



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 15TH, 2025 AT 4:33 PM AT THE INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.  
PRESENT: BABINSKI, GUSTAFSON, JOHNSON, PULLEN, SCHNEIDER. ABSENT: MUNCEY, RINGELBERG, SLIDER.  
ALSO PRESENT: CARTEN-CRANDELL; ROBILLARD  
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHUTTLE SERVICE.

COMMUNICATIONS: MDOT FY2021, MICHIGAN FY26 STATE BUDGET, MERS REPORT.  
PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.

MOTION BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY SCHNEIDER. MOTION CARRIED.  
MOTION BY BABINSKI TO PAY THE JUNE 2025 BILLS FOR \$25,509.42. SUPPORT BY GUSTAFSON. MOTION CARRIED.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL STATUS AND RIDERSHIP: THE CASH POSITION REMAINS STRONG. WE HAVE RECEIVED 79.3% OF THE BUDGETED REVENUE AND DISBURSED 65.6% OF THE BUDGETED EXPENSES. RIDERSHIP INCREASED BY 16.32% OVER THE PRIOR PERIOD. THE ITA CARRIED 9924 PASSENGERS IN JULY!

MOTION BY SCHNEIDER TO MAINTAIN THE HALF-PRICE FARES FOR THE LATE-NIGHT WEEKEND SERVICE. SUPPORTED BY GUSTAFSON. MOTION CARRIED

B. MOTION BY PULLEN TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$369,117.07. SUPPORTED BY SCHNEIDER. MOTION CARRIED. 70% OF THE FUNDING WILL COME FROM CAPITAL GRANTS, WHILE THE REMAINING 30% WILL BE COVERED BY THE FUND BALANCE.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. THE MPTA PRESIDENT VISITED THE INTERURBAN IN JUNE. THE DIRECTOR SHARED THE BUILDING EXPANSION PLANS, THE NEW AREAS SERVED BY THE ITA, AND THE PLAN TO OFFSET THE FUNDING CUTS.

B. RIDERSHIP FARES HAVE BEEN INCREASED FOR THE SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

C. TWO NEW CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED WITH FENNVILLE ELEMENTARY DAYCARE AND FENNVILLE MIGRANT PROGRAM.

D. PULLEN REQUESTED THAT A 'LAST RIDE' ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE DURING THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT "MUSIC IN THE PARK" SHUTTLE SERVICE.

#### IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

A. THE DIRECTOR ATTENDED THE CTAA CONFERENCE, AND NEIL CARLSON ATTENDED THE TRANSIT VEHICLE WORKSHOP. TWO-WAY RADIO POWER BACKUPS WERE INSTALLED. THE BUSES ARE CONTINUALLY BEING MAINTAINED TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND.

BOARD COMMENTS: PER SCHNEIDER, THE 'ITA' HAS THE BEST EMPLOYEES WHO KEEP THE BUSES RUNNING EVEN WITH TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. SCHNEIDER IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEW FENNVILLE CITY SERVICE.

MEETING ADJOUNED AT 5:18 BY PULLEN.

LORI BABINSKI  
SECRETARY

MICHELLE ROBILLARD  
RECORDING SECRETARY

