

**DTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES HELD
ON JUNE 26, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT:	Chairperson	Mr. Robert Cramer
	Vice Chairperson	Mr. Luke Polcyn
	Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. John Naglick
		Mr. John Paul Rea
		Mr. Samuel Krassenstein

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:	Hon. Mary Sheffield
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DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:	Mr. Ernest Latham, Deputy Gen. Mgr.
	Ms. Ericka Alexander
	Cf. Edward Arnold
	Ms. Ophelia Crawford
	Ms. Pamela Day
	Ms. Karen Foster
	Mr. Cornelius Henry
	Mr. Curt Knudsen
	Ms. LaTrinda Perry
	Ms. Leeya Sutter
	Mr. Christopher Thomas
	Mr. Anthony Vinson
	Ms. Gwen Wallace
	Mr. Michael Walter
	Mr. James Zills
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Mr. Khalil Davis
	Ms. Ella Nikitin
	Mr. Lucas Lasecki
	Mr. Ryan Mauck
	Mr. Robert Pawlowski
	Mr. Ryan Schiffer

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Remarks

Chairperson Mr. Robert Cramer called the meeting of the Detroit Transportation Corporation Board of Directors to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Robert Cramer performed a roll call. A quorum was present with the following members: Chairperson Mr. Robert Cramer, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Luke Polcyn, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. John Naglick, Mr. John Paul Rea, and Mr. Samuel Krassenstein.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Luke Polcyn and supported by Mr. Robert Cramer to adopt the amended agenda.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2025

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn to adopt the Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting held on May 22, 2025.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. Closed Session

MOTION: It was motioned by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. Robert Cramer that the Board of Directors enter into a Closed Session to discuss strategy and work related to the Collective Bargaining Unit.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Robert Cramer performed the roll call to enter into Closed Session. The Board of Directors entered the Closed Session at approximately 4:08 p.m. The Closed Session ended at approximately 4:41 p.m.

The Board of Directors returned from the Closed Session and was recalled back into the Open Session at approximately 4:42 p.m.

Action Items

4. Resolution Authorization for Approval of Labor Agreement between DTD and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") Maintenance Supervisor Unit

MOTION: It was motioned by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that that the CEO shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to update, finalize and execute a new labor agreement between DTC and AFSCME Local 2394, Maintenance Supervisors, consistent with the tentative agreement reached on June 18, 2025 and ratified by majority vote on June 18, 2025.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. Resolution Authorization for Approval of Labor Agreement between DTC and Teamsters Local 2014 Sergeants Unit

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that the CEO shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to update, finalize and execute a new labor agreement between DTC and Teamsters Local 214, Sergeants Unit, consistent with the tentative agreement reached on June 17, 2025 and ratified by majority vote on June 21, 2025.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

6. Resolution Authorization for Approval of Labor Agreement between DTC and Teamsters Local 214 Transit Police Officers Unit

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that the CEO shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to update, finalize and execute a new labor agreement between DTC and Teamsters Local 214, Transit Police Officers Unit, consistent with the tentative agreement reached on June 17, 2025 and ratified by majority vote on June 22, 2025.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

7. Resolution Authorization to Award a Contract for Vehicle HVAC Preventive Maintenance and Repair Service

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein and supported by Mr. Luke Polcyn that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the DTC Board of Directors to enter into a Vehicle HVAC Preventative Maintenance and Repair Service agreement for a three (3) year contract and two (2) 1-year renewal option for an amount not-to-exceed Five-Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Five-Hundred Ten dollars and 00/100 (**\$567,510.00**) for the base term with a five-year total maximum cost of One Million Eleven-Thousand Six-Hundred Ninety-Four dollars 00/100 (**\$1,011,694.00**).

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer introduced Ms. Michele Pollock as DTC's new Strategic Sourcing and Procurement Director.

