



Board Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

May 11, 2022

1. Latest Headlines and Industry News – Board Members

Opportunity for board members to provide news on their organization or projects.

NCDOT held their Mobi awards last week, and CATS won 2 awards, both for the Gold Line Phase 2 Streetcar System. Details can be found [here](#).

Tempe Streetcar opens May 20! Congratulations!!

2. Annual Items-**APPROVED**

Board Nominations Committee Recommendations

1. Bylaws Edits:

The Board Nominations Committee had two goals: 1) to stagger the terms in order that less than half of the board of directors would roll off the board on any given year; and 2) that active board members could continue to serve if they so choose. I believe we can accomplish the first objective with the adjusted language below. I also believe that the bylaws allow for the second objective already.

Election and Terms. The Board of Directors shall elect Directors to serve ~~three two~~ year terms, except that approximately half of the initial directors shall serve either one-year or three-year terms. Director terms shall be staggered, so that approximately ~~half a third~~ of the Directors are elected each year. Directors may serve no more than two consecutive terms, except that a director's final term shall continue beyond that term until a successor is elected and the Immediate Past Chair shall continue to serve on the Board of Directors for two years after completing two consecutive terms. A Director rotating off Board following two consecutive terms may be re-elected to the Board after a one-year hiatus in service. Any exception to the proceeding provisions in this section shall require a two-thirds vote of all Directors then in office. The term of office of any director shall otherwise terminate upon either the effective date of his or her resignation submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, upon his or her death, upon a vote of a majority of all of the incumbent directors to remove him or her from the directorship, or upon his or her not meeting the Qualifications for a Director. In the event of a vacancy, the position shall remain vacant until the next meeting where nominations will be received and approved to fill the remainder of the term.

2. Recommended Board Members:

Existing board members that are scheduled to roll off in June 2022, but the Nominations Committee is proposing an extension until June 2023 in order that less than half of the membership rolls off: Curtis

Ailes, City of Seattle; Andrew Plambeck, Portland Streetcar, Inc; Jon Schlagel, Herzog; Terry Nash, HNTB, DJ Baxter, KHA.

Existing Members with two-year terms that are scheduled to roll off in June 2023 but the Nominations Committee proposes that they remain until 2024: Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, Valley Metro; Bill Umbenhaur, Traction System; Erik Yingling, Stacy and Witbeck.

Proposed new members that would then roll off in June 2025: Michael White, Brookville; Janet Yeow, AECOM; Nick Stadem, HDR, Inc.; Derek Benedict, LA Streetcar; David McDonald, Charlotte Area Transit System, and Shellie Gin, Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility

3. Recommended Officer:

Tom Gerend, KC Streetcar, proposed for the Treasurer position

3. Annual Summit Update

90 individuals have registered representing 49 different organizations. We have 12 sponsors, and after transaction fees, we have just under \$27,300 in sponsorships. After transaction fees, we have collected approximately \$10,000 in registrations.

Most sessions have been finalized, with the exception of the Keynote Luncheon on Tuesday. We are working with the Mayor and FTA Administrator's offices to finalize plans for their presentations.

Estimated budget of \$52,000. There is currently \$37,000 in income from registration and sponsorships. We will plan to use \$15,000 from reserves

Gina asked that we send the attendee's list out and Bill asked that we send out a list of non-member attendees. Carl ask that I provide something to hand to non-members, and I will have additional business cards for you to give to them.

4. Budget Report

There are still several membership invoices that are outstanding. There are 4 company and 2 individual outstanding invoices. As of April 29, 2022, we have closed the books on membership dues and will begin issuing new invoices in July for FY 23. As of April 30, there was \$200,070.53 in the account.

Final Announcements:

APTA Rail will be June 5-8, and CSC will host a reception after the APTA Streetcar Subcommittee meeting on Sunday, June 5 from 3-5 PM.

Next Board meeting will be June 15. Please let me know if the current time works for everyone or if we need to adjust it to fit your schedule. This meeting will serve as a Summit wrap up meeting, where we will talk about lessons learned, possible changes for next year, as well as your favorite moments. It will also replace our July meeting, in an effort to avoid the summer travel season.

Proposed New Board Members (Term 2022-2025):

Michael White, Brookville: Michael has more than 20 years of government and private sector experience and has served in multiple roles over the past 15-years within Brookville Equipment Corporation's sales and marketing department. He currently leads BROOKVILLE's sales team's efforts globally across three markets. His recent vehicle procurements include Milwaukee Streetcar, Tempe Streetcar, and Chattanooga's Incline Railway Negotiating multi-year contracts, working with third party consultative

firms, and providing clients significant reductions to overall capital and operational expenditures is his focus.

Janet Yeow, AECOM: Janet is a Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering and has extensive technical, project and management experience working with transportation agencies in Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma. Throughout her career, Janet has developed specialized expertise in the horizontal and vertical design of streetcar, light rail, commuter rail, and heavy rail systems, including work in special track work design, cross-sections, grading, drainage, right of way, traffic control, and stormwater pollution prevention plans.

Nick Stadem, HDR, Inc.: Nick manages the current KC Streetcar contract, finalizing engineering for the NEPA decision and progress the preliminary engineering and FTA readiness efforts as the project works toward its New Starts Application for Entry into Engineering. Past experiences include managing transit planning projects: the Dallas Union Station to Oak Cliff Streetcar; the Dallas Streetcar Bishop Arts Southern Expansion; DART Central Link Streetcar NEPA and Preliminary Engineering; and Omaha Modern Streetcar Advanced Conceptual Engineering. Nick also has worked with mainline and non-revenue track design for streetcar and commuter rail, as well as maintenance and storage yard design in streetcar and commuter rail.

Derek Benedict, LA Streetcar: Derek has worked on planning and design for several “second generation” streetcar projects starting with Tucson Streetcar and including early Austin “Urban Rail”, the Oak Cliff and McKinney Avenue projects in Dallas, Charlotte Streetcar, El Paso Streetcar, and Oklahoma City Streetcar. Since 2016 Derek has been a program manager for Los Angeles Streetcar, currently as executive director of Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc. Derek is passionate about the ability of streetcars and trams to serve as high-profile, cost-effective “walk extenders” that reinforce economic activity, access to jobs, housing, and services, and the overall livability of our cities.

David McDonald, Charlotte Area Transit System: David is the Transit Program Manager for the Charlotte Area Transit System. He has over 30 years’ experience in Transportation and Transit planning, Project Management, Capital Program Management and Development Coordination. He served as the Project Manager for the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 Streetcar project and is leading the planning and design of Phase 3. He has worked with the City of Charlotte for 24 years and held positions in the Charlotte Department of Transportation and the Charlotte Area Transit System. He has represented CATS and the City of Charlotte on various committees

Shellie Gin, Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility: Shellie Ginn is a Deputy Director for the Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) and oversees the Strategic Communication, Traffic Engineering, Streets Maintenance and Real Estate Divisions. Her previous positions at the City of Tucson include DTM Planning and Programming Administrator, and Program Manager of the Sun Link Modern Streetcar Project. Her transit/alternative modes background also includes her work as the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager at the City of Tucson, and seven years at C-Tran, the local transit system in Vancouver, WA. She is a native Tucsonan who received her B.A. from the University of Arizona.