



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Conwell, Feliciano, Kilbane, Singh, Osbey and Mitterholzer were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts addressed the Committee regarding state funding for public transportation.

Mr. Joseph Calabrese thanked the Committee members for their participation on the Committee.

4. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members Miller, Conwell, Feliciano, Kilbane, Singh, Osbey and Mitterholzer gave brief introductory remarks relating to their professional background, interests and goals for serving on the Committee.

[In the absence of Ms. Gallucci, Mr. Mark Zannonni gave brief remarks.]

5. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL STAFF

Mr. Miller introduced Council staff members Kahlil Seren, Michael King and Janine Carter.

6. LIVE STREAM AND RECORDING PROCEDURES

Mr. Miller announced that all meetings are open to the public according to the Ohio Sunshine Laws and that they will also be recorded and livestreamed.

7. PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE AND END PRODUCT

Mr. Miller stated that the Committee is a sub-committee of Council's Committee of the Whole and will operate through December 2017. The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations in order to improve public transportation.

8. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Messrs. Zannonni and Mitterholzer suggested that possible goals and objectives of the Committee should include funding, operational and alignment plans.

9. CRITICAL DATES AND DEADLINES

Mr. Miller suggested that the Committee should focus on the state budget process.

Ms. Kilbane recommended that the County send representatives to Columbus to discuss increasing funding for public transportation.

10. DISCUSSION OF STATE BUDGET PROCESS AND MEDICAID SALES TAX

Mr. Miller stated that the Committee should discuss the level of support needed for public transportation and the loss of revenue for municipalities and transit authorities that will result from the loss of collecting Medicaid sales tax.

11. DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH INFORMATION NEEDED

Messrs. Feliciano, Mitterholzer and Ms. Kilbane discussed possibly researching other revenue sources as well as implementing strategies utilized by other states.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Conwell discussed possibly including members of the business and medical communities on the Committee.

12. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Miller announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Conwell and Mr. Singh discussed expanding the discussion areas of the Committee to include bus access to Public Square and budget cuts proposed by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts addressed the Committee regarding including additional members on the Committee.

Ms. Loh addressed the Committee regarding funding for Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Rico Dancy addressed the Committee regarding transportation for lower-income individuals and bus access to Public Square.

Mr. Joseph Calabrese addressed the Committee regarding including additional members on the Committee and offered his assistance if members had any questions.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Kilbane, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m., without objection.