Mr. Cramer stated that the resolution is for preventive maintenance (PM) services for the HVAC systems that are on the trains. He stated that there is a cycle and costs on a per train basis and that we included a \$20,000 budget for repairs associated with the PMs, and if it is more, it would be brought back to the Board for approval. Mr. Cramer explained that we have tried for quite some time to get competition on this, and that Technical Hot and Cold is the only responsive and responsible bidder who submitted. He stated that we have done a price analysis by looking at the inflation rates to justify their increased rates, and based on that, procurement and staff have determined that the price and the rates are fair and reasonable. He stated that this must be done when you have a single bid, sole source. Mr. Cramer said that the other contractors were very busy and that this is very specialized work. He stated that it has been documented that we could not get other contractors to submit responsive bids.

Mr. Curt Knudsen added that some of the other vendors that did not respond were contacted. He said that one of the vendors stated they have enough work to do, and another passed on the opportunity, saying they will consider it when we receive the new trains. The explanation is that this project will be something that will take a lot of time and effort to figure out and complete efficiently.

Mr. Luke Polcyn inquired about the recommendation for the 5-year term, given the needs that are going to differentiate across the two leads with the new cars coming in. Mr. Curt Knudsen answered that the system is like ours and that there are going to be slight variances.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if the new contract would allow them to work on the new cars. Mr. Curt Knudsen answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein noted the inflation escalations by year and asked if this is assuming a 3% increase after year one. Mr. Robert Cramer answered that this is the incumbent vendor bidder, and the reason we added the inflation analysis was to justify comparing the increased cost versus their old contracts. Mr. Krassenstein

asked if the future year rates will increase if there is an estimated 3% inflation by year going forward. Mr. Cramer answered in the affirmative. Mr. Cramer corrected that the increase is 5%.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. Chief Executive Officer

Mid-Year Ridership – Mr. Robert Cramer

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that as of the end of May, DPM had about 2,000 rides from the same time last year and that our goal is to increase ridership by 53%. We had a busy January during the Auto Show, and a decrease in April because there was no NFL Draft. He stated that we have had busier days than we did this time last year. Mr. Cramer said that the fireworks were a little bit of a decrease, but that the Grand Prix had a sizable increase over last year.

Mr. Cramer stated that we are on track in the month of June to be about 10,000 over last year. He stated that our expanded regular hour, which began during Thanksgiving last year have been very helpful because we are always open for events. He stated that expanding the hours is helpful long-term for people to develop habits.

Mr. Cramer stated that Sundays have been better than last year, and weekdays have been less, but overall, tracking the same.

System Plan Progress – Mr. Anthony (Tony) Vinson

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Vinson stated we are approximately one and a half months into the project and that the goal is to identify our role in the downtown neighborhoods. Mr. Vinson presented a map to show the areas we're looking at and mentioned that through that we're looking at actionable short-term, mid-term and long-term projects that will help us meet the mobility need which can be anywhere from wayfinding to station enhancements all the way to large-scale expansion projects.

Mr. Vinson stated that we have eight project tasks, and right now we are on schedule. He stated that we are working through the 1st and 2nd tasks, Project Management, Data Review and/ Existing Conditions. He said that we have completed our project kickoff meeting and our project management strategy plan, and that we are currently working on the community and stakeholder engagement outreach strategy plan. He also stated that we are putting together a technical working group, which we are close to finalizing the list, and a strategic working group at a higher level that we will meet with to keep engaged through the process.

Mr. Tony Vinson stated that we are talking through our public meeting approach and how we are going to handle that and reach out to the public. He stated that currently, AECOM is working through our data review of existing conditions. He said that we were able to give them a lot of information on ridership and some of the recent projects that we are working on, such as the one at Cadillac Center with Bedrock.

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that the Board will be invited to participate in the stakeholder groups and that we are finalizing a list and the outreach letter correspondence.

Mr. Luke Polcyn asked for an explanation of the technical group and the strategy group. Mr. Tony Vinson answered that the technical working group is made up of our mobility partners and City departments with which we work closely. He mentioned the large transit providers, such as SMART, DDOT, MoGo, and some of the City departments; Parking, Planning, DPW, DDP, and the strategic group. He also mentioned Bedrock and some of the larger development groups, as well as Visit Detroit and General Motors (GM).

