

**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF
DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

January 15, 2025

Authority Members Present:

Jenny Dinsmore
Jeremy Evans
Terri Cutright
Wesley Nugent
Russ Rogerson
Jonathan Cook

Authority Members Not Present:

Other Personnel Present:

Maria Smith
Paul Burns
Andy Feezle
Kelli LaNeve

Others Present:

Ben Conley

I. Call to order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for January 15, 2025 was called to order at 12:00PM by President Jenny Dinsmore.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes:

a. December 18, 2024

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve minutes for December 18, 2024.

President Jenny Dinsmore noted one minor change for the minutes December 18, 2024.

Jeremy Evans made a motion to approve minutes as amended per correction for the minutes December 18, 2024, Terri Cutright, seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

III. Presentations:

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a. Driver of the Month December 2024

The Transit Authority Board announced the Authority's December 2024 driver of the Month, Andrew Kapper. The Authority also recognized Craig Wilfong, Tom Jones, Martin Garcia and Jeri LoCastro for their outstanding performance during the month of December 2024.

b. Rider of the Month January 2025

The Transit Authority Board announced Alberta Greene as the January 2025 Rider of the Month selected by the Mountain Line Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee. The next Mountain Line Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday March 19, 2025 in person or via zoom at 1:30PM.

c. New Hires Introductions December 2024

CEO Maria Smith announced the new hires for the month of December 2024; Thomas Burdette, William Snyder and Thomas Deavers as Full-Time drivers.

IV. Public Hearing Grey Waynesburg Airport Stop Relocation

CEO Maria Smith confirmed that this agenda will remain live due to not having a suggested location at this time. CEO Maria Smith explained that she is in touch with a gentleman from Greene County who has requested the move; and has requested suggestions for other public locations where Grey Line can hub.

V. Monthly Data Summaries and Correspondence:

Mountain Line reports for the month of December 2024 total ridership of 45,505. Our ridership comparison by calendar year from December 2023 to December 2024 is down -2%. Our Monthly ridership comparison is up 7%. Our Disabled ridership comparison is up 1%. Our Senior Ridership is down -6%. Our WVU ridership is up 20%. Our Annual Ridership 2024 was 643,986. WVU ridership provided 18,392 trips. Our Grey Line provided 1,017 trips. Our High School ridership provided 301 trips. Our New FIT service provided 105 trips. Our State Opioid Response (SOR) had 185 trips and provided 21,731 trips since our first rider in March 2020. Our Ride Mon ridership provided 334 trips. Our Crown ridership provided 123 trips. Our Military Pass program provided 43 trips for the month of December 2024 with a total of 517 trips since the start of the program in October 2023. Our Property Pass Tax program provided 9,130 trips. There has been a total of 1,147 Tax Passes distributed since the start of the program in January 2020. Our Don Knotts ridership provided 6,734 trips for December 2024. During the month of December 2024 Mountain Line Transit Authority has traveled 134,313 miles.

CEO Maria Smith reviewed the two programs; Community Access Pass Program the city has distributed 600 passes with a total of 221 trips taken; the funds expended were \$400.00.

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Mon County Social Service ~~Transpiration~~ Pilot Program banked \$5,000.00 for this program per month if needed for the social services; so far we have had 7 agencies participating, 315 Single Ride Passes have been distributed and 323 fifteen (15) Ride Passes have been distributed creating a total of 5,010 potential trips, with a total of 1,852 total trips taken; the funds expended were \$3,440.00.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. Finance Committee Report

i. December 2024 Finance Report

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve the Finance Report for December 2024.

Jonathan Cook made a motion to approve the Finance Report for December 2024, **Wes Nugent**, seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

VII. Old Business:

a. Construction Updates

i. Roofing Project

CEO Maria Smith confirmed moving forward with minor adjustments being discussed with the A&E firm; the next step will be to put out the RFQ for the construction part of this project.

b. Senior Ridership

CEO Maria Smith confirmed that the senior ridership had 2,314 trips for the month of December 2024; we are down a little bit from last year.

c. Downtown Signage Installation Plan

CEO Maria Smith confirmed working with the MPO on an installation plan for the downtown signage; this will help passengers to know where to stand to catch the buses. This plan will be presented with the city in the next month or so.

VIII. New Business:

a. Grey Line – Waynesburg Airport Stop Relocation

CEO Maria Smith stated this will remain open on the Agenda for future voting until an

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acceptable new location is determined.

b. Board Member Conflict of Interest Statements

President Jenny Dinsmore requested that everyone sign the Board Member Conflict of Interest Statements and confirmed these forms will be notarized.

c. New CAC Application

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve New CAC Application for Samantha Roxanne Hanks.

Terri Cutright made a motion to approve New CAC Application for Samantha Roxanne Hanks, **Jonathan Cook**, seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

IX. Public Comment (Rules & Procedures:

There were no public comments.

X. Board Member Reports and MPO Update:

Russ Rogerson confirmed the next MPO meeting will be held tomorrow Thursday January 16, 2025. **Russ Rogerson** confirmed there is a new secretary of transportation Todd Rumbaugh. The new governor is currently making changes for the transition. The Micro Transit Study has been postponed until the end of the month.

a. CEO Goal Setting Workshop Date TBD

President Jenny Dinsmore confirmed CEO Goal Setting Workshop will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 12:00PM.

XI. Next Board Meeting Date:

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 12:00PM.

XII. Adjournment:

Jeremy Evans made a motion to adjourn at **12:46PM**.

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