

Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee

Minutes

June 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am in Port Authority's Neal H. Holmes Board Room at 345 Sixth Avenue, Fifth Floor, Pittsburgh, with the following in attendance:

Board Committee Members

John Tague, Jr., Chairman

Ann M. Ogoreuc

Board Members and Solicitor

Joel Lennen

Jeffrey Letwin

Michelle Zmijanac

Opening Remarks

Mr. Tague, Committee Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from the May 29, 2019 Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting

Mr. Tague asked Committee members if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none and members approved the minutes.

2018 Annual Service Report (David Huffaker and Phillip St. Pierre)

Mr. Huffaker introduced the 2018 Annual Service Report and said it is the result of work by the entire Planning team. He introduced Mr. Phillip St. Pierre, who will review the report.

Mr. Pierre said this is the Authority's fourth annual service report. It is a data driven approach to identify areas of opportunity. This presentation is just a snapshot of the full report and it helps us achieve our goals provided they are viable, equitable, and cost effective.

Overall ridership is up two percent compared to 2017. That is equal to 1.24 million additional riders compared to the previous year. This is largely driven by our bus ridership that was up 3.3% for the calendar year. The Authority was the only large transit system in the country to see large growth in bus ridership without a significant corresponding change in service hours or network redesign. Light rail ridership was down 5.5%, which was due to the major service interruptions caused by the flooding of the Library Line and the train derailment that happened at Station Square.

On time performance slightly decreased from 66.7% to 65.7%. We feel this is largely due to situations that are out of the Authority's control, like construction events and traffic conditions. We established an on-time performance tactical team to identify areas for improvement.

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We also will be looking at our data collection process. In FY2020, we will shift to departure-based reporting. Currently, we are using an arrival-based system.

This year we plan to update these guidelines and bring a recommendation to the board for adoption.

Authorization to Adopt FY2020 Operating and Capital Budgets

CFO Mr. Pete Schenk said, as of yesterday, we had not been notified by PennDOT of any funding changes, but hope to hear from them in the next few weeks. Both the capital budget and the operating budget would be impacted if there were changes to the funding levels.

Mr. Schenk is presenting these budget proposals for the committee to consider recommending for the full board's consideration.

Questions from the committee, board members and others:

1. Ms. Ogoreuc asked if we track when there is a major accident on one of the Parkways.
 - a. Mr. St. Pierre answered yes we do track those trips and lost hours.
2. Ms. Zmijanac asked if we could detail the actual increase in ridership.
 - a. Mr. St. Pierre answered 1.24 million additional riders system wide.