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**MINUTES OF PVTA'S
ROUTE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 29, 2016**

The Route Committee meeting of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. at the PVTA.

1. PRESENT:

Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Peter Miller, Westfield; Nancy Talbot, Ware; Jim Czach, West Springfield; Mary MacInnes, PVTA; Brandy Lamour, PVTA; Josh Rickman, PVTA;

NOT PRESENT:

Paul Burns, Palmer; Patrick Burke, Rider Representative;

A quorum being present, Chairman of the Route Committee, Brian O'Leary, called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2016.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Talbot/Miller) to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2016.

Chairman O'Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TIGER TROLLEY CHANGES

Josh Rickman, Manager of Operations & Planning reported the following:

The Tiger Trolley is considered a community circulator. This means that the route should transport a minimum of 5 passengers per revenue hour. During the 22 months of operation the Tiger Trolley has not surpassed more than 3.4 passengers per revenue hour.

The proposal recommends changing the route structure to provide greater access for Holyoke residents to increase overall ridership to minimum standards. Currently the Tiger Trolley uses the

Mueller Bridge (Route 202) to connect to South Hadley. The original intent of this routing was to provide service to Lathrop Village resident's access to the service as well as provide direct service to the South Hadley Public Library. However, there is very little ridership from the Lathrop Village complex. The proposal will instead route the Tiger Trolley through the "Flats" in Holyoke on Lyman Street and use the Vietnam Memorial Bridge (Route 116) into South Hadley. Furthermore, the South Hadley Public Library would become a Transit Access point.

PVTA is required to have public hearings on this proposal as the route structure is being altered by more than 25%. Public hearings on this change would be held in Holyoke and in South Hadley during the summer of 2016. Meeting notices will be provided a minimum of two weeks before the meeting takes place. PVTA will disseminate the information on the website, on board vehicles and will provide the information to local media. All public hearing comments and transcripts will be provided to the committee as well as the Advisory Board for a final decision.

Chairman O'Leary asked if the committee had any questions on the Tiger Trolley proposed changes. Hearing none.

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to recommend to the full Board approval of scheduling public hearings on the proposed Tiger Trolley changes.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Talbot/Miller) to recommend to the full Board approval of scheduling public hearings on the proposed Tiger Trolley changes.

Chairman O'Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

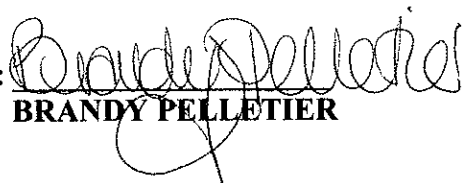
Chairman O'Leary reported that there is no other business to discuss.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Route Committee adjourned (Talbot/Miller) at 11:46 A.M.

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ATTEST:


BRANDY PELLETIER

Documents filed with Route Committee Meeting packet:

- Proposed Tiger Trolley Changes
- May 24, 2016 Route Committee Minutes

MINUTES APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016