

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the Authority's Administration Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

**Board Members:**

Robert Hurley, Chairman  
Tom Donatelli  
Senator Jim Brewster  
Representative Dom Costa  
John Tague Jr.  
Jeff Letwin  
Constance Parker  
David White  
Rob Kania  
Dean Richardson, General Counsel

**Media:**

Alex Zimmerman, City Paper  
Jon Schmitz, Post-Gazette

**Port Authority Staff:**

Ellen McLean, chief executive officer, Keith Wargo, assistant general manager Engineering and Technical Support, Bill Miller, Chief Operations Officer, Jim Ritchie, Communications Officer, Mike Cetra, assistant general manager Legal and Corporate Services, Peter Schenk, chief financial officer, Barry Adams, assistant general manager Human Resources, Ed Typanski, senior analyst Capital, John Beeler, manager Customer Service, Breen Masciotra, Communications coordinator, Tony Trona, director Purchasing and Materials Management, Heather Pharo, Communications Division, Robert Sechler, Professional Services Contract Specialist, Diane Williamson, executive assistant.

**Other**

Molly Nichols, PPT  
Matt Crocco, Brand Group  
Chris Sandvig, PCRG

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hurley thanked the members for taking additional time to participate in a special meeting. At the Board's last regularly scheduled meeting, it was mentioned that we had adopted a budget in order to be in compliance with State laws on the timing of it. The Board and staff were deliberating on how we might advance a particular project, that project being Bus Rapid Transit, which has been in development for the last couple years between Downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland.

The Chairman announced that Port Authority would like to move forward and put additional funding behind that effort. So, we have one item of new business on today's agenda, and that item is to seek an additional \$1,560,000 of increased funding for the BRT project.

For the sake of order, Mr. Hurley stated that there's about \$440,000 remaining in an engineering contract for this item. The County has allocated a million dollars to this line item in their fiscal 2014 budget, which is now moved to Port Authority. This will bring us to nearly three-quarters of the

funding needed in order to advance this project and go to the Federal government in hopefully August 2016 to seek additional funding.

This Board will request staff follow-up and go to Allegheny County and continue to seek additional funding to move this project. We need roughly \$4 million to move through NEPA and 30 percent design study. So effectively today that is what we're here to discuss. Mr. Hurley stated that he has a resolution in front of the Board seeking the \$1,560,000 to advance the BRT study.

This resolution will adopt an amended capital budget for the Authority for FY 2015 (beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015) as detailed in Exhibit A attached to this resolution to shift these funds to the BRT Project.

Mr. Hurley respectfully requested approval of the resolution as presented.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Chairman thanked staff for the remarkable job in helping us through this and moving this project forward. Staff presented a good budget, but we unfortunately did not have enough time to work through the BRT item before that deadline. Staff did an extraordinary job of finding the additional funding to move this forward.

The meeting was adjourned.