



CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 11, 2023

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

A. Call to order- Susanne Rasmussen (Cambridge) called the meeting to order at 11:02AM via zoom.

B. Continued discussion and possible action to accept the draft FY24-28 Capital Investment Plan Oversight Report and recommend that the full MBTA Advisory Board adopt it.

The committee started by reviewing the Executive Summary proposed changes. Brian Kane (Executive Director) proposed to integrate all changes such as the footnotes, updated formatting, and fixing all applicable charts. Committee agreed that the content, especially technical numbers, were sufficient. S. Rasmussen (Cambridge) sought clarification that the report addresses the needs of the MBTA.

B. Kane asserted the MBTA seems to be taking a broad definition of what constitutes a safety investment is versus just an investment. It was noted the board of directors' finance committee held a meeting today with limited questions about the CIP. With three new members, there is a learning curve they have to go through since they have never seen these documents before. The committee is encouraged to take a harder stand on safety and throughout the report emphasize the need for the MBTA to explain not just how they are budgeting money, but explain how they expect to get results.

S. Rasmussen expressed concern that anyone without the background knowledge/insight might interpret the language and process the understanding or delivery of the report. Chester Osbourne (Maynard) suggested that it is important to ensure that true safety investments are clear compared to overall investment.

B. Kane noted that the Advisory Board, in reports at least from 2008-2009, predicted that the negative service effects experienced by riders today, caused by the deterioration of infrastructure and lack of basic maintenance. He suggested that the committee instead focus on positive aspects with recommendations to promote change.

C. Osbourne asked if there were any opportunities to highlight needs to the new general manager and senior leadership?

B. Kane mentioned that his interpretation suggests that the administration plans to let its new Board appointees, General Manager, and Safety Chief take time to understand the capital and operational funding needs of the Authority before seeking additional resources. Kane continued, that the T leadership team had little to do with drafting the CIP or Operating Budget under consideration, since most of the preparation work done on them was completed months ago.

Frank Tramontozzi (Quincy) acknowledged that the CIP invests billions of tax payer dollars into the system, but queried what T leadership expected to get out of these investments and when?

B. Kane was tasked with incorporating proposed changes and proposed a path forward to complete all edits, get a final edited version to committee members by this afternoon for additional review. Once final review is complete the document will be considered a valid document. If approved by the committee, this document can be shared with the Full Board. The committee will present the final draft next Tuesday, May 16, 2023 to the Full Advisory Board. From there, the document will be presented to the MBTA Board of Director on May 25, 2023.

C. Osbourne (Maynard) agreed to present the Committee's report to the full MBTA Advisory Board on May 16. It was noted that Gianni Hill from the City of Revere is no longer on the board or committee. Mr. Kane will follow up with the City of Revere for direct comments.

C. Old/New business. There was none

D. Adjourn: With all business transacted, F. Tramontozzi moved to adjourn. C. Osborn seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Attendees:

Cambridge	Susanne Rasmussen
Maynard	Chester Osbourne
Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi
Advisory Board	Staff
Brian Kane	Executive Director
Amira Patterson	Transportation Planner

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