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Meeting Minutes Public Transportation Review Bd

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**John Doherty, David Jasenski, Sandra Kellner, Don Natzke,
Abdulkadir Omar, Jeffrey Polenske, Terry Radtke and Mariano
Schifalacqua**

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Friday, January 13, 2012

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting call to order at 9:10 A.M.

Present 9 - Schifalacqua, Polenske, Bauman, Nicols, Omar, jasenski, Radtke, Natzke
and Kellner

Excused 1 - Doherty

ALTERNATE PRESENT:

Michael Loughran - Polenske

Mary Smarelli - Doherty

1. Roll call and approval of previous meeting minutes.

Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Ms. Kellner to approve minutes of the December 9, 2011 meeting. There were no objections.

2. Communication from Milwaukee Downtown Business Improvement District, Yellow Cab Co-Op, Shuttle Services, Milwaukee County Transit System, Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Public Works-Infrastructure, Transit Express, Legislative Reference Bureau and Clear Channel Outdoor related to Public Transportation.

Ms. Kellner, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) said regarding recent security and safety issues on buses, MCTS continues to work in collaboration with law enforcement and private security to make sure they remain safe for riders.

Ald. Bauman asked Ms. Kellner as to the trend line as well as what the incident per bus hour or thousand per hour is? Ms. Kellner said that although these types of incidents do occur, they are very rare. Ms. Kellner did not have specific numbers to share with the board at this time. She offered to provide these numbers next month.

Ms. Kellner distributed a newsletter reflecting changes of bus services and associated

route realignments, effective January 29, 2012.

Mr. Schifalacqua asked Ms. Kellner to have a collaborative effort with the city to reduce travel time for the airport bus route.

Ald. Bauman asked if signal preemption was ever considered for buses? Ms. Kellner said that MCTS did not have time to discuss this item with city engineers due to a timing constraint associated with the county budget.

Mr. Withers, Legislative Reference Bureau said that he had been in conversations with Captain Basting from the First District, MPD, regarding a meeting date for valet services and persons interested in discussing potential regulation of this industry. The current date is Friday, January 27.

Taxicab representative had nothing to bring to the table.

Mr. Withers informed the board that there is litigation against the city involving the cap the city places on the number of taxi cab permits. The City is seeking legislation at the request of the Ald. Witkowski to create a medallion system. This creation of such a system would create significant revenue.

Ms. Nichols made the committee aware of a group of people from the banking industry, the City, and other entities that want to look at creating bike linkage through the downtown area and key employment location. At some point, this board may want to get an update from that group. Also, Ms. Nichols recommended inviting Ms. Kerrt Thomas from Transit Now, given that this board has talked about the State eliminating SERTA (Southeastern Regional Transportation Authority) funding in two months; there is a contingent of people from Waukesha, Racine, Milwaukee and Washington Counties that are talking about creating a coalition to get potential funding to create another transportation authority. Ms. Nichols also said that they are looking for funding for operation of the downtown trolley for this coming season.

Ald. Bauman asked Ms. Kellner what it would cost to install and maintain maps on bus shelters? He also asked if the system produces an annual report that shows actual number of incidents and categories of incidents that occur on buses? Ms. Kellner said that there are reports done daily, monthly and annually; she will check into what report will be beneficial for this board.

Mr. Loughran said regarding the bike share program that city engineering staff met with Mr. Withers who will be doing more research for the program. Mr. Loughran also mentioned that the office of the City Engineer has contacted Mr. John Oimoen from the Department of Transportation and he has agreed to come to the February meeting to discuss improvement at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant