



TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
130 KNAPP ST. TOLEDO, OH 43604

FEBRUARY 9, 2023  
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

**Call to Order/Roll Call** - At 4:03 p.m. Trustee Kelsie Hoagland called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Michael Hart, Kelsie Hoagland and Katie Hunt-Thomas. Trustees present: Heather Baker and Lou Thomson.

**Presentations**

R-NO. C-23 TARTA Youth Summer Blast Pass Program - Laura Koprowski, CEO

- Available for ages 6-19
- Would like to work with community partners such as the TLCPL and TPS to help distribute the passes
- We will introduce an additional resolution once the desired funding has been secured.

Resolution No. C-23 *ESTABLISHING A TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY YOUTH SUMMER BLAST PASS PROGRAM.*

Katie Hunt-Thomas asked if this program only applies to TARTA's fixed-route service. Laura Koprowski stated that No, this program would cover all TARTA services [fixed-route, paratransit and TARTA flex]. Michael Hart mentioned that in the housing space, 8-24 is considered youth. Michael asked why TARTA selected 19 as the top out age. Laura Koprowski stated that we are focusing on the traditional High School graduation age. Heater Baker asked if funding is going away due to the passes being offered at \$25.00 instead of them being available for free. Laura stated that additional funding is still in discussion and awaiting a finalized MOU. Laura mentioned that the plan is to get the program setup, and then go back to the board for approval to make the program fare free once additional funding has been finalized and secured. Kelsie Hoagland asked if we can carry over any leftover, unused funds to the next year. Laura stated that we would consult the CFO to determine what can be done with unused funds from the program. There were no other questions.

Moved to the Board for adoption

TARTA Hub Site Assessment and Alternative Analysis Update - Charles Odimgbe, COO & Ron Reekes, Wendel Consultant

- First, understand needs for TARTA
  - Operations, Maintenance and Administration

- Second, assess the facility
  - Systems, mechanics, electrical, building structure, etc.
    - Determine if there is a need for expansion

Resolution No. D-23 *AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WENDEL ARCHITECTURE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING A SITE ASSESSMENT/ALTERNATIVE SITE ANALYSIS FOR TARTA'S TRANSIT HUB PROJECT.*

Katie Hunt-Thomas asked if we determine a need for an alternate site, what would happen to the current Hub. Charles Odimgbe stated that it could be sold to a new buyer or the FTA could take the property back. Michael Hart stated that he has heard feedback about the tree coverage and lights from the community. Heather Baker stated that she has concerns with the narrow road, how the vehicles line up and pedestrians darting out between the vehicles. Kelsie Hoagland mentioned that the hill is a concern when harsh weather makes the sidewalk and road slippery for pedestrians and for the vehicles. Laura Koprowski stated that we would have to follow FTA's preferred process for alternate site selection. There were no other questions.

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### **Any and All Other Business**

Spring Service Update - Charles Odimgbe, COO

- March 26<sup>th</sup> - Spring service changes start
  - Route 32 extending to Spring Meadows and parts of Holland.
    - A cultural resources investigation is required before we can move forward on creating some of the added stops.
  - Additional staffing will be brought on to support the service additions/changes

TARTA Flex Update - Susan Gettum, Chief of Staff

- TARTA Flex soft launch is going well
  - There were a few issues on the first day, but staff quickly solved these issues as they worked closely with Via to troubleshoot, and problem solve.
  - Phone operators and drivers are all doing an excellent job

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.