



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR
10:30 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Loh addressed the Committee regarding safety and public transportation issues.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Richardson-Scott and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) State budget update-State Representative Stephanie D. Howse

The Honorable Stephanie Howse, State Representative for Ohio District 11, addressed the Committee regarding the state budget and presented information relating to the franchise fee on Health Insurance Corporation (HIC) tax, Conference Committee proposal, impact on Cuyahoga County and next steps in the process. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Representative Howse pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Miller introduced a recommendation urging the Ohio Senate to override the Governor's veto of the HIC tax provision of House Bill 49. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Gallucci with a second by Mr. Feliciano, the following recommendation was approved by unanimous vote:

“County Council Committee of the Whole Subcommittee on Regional Transportation strongly recommends that the County vigorously advocate for the Ohio Senate to override the Governor's veto of the long-term correction of Medicaid Managed Care Organization sales tax revenue loss contained in the Health Insuring Corporation Franchise Fee provision of House Bill 49, the Ohio Biennial Budget.”

- b) Creation of high-level public transportation advocacy organization

Ms. Conwell addressed the Committee regarding obtaining a list of individuals and organizations interested in joining the successor organization. Discussion ensued.

- c) Preview of September Committee meetings

Mr. Miller announced that the Regional Transportation Advisory Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, September 14th and on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Singh addressed the Committee regarding recommending criteria for board appointments for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. Discussion ensued.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Eric Johnson addressed the Committee regarding the “hold harmless provision” and options for public transit.

Mr. Joseph Calabrese addressed the Committee regarding advocacy and funding for public transit.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Singh, with a second by Ms. Richardson-Scott, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m., without objection.