



It is the mission of the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority to provide useful, reliable, safe, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective public transportation options for the benefit of the Greater Ann Arbor Community.

Approved Minutes  
Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
Ann Arbor Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

Board Present: Jesse Bernstein, Eli Cooper, Anya Dale, Sue Gott, Charles Griffith (Chair), Roger Kerson, David Nacht

District Representatives: Bill Lavery, Bob Mester, David Phillips, David Read, Karen Lovejoy Roe

Staff: Terry Black, Ron Copeland, Bill De Groot, Michael Ford, Jan Hallberg, Dawn Gabay, Ed Robertson, Mary Stasiak, Phil Webb, Chris White

Recording Secretary: Karen Wheeler

Chairman Charles Griffith declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1.0 Public Hearing – None Scheduled

There was no Public Hearing.

2.0 Communications and Announcements

There were no communications or announcements.

3.0 Public Time – Comment on Agenda Items

No one appearing Mr. Griffith declared Public Time closed.

4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes presented for the Board's approval.

## 5.0 Board and Staff Reports

### 5.1 Incorporation as an Act 196 Authority

Charles Griffith reported on the process of moving forward on the Transit Master Plan noting the collaboration between staff, board members and district representatives and members of the community. Mr. Griffith noted the positive outcomes including increased mobility, building strong communities, less traffic and reduced pollution. Mr. Griffith thanked Jesse Bernstein for his leadership throughout the process.

## 6.0 Question Time

There were no questions raised.

## 7.0 Old Business

There was no Old Business for the Board to consider.

## 8.0 New Business

Jesse Bernstein moved the following resolution and read the resolution into the record.

### 8.1 Request to Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to File Articles of Incorporation Creating a Michigan Act 196 Authority

**WHEREAS**, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) Board of Directors (the Board) wishes to expand public transportation services throughout Washtenaw County to enhance the quality of life of its residents and to promote the local economy, safeguard the environment, and strengthen all the county's communities, and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish the goal of providing county-wide services, AATA desires to transform itself from a Michigan Public Act 55 Authority into a Michigan Public Act 196 Authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Washtenaw has agreed to file the Articles of Incorporation for a Washtenaw County Public Act 196 Authority with the State of Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the AATA Board and the unincorporated 196 Board have undertaken extensive outreach throughout the county to inform Washtenaw County

communities about the benefits and costs of extending transit throughout the county, and

**WHEREAS**, the AATA has notified the communities of Washtenaw County as to the details and timing of the incorporation, and

**WHEREAS**, a set of proposed Articles of Incorporation for an Act 196 Authority has been previously endorsed by resolution of the Board, now therefore

**IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to forward the proposed 196 Authority Articles of Incorporation to the County of Washtenaw, with the request they be filed with the State of Michigan, and the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

David Nacht supported the motion.

Jesse Bernstein commented on the two-year process that led to consideration to file the Articles of Incorporation. Mr. Bernstein thanked the district representatives for their involvement. Mr. Bernstein commented on next steps including the 30 day period for local units of government to opt-out of the authority.

Roger Kerson commented on the success of the process and bringing different jurisdictions together. Mr. Kerson commented on expanded discussions with representatives from different jurisdictions and was complimentary of the work that led to increased mobility and opportunities for the residents of the county.

Charles Griffith commented on jurisdictions that will opt-out suggesting that work should continue to make improvements that might yield a different result at some point in the future. Mr. Griffith indicated that every effort has been made to develop the best service plan.

Eli Cooper commented on the “journey” that began with a strategic vision developed in 1999. Mr. Cooper noted collaborative efforts through the WATS countywide transportation plan and recent efforts reaching out to communities and responding. Mr. Cooper characterized the work as a “winning proposition”; helping people not to have to be required to have an automobile in order to meet the most local and regional needs. Mr. Cooper expressed appreciation for the work completed and acknowledged the work ahead to identify and meet the needs of the community to the best of the board’s ability.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 9.0 Public Time

Vivienne Armentrout appeared before the Board. Ms. Armentrout urged the board to achieve some clarity on managing the transition in terms of governance. Ms. Armentrout commented on seating the 196 board even if some communities opt out. Ms. Armentrout stated that the Ann Arbor public should have faith in what is being done and a sense that true representation is being provided.

Carolyn Grawi appeared before the Board. Ms. Grawi expressed her excitement toward countywide transportation and working with the Act 55 board and the Act 196 board. Ms. Grawi applauded the work of the District Advisory Committees and referred to the [movingyouforward.org](http://movingyouforward.org) website.

No one further appearing, Mr. Griffith declared public time closed.

Michael Ford reported on an effort to hold the first meeting of the Act 196 board on October 11. Roger Kerson shared his understanding that there would be two sets of meetings for some period of time. David Nacht noted that only the Act 55 Board would vote on items relating to the utilization of funds.

Mr. Ford thanked the board, district representatives and staff for their help and support throughout the process.

#### 10.0 Adjourn

Sue Gott moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Roger Kerson. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anya Dale, Secretary