



# Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES – Approved

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
 TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
 PLACE: Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Avenue, Champaign, IL

The video of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/CUMTD>

Trustees:

Present	Absent
Dick Barnes	
Margaret Chaplan (Vice-Chair)	
Tomas Delgado	
	Bradley Diel (Chair)
Phil Fiscella	
Bruce Hannon	
Alan Nudo	

Advisory Board:

Present	Absent
	Marty Paulins
Briana Barr	

MTD Staff:

Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Chief of Staff), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Jane Sullivan and Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Directors), Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance Director), Kirk Kirkland (Facilities Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Drew Bargmann (Customer Service Director), Evan Alvarez (Special Services Manager), Alyx Parker (Legal Counsel), Beth Brunk (Clerk)

Others Present:

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1. Call to Order  
Acting Chair Chaplan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present (6) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Fiscella, Hannon, Nudo  
Absent (1) – Diel  
  
A quorum was declared present.
3. Approval of Agenda  
MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Delgado. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.
4. Audience Participation  
None
5. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting Open Session – September 28, 2022

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the September 28, 2022 MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Delgado. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Communications

Mr. Gnadl referenced a letter from Charlie Smyth, Chair of Champaign County Bikes thanking MTD for their sponsorship and advocacy of safe bicycling in the community.

7. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadl reported on September statistics. Ridership is getting closer to the 1,000,000 mark – 9% higher than September 2021. Amy Snyder graduated from the American Public Transportation Association's Leadership APTA Program in October. This is a year-long program with a capstone project.

8. Action Items

A. Resolution 2022-9 – Determining Amount of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy

Annually, MTD complies with taxation laws by Board approval of an estimated tax levy. Mr. Gnadl noted that the proposed amount of money to be raised by the tax levy is a 17.15% increase from last year. With this amount, the District will be able to capture newly assessed value from properties coming on the tax rolls including Carle and OSF properties if they become non-tax exempt. This court case for hospital real estate tax exemption status is still being decided in the Appellate Court. If the court case is not resolved, the rate that will be used is the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which was 5.0% last year.

MOTION by Mr. Barnes to adopt the revised Resolution No. 2022-9 determining \$11,724,226 to be the amount of money necessary to be raised by the tax levy for revenue year 2022 payable in 2023; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Mr. Fiscella proposed a friendly amendment to cap the tax levy at 8% instead of 17.15%:

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve an amendment to Resolution No. 2022-9 for an 8% increase over the amount extended upon the levy of the preceding year; seconded by Mr. Nudo.

Roll Call:

Aye (1) – Fiscella

Nay (5) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Hannon, Nudo

The MOTION FAILED.

Voting on the original motion:

Roll Call:

Aye (5) – Barnes, Chaplan, Delgado, Hannon, Nudo

Nay (1) – Fiscella

The MOTION CARRIED.

B. Urbana School District 116 Transportation Agreement for 2022-2023

Mr. Gnadl explained that this contract is our annual agreement with the Urbana School District 116 to transport the middle and high school students for the 2022-23 school year.

Upon voice vote, all Trustees voted to approve the MTD and Urbana School District 116 transportation agreement for 2022-23 school year.

C. Village of Rantoul Eagle Express Transportation Service (C-CARTS) Agreement

Mr. Alvarez explained that Champaign County owns the Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) and contracts with MTD to operate it. In the Village of Rantoul, one C-CARTS service is a fixed-route system that runs at peak hours in the morning and evening for factory workers. This agreement renews that service for one year.

MOTION by Mr. Hannon to authorize the Managing Director to execute the Village of Rantoul Eagle Express Transportation Service (C-CARTS) agreement from 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2023; seconded by Mr. Barnes. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**D. Vehicle Lifts Contract**

Maintenance currently has seven out of twelve work bays that are equipped with in-ground vehicle lifts to access the underside of vehicles. With the addition of five in-ground vehicle lifts, Maintenance will gain efficiency as technicians will not need to shuffle buses around to access lifts. This contract with Safetylane Equipment Corporation for the purchase and installation of five in-ground vehicle lifts totals \$1,240,662.97. MTD will pay for this project through 100% federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

MOTION by Mr. Hannon to authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Safetylane Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$1,240,662.97 for five in-ground vehicle lifts; seconded by Mr. Fiscella. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**E. Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Replacement Contract**

The District had two 15,000-gallon double-walled underground fuel storage tanks installed in 1993. One of the tanks has been decommissioned due to a small leak from the inner tank into the outer interstitial tank. Testing has indicated that no fuel escaped into the environment. MTD released an invitation for bid on September 1, 2022, and one bid was received from Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc. for \$1,144,971.14. MTD will pay for this project through 100% federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$1,144,971.14 for the replacement of two diesel fuel underground storage tanks; seconded by Mr. Hannon. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**F. 803 Solar Array Expansion Design and Engineering Contract**

In February 2022, the State awarded MTD \$2,109,000 in funding from the Rebuild Illinois Capital Assistance Grant Round 2 to expand the rooftop solar array at the Maintenance Facility located at 803 East University. Dewberry Engineers Inc. completed the preliminary design and engineering last year for the grant application. Dewberry Engineers will be contracted to develop the final construction drawings and specifications to be used for competitive bidding of the solar array installation. MTD will fund this \$184,000 contract with 100% local funds.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. in the amount of \$184,000 for the design and engineering of the 803 East University solar array expansion; seconded by Mr. Barnes. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Next Meetings**

- A. Public Hearing for Tax Levy and Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., Illinois Terminal, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 45 East University, Champaign


Mr. Nudo asked that the December agenda include a discussion for the appointment of a commercial realtor to represent MTD in future real estate transactions and an update on the Illinois Terminal Expansion project.

**10. Adjournment**

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Hannon. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Chaplan adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Clerk

Approved 12-7-2022:

  
Board of Trustees Acting Chair