The building foundation is complete. The electric and plumbing installation would resume once the weather clears but on schedule for the September completion date.

Morrison updated the board on the MCT Trail projects. Juneau continued to work on the preliminary plans for the I.T. Beltline Trail. The project is partially funded with a MEPRD grant and is expected to be sent for bid this summer. The Schoolhouse Trail Pleasant Ridge Park Connector is under construction, and the completion date is May 26. The Nickel Plate paving project was in the preliminary planning stage, and bid documents are expected next month. The Troy Trail Extension that runs along US-40 to Spring Valley to Formosa final bid documents were completed, and an invitation for bids will be issued for March 7, and an award will be presented at the March 25 board meeting. Oates was working on the utility coordination and the preliminary plans for the tunnel under IL-157 in Collinsville. Phase II of the Trail Beautification project was scheduled to start within the following weeks. Morrison stated there were some neat ideas for National Bike Month in May. The signs have been delivered for the MCT Trails Wayfinding test site in Glen Carbon at Mont Junction to allow staff and trail users to provide feedback before implementing system wide.

B. RideFinders Strategic Marketing & Communication Plan

Amanda Schomaker updated the board on the Ride Finders Strategic Marketing & Communication Plan.

The scope of work has been refined, and a draft is in the review phase. The bid is expected to be issued within the coming weeks.

C. TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-35 MCT TRAILS COMMEMORATIVE TREE & BENCH PROGRAM

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Morrison explained the history of the development of the bus stop and the amenities for patrons.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 21-36 TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM, SECONDED BY ECONOMY.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE

J. KELLY SCHMIDT AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:

21-36 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WALMART STORES, INC., FOR THE MCT BUS SHELTER AND RELATED ITEMS AT THE WAL-MART IN GLEN CARBON, ILLINOIS

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. Morrison explained that the Health Department and a group in Alton were collaborating to make vaccination sites more accessible.

Adomite stated there would be ample uses because vaccination sites were popping up across the county.

Morrison explained that the routes serving vaccination sites would be free at the dates and times of the scheduled vaccination clinics. Patrons who utilize the paratransit service attending vaccination sites would be allowed to ride for free.

Morrison confirmed that a press release would be issued.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-37 AUTHORIZING FREE RIDES TO VACCINATION SITES

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- F. Morrison stated an application would be submitted to FTA for specific line items. FTA would then approve or deny the application or request a change in the submitted application.

Adomite questioned if the grant was qualification based rather than competitive.

Morrison confirmed the grant would be utilized for transit expenses.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-38 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR SECTION 5307 AND CMAQ GRANT FUNDS FOR ROLLING STOCK, SPARE PARTS, SUPPORT VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT, FACILITY REHAB/RENOVATIONS, BUS INSPECTIONS, AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Other Business

No Other Business presented.

VIII. Executive session to discuss the acquisition or lease of real property under (5), litigation under (11), and discussion of lawfully closed minutes (21) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)).

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER (5), LITIGATION UNDER (11), AND DISCUSSION OF LAWFULLY CLOSED MINUTES (21) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (5 ILCS 120/2(C)).

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

H. TRUSTEE ADOMITE MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ECONOMY, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

21-29 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE ECONOMY MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ADOMITE
TO ADJOURN.

A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:

ALLEN P. ADOMITE	AYE
ANDREW F. ECONOMY	AYE
RONALD L. JEDDA	AYE
J. KELLY SCHMIDT	AYE

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.


