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**DTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT:

Vice-Chairperson
Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. G. Michael Staley
Mr. John Naglick
Comm. Abdul Haidous
Mr. Samuel Krassenstein

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Chairperson

Mr. Luke Polcyn
Hon. Mary Sheffield

DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:

Mr. Robert Cramer, Gen. Mgr.
Mr. Ernest Latham, Deputy Gen. Mgr.
Ms. Ericka Alexander
Mr. Michael Anderson, Jr.
Cf. Edward Arnold
Mr. Ray Calloway
Ms. Ophelia Crawford
Ms. Karen Foster
Mr. Herbert Harris
Mr. LaVar Harris
Mr. Curt Knudsen
Mr. Christopher Thomas
Mr. Tony Vinson
Ms. Gwen Wallace
Mr. Mike Walter
Ms. Tiauna West

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mr. Ken Boyd
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Lukas Lasecki
Mr. Robert Pawlowski
Mr. Ryan Schiffer
Ms. Stewart

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Remarks

Vice-Chairperson Mr. Michael Staley called the meeting of the Detroit Transportation Corporation Board of Directors to order at approximately 4:06 p.m.

A quorum was present with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairperson Mr. G. Michael Staley, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. John Naglick, Commissioner Abdul Haidous, and Mr. Samuel Krassenstein.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous and supported by Mr. John Naglick to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 28, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Sam Krassenstein and supported by Commissioner Abdul Haidous to adopt the Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting held on June 28, 2024.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Action Items

3. Resolution Authorization for Load Bank Testing of the Station Elevators

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein that that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to enter into an agreement with TKE amount not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$33,000.00).

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. Resolution Authorization for repairs of the Elevator at the Broadway Station

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein and supported by Mr. John Naglick that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to enter into an agreement with TKE amount not to exceed Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fourteen 28/100 Dollars (\$52,614.28).

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that the elevator at the Broadway Station had been down for over a month and that Thyssen Krupp Elevator came out to analyze what needs to be done which is the list of parts that need to be replaced. He stated that the repairs would not be complete until after we have reopened from the service "pause".

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. Resolution Authorizing for a Contract Extension for Professional/Technical Engineering Services

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to enter into a contract amendment as herein stated with WSP USA to extend the contract from September 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024, for the provision of professional/technical engineering services as directed by the DTC.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that this is the final extension for the WSP contract. He stated that a bid for a five-year contract would be put out and structured in a way that would allow us to select multiple vendors. He stated that the idea is to have at least two which would allow for

us to have a wider range of specializations and allows us to have competition when we have work that needs to be done. He stated that our time frame is to have a new contract in effect January 1, 2025.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if both of the engagement which includes the previous authorizations for WSP be done prior to January 1, 2025. Mr. Robert Cramer answered in the negative stated that the work order will continue. Mr. Samuel Krassenstein noted that the contract should not end before the work order is completed. Mr. Cramer stated that his recommendation is to approve the present resolution and he will get more details. Mr. Cramer stated that one of the approvals was to help us get the cars from TTC which could be 18 months. Mr. Krassenstein ask if a second extension would be brought back. Mr. Cramer answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if WSP is helping with the Triennial Review. Mr. Cramer stated that the Triennial portion was to finish from our last and will be completed before December 31st. He stated that our next Triennial Review is coming up next year.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

6. Resolution Authorizing Ratification of Additional Media Services for DTC

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to award and indemnify Beasley Media Group for incurred services of **Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 dollars (\$48,500.00)**.

Discussion: Mr. Robert Cramer stated that the requested authorization that was brought to the board was for a smaller amount, however, the budget for the services was quite higher. He stated that we spent up the budget amount which didn't meet the authorizations which is why this is worded differently. He stated that we have already incurred the services and are asking the Board to increase the authorization to match. He stated that this is for Beasley Media Group, primarily for radio services, and that through this process Beasley has agreed to give us credits for the coming years, advertisements totaling almost the difference of over \$20,000 that will allow us to secure more radio advertisement without spending more money and help us with the budget.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

6. General Manager's Report

Mr. Robert Cramer stated that we have participated in a number of conferences; some staff attended the APTA HR conference, Mr. Tony Vinson attended the Automated People Mover (APM) specific conference, which is geared toward airports. Mr. Cramer stated that he and Mr. Vinson recently returned from the Michigan Public Transportation Association (MPTA) Annual Conference which allowed them to reconnect with some transportation security administrations.

