



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Feliciano, Kilbane, Singh and Mitterholzer were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Gallucci and Osbey were absent from the meeting. Committee member Conwell entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Rico Dancy addressed the Committee regarding bus access to Public Square.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Kilbane, seconded by Mr. Singh and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Legislative status of transportation budget and Medicaid sales tax-
William Tarter, Jr., Center for Community Solutions

Mr. William Tarter, Jr., Policy Planning Associate and Community Advocacy for the Center for Community Solutions; Mr. Loren Anthes, Public Policy Fellow, Medicaid Policy Center for the Center for Community Solutions; and Mr. Daniel Ortiz, Outreach Coordinator for Policy Matters Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding the legislative status of the State transportation budget and Managed Care Sales tax and provided information relating to the history of the tax, revenue impact, replacement policy and 2015 Ohio Department of Transportation Transit Needs study. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Tarter, Anthes and Ortiz pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, the following recommendation was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be sent to the full Council:

“The Regional Transportation Subcommittee recommends that Cuyahoga County advocate for the following in regard to public transportation funding for the State of Ohio FY2018-19 Biennial Budget and beyond:

- 1) We support the proposal for temporary replacement of Sales Tax on Medicaid Managed Care Organizations for FY2018-9 as presented in the as-introduced version of the FY2018-19 Biennial Budget Bill.***
- 2) We advocate that the Legislature work long term and find ways to fully and permanently replace the revenue that Public Transportation Systems will lose due to the change in tax policy regarding Sales Tax on Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.***
- 3) We advocate that the Legislature allocate \$50 million per year in Federal Flexible Highway Funding and 12.5 million per year in General Revenue Fund dollars for public transportation for each of Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 to provide a total funding package for public transportation in Ohio that represents some increase over the current funding level.”***

- b) Update on Public Square transit traffic and safety studies

Mr. Feliciano reported that both studies were completed last week and that the executive summaries were released to the public. Leaders from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the City of Cleveland are meeting to address further concerns.

- c) Local public transit issues

Mr. Miller reported that he would like the Committee to consider additional categories relating to local public transit issues as well as consider options to more effectively and efficiently utilize funding.

- d) March and April Committee meeting schedule

Mr. Miller announced that the Regional Transportation Committee would meet on the following dates:

- 1) Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- 2) Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- 3) Thursday, April 6, 2017 (time to be determined) and
- 4) Thursday, April 27, 2017 (time to be determined)

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Edward Kraus addressed the Committee regarding addressing public transportation needs of companies that do not have sufficient access to public transit.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address and on a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Mitterholzer, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m., without objection.