Mr. Cramer stated that the strategy group will be more about checking in a couple of key state points, but again, the idea is to get input and buy-in from those groups so that when we're getting something that people

really are invested in and hopefully have a good chance to succeed.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked when the first strategy meetings will begin. Mr. Tony Vinson answered that we are hoping to have our first technical working group meeting from mid- to end of July, and the strategic meeting will be right after that. He also stated that the thought was that each group would meet every other month.

Social Media/Upcoming Events – Ms. Ericka Alexander

Ms. Ericka Alexander stated that for this quarter, in terms of communications and PR, we are still working with top-line media. She stated that the three major events that we capitalized on were Opening Day, Movement, and the Grand Prix. The messages that were placed in the media talked about our free fare, our key stations offering direct access, and naming those stations, as well as the operating hours, which we feel is valuable information for people to take with them and to build more ridership. Ms. Alexander stated that we have also started looking at website metrics, and by giving people the information and making sure they know where our website is, thepeoplemover.com, we are able to track the activity. Ms. Alexander pointed out that the number at the top of her presentation is the figure for May, which shows that we were at 22,000, an increase of about 25%. She noted that the bottom number is more reflective of what has been happening since we started measuring social and the website from December to the end of last month, and that number is up 230%.

Ms. Ericka Alexander stated that the two bar charts represent the total sources of visits which are by mobile phone, landing on the website, and through Google search.

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that the December date is significant because that is when we started our monthly investment through Hadrout for managing our content.

Ms. Alexander stated that we get monthly snapshots of our activity and that the number of posts in May increased from the previous month from 32 to 39. She said that the teams feel that people are being inspired by what is happening downtown and are sharing more amongst themselves with our followers.

In summary, Ms. Alexander stated that we feel like it showed we are trending positively on most platforms. We had good engagement on Instagram, and a lot of user-generated content is an upward trend. She stated that people are taking pictures of the trains, making videos, finding reasons to ride, and sharing information. She said that in June, we are continuing with supporting their user-generated content and making sure that they are actively tagging us in their photos, and videos which helps strengthen the community of People Mover riders who support us.

Ms. Ericka Alexander stated that in July we will be keeping track of the following events:

- Detroit Tigers thirteen home games
- Oddities & Curiosities Expo
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International Leadership Conference
- African World Festival
- Arab & Chaldean Festival

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if there is a calendar on the website that shows the events. Ms. Ericka Alexander answered in the affirmative, stating that there is a marquee at the bottom that highlights special events we flag that people should take an interest in. She stated that we promote a larger calendar that they can click on and see everything, which is also coordinated with our kiosk.

Mr. Robert Cramer pointed out the People Mover Champions on the website, which is a new initiative that we are launching, where each month we will feature a different People Mover Champion to get people more involved. Currently, the website features Mr. Vince Paul from the Music Hall as our first Champion. He stated that this is an initiative that Ms. Ericka Alexander, Ms. Madonna Van Fossen, and Hadrout came up with.

Mr. Polcyn inquired about an update on DPM working with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) new "Conversations That Move People" web series, which spotlights creative and innovative Michiganders who share why they are proud to call Michigan home. Ms. Alexander reported that from his recommendation to that agency, MEDC taped their inaugural segment with their first guest while riding the People Mover, and that the interview and conversation were well received. MEDC is continuing with the series with future episodes scheduled on the People Mover.

<https://www.facebook.com/DetroitPeopleMoverTrain/videos/watch-the-full-conversation-on-youtube-now-to-hear-more-about-what-makes-detroit/2517054105310080/>

9. Public Participation

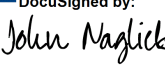
Mr. Robert Pawlowski remarked that the volunteer program is a program that is very successful regardless of the stipend pay. He stated that it is a program with benefits, with a lot of skills gained. He mentioned that the volunteers were a lifeline for people not familiar with the People Mover system and recommended that we look at more of the opportunity as a program for big events because it is beneficial.

Ms. Ella Nakitin shared her positive experience of being able to access the People Mover downtown during the Grand Prix.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, and supported by Mr. John Paul Rea, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative

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John Naglick, Corporation Secretary