



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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, Conwell, Feliciano, Richardson-Scott and Singh were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Gallucci, Osbey and Mitterholzer were absent from the meeting.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**

**There were no public comments given.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 2017 meeting.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) None

**There were no matters referred to Committee.**

**[Clerk's Note: After briefly addressing the items, Mr. Miller had to leave and Ms. Conwell chaired the remainder of the meeting.]**

## **6. DISCUSSION**

- a) Update on state budget

**Mr. Miller provided the Committee with an update on the state budget and reported that a temporary agreement was reached to permit one year of transition funding as a replacement for the loss of Medicaid sales tax revenue. Discussion ensued.**

- b) Alternatives for dealing with loss of MCO sales tax revenue

**Mr. Miller requested that suggestions for alternatives solutions for the loss of MCO sales tax revenue be included in the Committee's final report.**

**Ms. Conwell stated that a possible solution for dealing with a loss of funding include a possible sales tax increase. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Joseph Calabrese, CEO and General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), addressed the Committee regarding the loss of MCO sales tax revenue relating to GRCTA's budget and suggested possibly requesting a Ohio Department of Transportation Need's Study as well as utilizing federal grants and ballot initiatives. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Calabrese pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Eric Johnson, representing GCRTA, addressed the Committee regarding a decrease in funding and suggested that municipalities request funding from the State of Ohio. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee member asked questions of Mr. Johnson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- c) Public transportation advocacy successor organization

**Mr. Miller stated that he spoke with Council President Brady and is also meeting with County Executive Budish regarding the successor organization.**

**Ms. Conwell stated that she is following-up with Kelly Britt to discuss utilizing meeting space at the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Calabrese addressed the Committee regarding inviting other counties to participate in the successor organization. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Calabrese pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

d) Draft outline for final report

**Mr. Miller stated that the draft outline for the final report was distributed at the previous Committee meeting.**

**Ms. Conwell asked for suggestions to include in the final report and noted that the report is being finalized and will be distributed in December.**

e) Public transportation assistance for commuters

**Mr. Miller postponed the discussion regarding public transportation assistance for commuters.**

#### 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

**Mr. Robert Cranberry addressed the Committee regarding a potential sales tax increase and extending the expiration of passes for senior and disabled persons.**

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m., without objection.**