



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

November 20, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) Executive Committee took place at the Nashville Downtown Library, located at 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. As a quorum of both the full RTA Board and the RTA Executive Committee was not reached, an informational meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Board Chair Randall Hutto.

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Randall Hutto – Wilson County, Chair
Mayor Freddie O’Connell – Davidson County
Mayor Billy Vogle – Robertson County
Mayor Rick Bell – Lebanon County
Kelly Dannenfelser – Robertson County (Gov. Appt.)

Others Present:

Jim Kerr – City of Murfreesboro (Alt.)
Gerald Herman – City of White House (Alt.)
Ray Render

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Mayor Hutto deferred the approval of the November 20, 2024, meeting minutes to the January board meeting.
- III. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **Finance Committee Report:** Mayor Randall Hutto presented the following for discussion:
- a. **Monthly Financial Report Compared to Budget (R-D-24-024):** Deputy CEO of Finance & Administration Amanda Vandegrift presented the Monthly Financials for September 2024, including a comparison to the budget and the balance sheet as of September 30, 2024, to the Executive Committee. She was available to answer any questions, but there were none, and no further discussions took place.
- V. **Operations Committee Report:** Committee Chair Mayor Rick Bell presented the following items for discussion and action:
- a. **Monthly Operating Statistics (R-D-24-02d):** Chief Operating Officer Andy Burke presented the RTA Monthly Dashboard Report for September 2024 to the Executive Committee and remained available to answer any questions. There were no questions or further discussion.
- VI. **Approval of the 2025 Committee & Board Meeting Schedule (R-A-24-020):** This action item was deferred to the January board meeting.
- VII. **CEO's Report:** CEO Bland presented the following report:

1. The Star Titans Express continues to carry sellout crowds, with this past Sunday's trains carrying a total of 1,130 passengers.
2. WeGo anticipates the arrival of the additional Cab Car, ordered from Great Lakes Central Railroad, at the RJ Corman Yard in Lebanon this week. After inspections and acceptance testing, the car will be entered into revenue service. The spare parts car, which was also purchased, is still in route from the railroad.
3. Consultants from Kimley Horn and Nelson Nygaard have initiated work on updating the RTA's Strategic Service Plan. We expect activities, including public engagement in the outlying RTA counties, to ramp up in mid-2025.
4. Regarding the Murfreesboro Park-and-Ride, we are still awaiting approval from the Secretary of State's Office for the purchase of the church property. Our General Counsel believes this approval should be received shortly.
5. Regarding the Franklin Park-and-Ride, WeGo is scheduled to meet with the design consultant and City of Franklin representatives during the first week of December to kick off the project.
6. Following the recent election, the City of Springfield has elected a new mayor. WeGo plans to schedule an RTA orientation for Mayor (Buzzy) Poole once he takes office.

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

IX. Other Business: In closing, Mayor Hutto yielded the floor to Mayor Freddie O'Connell, who made brief remarks expressing his gratitude for everyone's support in the recent passage of the CHYM referendum. He and Mayor Hutto extended their wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to all.

X. Adjournment: With no further business, Mayor Hutto motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Billy Vogle seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ed Cole, RTA Secretary & Davidson County
Governor Appointee