

**TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, February 26, 2009  
4:00 PM TCAT Conference Room  
737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Attendees: D. Cogan, J. Dotson, P. Mackesey, R. McDaniel,  
F. Proto, N. Schuler, B. Wendt, J. Turcotte

S. Brock, M. Albanese, R. Andrascik, C. Brundza,  
A. Eccleston, N. Oltz, N. Tedesco, D. Tome,  
T. Wright, S. Persons/Recording Secretary

Also attended: George Eberhardt

**Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

D. Cogan called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM, and welcomed everyone to the February 26, 2009 TCAT, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting.

**II. Board Member Items**

There were no Board Member items.

**III. Public Comment**

G. Eberhardt a TCAT rider stated he had two issues, number one, why can we not find consultants from Ithaca or this area to setup our bus system instead of having to go all the way to Seattle Washington to people that don't know the problems we have here. And number two, we are highly upset with the plan changes to the route 15, have just learned that TCAT will be holding a meeting next week sometime at Titus Towers to discuss this with us, and there have been any number of emails, petitions, anything that they could do to try to convince you people that Titus Towers should not have just one run an hour, when over the past ten years it has been two, and considering it is mostly senior citizens and the disabled having to transfer to a bus to get to the store then take another bus to get back is ridiculous.

**IV. Approval of the minutes from December 4, 2008 meeting**

The motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2009 was made by R. McDaniel; seconded by N. Schuler. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

**V. Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson did not have a report.

## **VI. General Manager's Report**

- J. Turcotte reported there was an issue on one of our buses at about 10:30 this morning, a student was leaving one of our buses, when she got off she noticed a white powdery substance she thought she may have gotten from the bus, she went to the clinic up at Cornell and she had what they are classifying as a chemical burn on her hand. The clinic notified Cornell Risk Management who in turn contacted TCAT at roughly 12:40 pm, we immediately sent supervisors out on the route we thought the individual was on, there were four buses out on that route at that time, they looked and didn't see anything, that led to bringing the four buses out of service and bringing them down to the TCAT garage for precautionary measures. At such time the Ithaca Police Department and Fire Department got involved, they have reported they found nothing on our buses, and they have released the buses and asked the cleaners to wash the grab rails off tonight.
- Year End Operating Report – N. Tedesco and J. Turcotte presented the Year End Operating Report for 2008. N. Tedesco reviewed the details of the Riders, Miles & Hours Statistics, Ridership Notes, Ridership Trends, and Service Changes & Special Events. J. Turcotte reviewed the details of the Maintenance Statistics, Road Calls & Preventative Maintenance & Inspections, Accidents & Other Incidents, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing Initiatives & Customer Communications, and Promotional Fifty Cent Fare Survey Results.
- Transportation Development Plan - J. Turcotte reported that we have held six open house type public sessions at the Library, in Cornell, Dryden, Lansing, and in total estimated that there were over 200 people that attended these sessions. To date we have received close to 400 comments from people, and we do see themes in areas of improvement. He stated that there were a lot of compliments to TCAT and the drivers at these sessions. We have committed to another session out in Varna and Titus Towers the following week. We are working on putting together a time line of when we will implement changes.

## **VII. Action Items from Staff**

There were no action items.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee**

F. Proto stated the Executive Committee met February 12, 2009 and discussed TDP, Purchasing Manager Recruitment, Van Pool, Federal Stimulus Funds and Annual Appropriations request.

- **Budget Committee**

F. Proto stated that the Budget Committee met on February 19, 2009 and discussed Revenue Expenditure Reports: December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 Bus Insurance Renewal, County Borrowing against STOA income, Cash Flow and Fuel updates.

- **Transit Service Committee**

P. Mackesey reported that the Transit Service Committee met on February 24, 2009 and discussed the removal and relocation of shelters, the Transportation Development Plan and the draft proposal of a Tripper program.

- **Human Resources Committee**

N. Schuler reported that the Human Resources Committee met on February 17, 2009 and discussed current staffing levels, recruiting efforts, the grievance logs, and HR projects.

**IX. Next meeting**

- D. Cogan announced the next meeting date March 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by P. Mackesey and seconded by B. Wendt. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.