Mr. Cramer stated that we will be on pace to have over 1 million riders for the year even though we will be closed for almost three months. He stated that he is still working on ways and techniques we can pursue to continue that momentum into next year. He stated that this year will get us close to the levels of 2019. He stated that our goal is to continue to use the year 2015 as our high-water mark that we would like to surpass.

Mr. Cramer stated that he is optimistic that we will not have trouble with the continuation of a sponsor or a new sponsor.

Mr. Cramer stated that our number one focus heading into the fall is the rail improvement process, our pause of operation. He stated that the project will commence on the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 3rd. He stated that the scheduled reopen is Friday, November 22nd and that we are confident that the schedule has enough built in that for a realistic open date. Mr. Cramer stated that we're going to have a lot of engagement opportunities along the way, different events to engage the community and support the public.

Mr. Cramer stated that on Friday, September 20th at the Grand Circus Park Station, Councilwoman Gabriela Santiago-Romero will be having a District 6 coffee hour. He stated that she was in having it in the Grand Circus Park station because half of the station is in her district. He stated that when we reopen the system on the November 22nd or before Thanksgiving, we are looking at ways we can have a triumphant reopening and maybe other events we can have around the Lions games or the Thanksgiving Day parade. He stated that we will be having 36 hours of continuous service, but that on Thanksgiving Day we will close at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Cramer stated that we'll be putting up 2' x 4' vinyl posters on the windows that will stay up from next week through when we reopen that will talk about the project, and the dates and have a QR code that takes you to the web page where you'll be able to see project updates and learn about the events and project information. He stated that our top goal is making sure everyone's well informed and aren't surprised, and ready for the reopening.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if we would be putting updates on all the monitors outside the stations. Mr. Robert Cramer answered that the last thing in the CCTV project is trying to get a good system down for updating the information on those screens. He stated that at a minimum, the hours will reflect that we're not open, but we're hoping to have a rotation that will have information that rotates through the screens.

Mr. Cramer stated that we are going to be advertising other connections maybe even information about private taxi operators to help supplement such as scooters, bike share, and there's a free shuttle system that serves some periods of the week run by Guests. He stated that we are evaluating or pursuing if there are any other partnerships we could have to boost some of those services.

Mr. John Naglick stated that auditors are coming into the year end financial statement audit right after Labor Day and recommended that DTC stay close to that process.

Mr. Samuel Krassenstein asked if there are any updates on the expansion study. Mr. Cramer answered study and our strategic plan are at the State, we have not received the final approval on the package yet. However, it will hit the street as soon as we get it.

Mr. Cramer also stated our data, and electronic entity reporting software will come to the Board in October. He stated that you want to make sure there is time for teams to form and responses and interviews, but either September, but certainly by the October Board meeting, we'll have those items for the board with recommendations.

7. Public Participation

Mr. Cunningham proposed placing a poster on the sliding doors to direct people to use the traditional taxi cab, Uber, Lyft, bike share, and scooters. Mr. Cunningham also asked if the audio system could be used to solicit hiring and increase the wages for mechanics at DDOT.

Mr. Lucas Lasecki stated that there is a new autonomous shuttle that has been running a little bit through downtown lately, and that could be another opportunity to get in touch with whoever runs it to see if that could be altered in some way to serve some of the underserved.

Mr. Robert Pawlowski noted the many issues regarding the elevators needing repairs and suggested that DTC consider replacing some of the elevators that need it the most and look into improving the fixing of the escalators. He stated that it is an accessibility issue for those who have to rely on the stairs or in a wheelchair.

Mr. Pawlowski also suggested putting out a pocketbook or brochure with other transportation opportunities as an option for transportation within the city, especially when you have destinations; people are always looking for something easy to carry around.

8. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Abdul Haidous, and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:31 p.m.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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John Naglick, Corporation Secretary