



**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**March 19, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) Executive Committee was held at the Greater Nashville Regional Council, located at 44 Vantage Way, Nashville, TN 37228, on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Board Chair, Mayor Randall Hutto.

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Mayor Randall Hutto – Wilson County, Chair**  
**Mayor Paige Brown – City of Gallatin, Vice Chair**  
**Mayor Freddie O'Connell – Davidson County**  
**Mayor Ken Moore – City of Franklin**  
**Mayor Rick Bell – Lebanon County**  
**Mayor Billy Vogle – Robertson County**  
**Ed Cole – Davidson County – Davidson County (Gov. Appt.)**  
**Kelly Dannenfelser – Williamson County (Gov. Appt.)**  
**Nicole Rowan – Sumner County (Gov. Appt.)**  
**Ken Davis – Wilson County (Gov. Appt.)**

**Others Present:**

**Mayor Bob Rial – Dickson County**  
**Mayor Mike Callis – City of Portland**  
**Matthew White – City of Mt. Juliet (Alt)**  
**Jim Kerr – City of Murfreesboro (Alt.)**  
**Gerald Herman – City of White House (Alt.)**

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Ken Moore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2025. Mr. Ken Davis seconded the motion, and the Executive Committee approved it unanimously
- III. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **Finance Committee Report:** Committee Chair Mayor Ken Moore presented the following for discussion:
- **Monthly Financial Report Compared to Budget (R-D-25-009):** Mayor Ken Moore presented a summary of the statement of operations for January 2025 compared to the approved fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget. CEO Bland and Controller Shelly McElhaney were available to address any questions, but there were none, and no further discussion followed
- V. **Operations Committee Report:** Committee Chair Mayor Rick Bell presented the following for discussion and action:
- a. **Monthly Operating Statistics (R-D-25-010):** On behalf of Chief Operating Officer Andy Burke, CEO Bland presented the RTA Monthly Dashboard Report for January 2025 to the Executive Committee and was available to answer any questions. There were no questions, and no further

discussion followed.

- b. Agency Safety Plan Amendments (R-A-25-004):** Chief of Safety and Security Nick Oldham provided the following item for action:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires the agency to update its Agency Safety Plan (ASP) annually, as outlined in the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule. This plan, which supports the Safety Management System, includes safety performance targets that will be shared with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the State Department of Transportation.

This year's safety performance targets are based on a review of RTA's safety data from the past five years. The targets for commuter bus and vanpool services include metrics on fatalities, injuries, safety events, and system reliability. Gray Line and the joint labor-management Safety Committee developed these targets utilizing data-driven projections based on the previous year's performance.

The updated safety plan, which includes requirements from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, has been approved by the Safety Committee. The plan promotes a proactive safety approach, identifies areas for improvement, and emphasizes the enhancement of safety culture. Once approved by the Board, the plan will be posted on the agency's website for public access.

Staff requested that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Agency Safety Plan to ensure compliance with the FTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule and the updated requirements of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Mayor Rick Bell moved to approve the Agency Safety Plan Amendments. Mayor Paige Brown seconded the motion, which the Executive Committee approved it unanimously.

- c. Security Services Contract Award (R-A-25-005):** Chief of Safety and Security Nick Oldham provided the following item for action:

Marine Tiger Technologies recently assessed WeGo Public Transit's security systems, comparing current coverage to industry best practices. The assessment was conducted relative to services and facilities owned and operated by both the MTA and RTA.

They determined that while WeGo's historic security was adequate, it would not support the city's growth and evolving transit needs. Based on this assessment, Marine Tiger recommended expanded security coverage. However, the recommendations for expanded security presence applied primarily to MTA services and facilities, and Marine Tiger determined that historic coverage at RTA facilities, such as Riverfront Station, was adequate. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was published on August 14, 2024, and received eight responses. After evaluations and interviews, Archangel Protective Services was selected as the top proposal.

