

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

August 26, 2013

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on August 26, 2013 at 10:04 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Harold Buckley, Sr.
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr., *Chair*
Jim Durrett

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak; Chief Administrative Officer Edward L. Johnson; Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy; Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson; Program Manager, Strategic Transformation Initiative Davis Allen; AGMs Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Shyam Dunna (Interim), Rod Hembree (Acting), Jonnie Keith (Acting), Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Director David Springstead; Directors Garry Free and Pat Minnucci; Managers James Sibert, Sherma Sombers and Beverly Williams; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid; Department Administrator Brenda L. Williams. Others in attendance Rickey Chambers, Willie Clemmons, Aston Greene, Shawana Jennings, Cathy Jordan, Don Lawrence, Anthony Pines and Tuan Vo.

Also in attendance Matt Pollack of MATC; Andrea Foard of PB.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the July 29, 2013 Operations and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
- b) Resolution to Accept Contract for Project B11612, Concrete Girder Renovation of CN915 & CE530 Aerial Structures

On a motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

Individual Agenda

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Procurement of Video Analytics Hardware, Software and Maintenance, RFP P30079

Sgt. Greene presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to execute contracts with authorized resellers who hold a valid General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule and/or a State of Georgia Contract for the Procurement of Hardware, Software and Maintenance to support Video Analytics.

On a motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

Briefing – Safe Operator Awards Program

Mr. Sibert briefed the Committee on MARTA's Safe Operator Awards Program.

Origination of the Safe Operator Awards

- The Safe Operator Awards reconvened in 2012 per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
- The Collective Bargaining Agreement Section 26 Article 82 states..."MARTA will develop, implement and maintain a safety awards' program"
- The Safe Operator Recognition and Award Procedure (10.3.147) was created to do the following:
 - Establish a uniformed systematic set of eligibility requirements
 - Emphasize the importance of working safely and reducing collisions due to safe work practices

Safe Operator Recognition and Award Procedure

- The Safe Operator Recognition and Award Procedure details the criteria for choosing operators who will receive the award
- Each calendar year, this recognition program will identify all Bus, Mobility, and Rail employees engaged as full time operators
- The procedure conveys the focus on corporate appreciation for exemplary job performance

- The goal of the Award Program is to enhance employee safety, reduction of collisions and passenger/pedestrian safety.

Safe Operator Recognition Award Criteria

- The Safe Operator Award Recognition is a merit-based system
- Awards will be presented to full time Bus, Mobility, and Rail Operators displaying the cumulative number of full calendar years that the operator has successfully been a "Safe Operator"
- During the third quarter of every fiscal year, Rail and Bus Operations forwards the attendance and compliance records of each operator to the Office of Safety to determine eligibility
- Eligible candidates for a Safe Operator Award must meet the following criteria:
 - Attendance with no more than three (3) occurrences per the CBA agreement
 - No preventable collisions or patron injuries
 - Adherence to Work Rules

Awards Program Logistics

- Members of the Executive Management Team, ATU Local 732 Executive Board and Safety will address honorees during the ceremony
- Bus, Mobility, and Rail Management representatives determined the ceremony dates during the planning stages
- The 2013 Safe Operator Awards will be held on:
 - Wednesday, October 16, 2013-6-8pm
 - Location – MARTA Headquarters Atrium
 - PM Shifts for Bus, Mobility and Rail
 - Saturday, October 19, 2013 -11 am - 3 pm
 - Location – MARTA Headquarters Atrium
 - AM Shifts for Bus, Mobility and Rail

Other Matters

Mr. Free briefed the Committee on Track Inspections.

Track Inspections at MARTA

- All mainline tracks at MARTA are inspected twice each week with a minimum of one calendar day between inspections by a “qualified” Track Walker – this follows the standard set by the Federal Railroad Administration and is considered an industry best practice
- MARTA’s Track Walkers receive extensive training including annual re-certification which focuses on identifying all types of track defects
- While many defects are visible to the Track Walker, some internal flaws in the running rail are not
- MARTA’s Track Walkers are trained to detect signs that could indicate internal rail defects although many defects provide no indications unless discovered by ultrasonic rail testing or fails in service

Ultrasonic Testing

- X-rays the rail for internal flaws or flaws not visible to the naked eye
- Part of Track and Structures Condition Monitoring Program which also includes:
 - Rail Grinding Program
 - Rail Profile Measuring
 - Automated Track Geometry
 - Visual Walking Inspections
 - Monthly Rail Quality inspections
- Vehicle is commonly referred to as the “Sperry” car as the work is performed by the Sperry Corporation
- When a defect is discovered it is replaced immediately, if that is not possible it must immediately be protected and a slow order is placed into effect over the area – the Authority’s Standard Operating Procedure states that all defects must be replaced within 24 hours of discovery
- Performed twice a year, once in the winter and once in the summer
- Tests the entire system

- MARTA's most recent test (completed three weeks ago) found zero defects

Mr. Daniels thanked staff for provided the information. He asked that it be presented to the full Board.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellee N. Mobley
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board