
**MINUTES OF PVTA'S
ROUTE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 21, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Route Committee of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Administration Office located at 2808 Main Street in Springfield, MA.

PRESENT:

Members: Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Peter Miller, Westfield; J.M. Sorrell, Williamsburg;

NOT PRESENT:

A quorum being present, Chairman of the Route Committee, Brian O'Leary called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2019.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Sorrell/Miller) to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2019.

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. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A TITLE VI ANALYSIS FOR THE LOOP

Sandra Sheehan, PVTA Administrator, stated that The Loop is a free downtown shuttle connecting tourist attractions, hotels and more. The Loop was approved last August as a 1-year pilot program. It operates Wednesday through Sunday and is fully funded by MGM.

Ridership on The Loop is approximately 3.5 passengers per trip. PVTA received a grant for \$25,000 from the Mass Gaming Commission to market The Loop with the goal of increasing attendance to MGM and ridership on The Loop.

Routing changes were made back in April to increase efficiency and the frequency increased from every 60-minutes to every 45-minutes starting in June 2019.

PVTA is required to hold a public hearing for establishment of a new route. Now that the 1-year pilot program is coming to an end, the Advisory Board needs to approve The Loop as a route, contingent on MGM funding the route. Additionally, anytime a new route is established, a Title VI Equity Analysis must be completed showing potential disparate impacts and disproportionate burdens. For this process to get started, the Advisory Board needs to approve PVTA going out to public hearings, starting with a recommendation from the Route Committee.

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to recommend to the Advisory Board approving PVTA to hold a public hearing for a Title VI Analysis on The Loop.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Sorrell/Miller) to recommend to the Advisory Board approving PVTA to hold a public hearing for a Title VI Analysis on The Loop.

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.

5. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE LOOP AS A ROUTE

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to recommend to the Advisory Board approving PVTA to hold a public hearing for The Loop as a route, contingent on MGM continuing to fund the route.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Miller/Sorrell) to recommend to the Advisory Board approving PVTA to hold a public hearing for The Loop as a route, contingent on MGM continuing to fund the route.

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.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

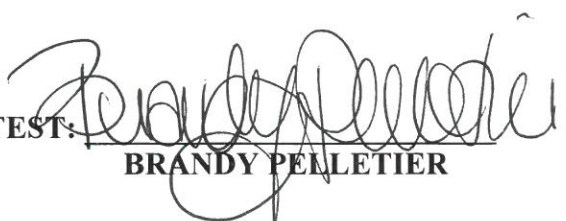
Chairman O'Leary reported that there is no other business to discuss.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Route Committee adjourned (Miller/Sorrell) at 11:50 A.M.

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ATTEST:


BRANDY PELLETIER

Documents filed with Route Committee meeting packet:

- January 23, 2019 Route Committee Minutes

MINUTES APPROVED: September 25, 2019