Archangel offered three coverage options: baseline (current coverage), expanded coverage (recommended by Marine Tiger), and armed security officers (which is not recommended). RTA's recommended coverage falls into the baseline category, which mirrors existing security coverage at Riverfront Station. If approved, Archangel would begin providing security at Riverfront Station on April 1, 2025. The three-year contract starts at \$149,400 in the first year and increases by a slight amount each year. The contract would be for three years with an optional two-year extension. No Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was set for this project.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with Archangel Protective Services to provide security services at Riverfront Station at a cost not to exceed \$456,000. The contract will run from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028, with two (2) additional one-year extension options available for Board approval before the initial

contract expires in 2028.

Mayor O'Connell inquired whether our contract includes performance targets to ensure that Arcangel is meeting the contract's requirements at Riverfront, such as tracking missed shifts and identifying any patterns of inactivity. Mr. Oldham confirmed that the contract does include these targets and explained that we are incorporating Marine Tiger's recommended KPIs into our approach. He emphasized that we are working on a transition plan to ensure we take the reins seriously when the time comes. CEO Bland pointed out that one key takeaway for the committee was Archangel's ability to track performance both in real time and historically.

Mayor Rick Bell motioned to approve the Security Services Contract Award. Mayor Freddie O'Connell seconded the motion, and the Executive Committee approved it unanimously.

**d. Donelson Station Joint Development Update (R-D-25-011):** Deputy CEO of Growth and Development Debbie Frank provided the following update:

On June 13, 2022, RTA received an unsolicited proposal from H.G. Hill and Southeast Venture (HGH/SV) to lease a portion of RTA property near Donelson Station for a mixed-use development that includes housing, commercial, and retail space. The goal is to complement the rail station and generate long-term revenue. The proposal also includes a transit center for bus service to the airport and other routes.

On October 19, 2022, RTA and HGH/SV entered into a 24-month exclusive negotiation period to develop a joint development agreement, which included a design plan, ground lease, and financial arrangements. While significant progress has been made, additional time was needed to finalize the plan. As a result, on September 18, 2024, the RTA Board approved a one-year extension until October 19, 2025.

Progress has continued since September 2024, but if terms cannot be agreed upon, the project will not proceed as a joint development. However, RTA plans to advance the transit center, station improvements, and related infrastructure, with over \$29 million in local, state, and federal funding secured for public infrastructure improvements.

Ms. Frank provided a general overview of the project, the status of various activities associated with advancing the transit center component, and the joint development component. She indicated that two upcoming Board activities were anticipated to be a recommendation for design services associated with the public infrastructure upgrades and for the acquisition of property from the Nashville and Eastern Rail Authority (NERA) to accommodate the public infrastructure upgrades. There was a general discussion about the project.

**VI. CEO's Report:** CEO Bland presented the following report:

1. This year, We Go will again partner with Nashville SC to provide Express bus service from Murfreesboro and Antioch to all weekend home games. So far, we've operated on two Saturday game days, with 27 passengers on February 22 and 38 on March 8. Additionally, fares are free on the two MTA bus routes serving Geodis Park—the 52 and 77.
2. Regarding the Murfreesboro Park and Ride project, we found out that the Church from whom we are acquiring the land did not submit the necessary paperwork to the Attorney General's Office until February of this year. We've been in touch with the Attorney General's staff, who have informed us that we should receive clearance to close by the end of March. Our project team has already started procurement activities for design and demolition
3. For the Franklin Park-and-Ride, we've engaged CDM Smith to develop three preliminary concepts for project stakeholders to review in the coming months. Our team has met with stakeholders in

Franklin to discuss project-related issues, including zoning, access, and runoff implications. The proposed site for the facility is adjacent to Rolling Hills Hospital. We plan to meet with the design consultant and City of Franklin representatives during the first week of December to officially kick off the project.

4. As part of developing our FY2025-26 operating budget, Amanda is leading corridor meetings in the Rutherford and Wilson County areas to discuss potential options. It is crucial that all member jurisdictions participate in these corridors.

**VII. Chair's Report:** Mayor Hutto thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.

**XI. Other Business:** There was no other business to come before this board.

**XII. Adjournment:** With no further business, Mayor Paige Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Billy Vogle seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ed Cole, RTA Secretary & Davidson County  
Governor Appointee