

Proposed Minutes  
November 14, 2007  
Ann Arbor Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
AATA Headquarters, 2700 South Industrial Highway, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Paul C. Ajegba, Ted Annis, Eli Cooper, Sue McCormick, David Nacht (Chair), Rich Robben

Board Members Absent: Charles Griffith

Staff Present: Terry Black, Francis Borzo, Ron Copeland, Ron Deeds, Jan Hallberg, Mary Stasiak, Ed Robertson, Phil Webb, Chris White

LAC Representative: Sam Breck

Recording Secretary: Karen Wheeler

Mr. Nacht declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1.0 Public Hearing

There was no public hearing.

2.0 Communications and Announcements

Mr. Nacht announced that Ms. Gabay named Ed Robertson Acting Interim Executive Director to serve during her medical leave of absence. Mr. Nacht reviewed the details of Mr. Robertson's career in transit management. Mr. Nacht announced that if Ms. Gabay's absence will be for an extended period of time, Mr. Nacht will propose that the Board name Mr. Robertson Interim Executive Director at least for the duration of Ms. Gabay's leave.

Mr. Nacht announced that Ann Arbor City Council voted to terminate its contract with the developer of William Street Station, HDC. Mr. Nacht announced that the City had not formally communicated with AATA about a change in status. AATA is in a contractual relationship with the developer, and Mr. Nacht did not want AATA to do anything precipitous until such time as the City provides formal notice. Mr. Nacht indicated if the contract remains canceled, AATA would no longer be in need of the services of legal counsel Steven Diaz.

Mr. Nacht announced a November 20 meeting between the management collective bargaining team and union representatives. A mediator will be present.

### 3.0 Public Time

Tom Partridge appeared before the Board. Mr. Partridge commented on the search for financial support to continue paratransit service in Scio Township. Mr. Partridge volunteered to do everything within his power to secure transit ride services for residents of his housing development. Mr. Partridge urged the Board to find a way to extend vital services in Washtenaw County by providing fixed route AATA bus rides to and from the western campus of Washtenaw Community College. Mr. Partridge brought to the Board's attention a new 266 unit retirement community being planned for development in Ann Arbor Township, another area not served by AATA. Mr. Partridge alleged that no place in minutes of recent board meetings, the mission statement, or documents being made available to board members and members of the public, are the vital needs of disabled and senior citizens in the county. Mr. Partridge further alleged that the needs are not being even addressed, let alone effectively taken into account. Mr. Partridge called on the Board for help.

Jim Mogensen appeared before the Board. Mr. Mogensen commented on the interesting times AATA is in suggesting that some policies and longstanding framework may be changing. Mr. Mogensen commented on the concept of increased density within cities. Mr. Mogensen commented on the services available in the urbanized area and possible outcomes should services be reduced. Mr. Mogensen commented on a situation recently faced by the University of Michigan Regents.

Carolyn Hastings from the Housing Bureau for Seniors appeared before the Board. The Bureau is a countywide agency that works with people over age 55 and is concerned about their ability to live in affordable and appropriate places. Ms. Hastings thanked AATA for sponsoring the Bureau's Aging in Place Conference. AATA staff attended the conference to share information on transportation options available to seniors who are no longer able to drive. Ms. Hastings shared a concern about low income residents that are moving out of the City of Ann Arbor due to high rent. Ms. Hastings asked for the Board's support to find transportation options for individuals forced to move out of the urbanized area. Ms. Hastings voiced her support for the continuation of paratransit to the Lake Stone apartment community in Scio Township for as long as possible.

Mr. Nacht asked Ms. Hastings if she was aware of the alternative transportation services that would be made available to Lake Stone residents. Ms. Hastings indicated that she was aware, but that the service is quite limited. Mr. Nacht asked if Ms. Hastings had the opportunity to talk with people who have used People's Express. Ms. Hastings indicated that she had not, and that she did not know a lot about the service.

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

### 4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

#### 4.1 Review and Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2007

Mr. Annis moved approval of the October 17, 2007 minutes with support from Ms. McCormick. Ms. McCormick noted several typographical and grammatical errors to be corrected in the Policy and Operations Committee report.

The amended minutes passed unanimously.

4.2 Review and Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2007

Mr. Annis moved approval of the October 30, 2007 minutes with support from Ms. McCormick. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Board and Staff Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Annis distributed and reviewed a written report which is attached hereto and included as part of the minutes.

5.1.1 Report of Operations for One Month Ended October 31, 2007

There was no discussion on the Report of Operations. Mr. Nacht requested that Mr. Webb notify the Board of significant budgetary issues that require the Board's attention.

5.2 Finance and Audit Committee Report

Mr. Annis distributed and reviewed a written report.

Mr. Robben noted that in addition to the information in the committee report, the discussion regarding the University of Michigan (U of M) MRide agreement included the amount of federal capital funds made available to AATA because of U of M ridership. Mr. Robben suggested that the figure be included in the report to give a fuller picture of the financial arrangement. Mr. Annis agreed to revise the committee meeting minutes to reflect that. Mr. Annis indicated that he would also bring in the amount of federal funds which are therefore enabled by AATA itself. Mr. Annis will contrast the difference. A copy of the revised committee meeting report is attached hereto and included as part of the minutes.

Mr. Ajegba suggested that the Board suspend the contract with attorney Steven Diaz as opposed to the termination recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. Mr. Ajegba noted that Mr. Diaz has the history of the redevelopment project, and it may be more cost effective to bring him back versus educating someone new, should the project be revived.

Board members discussed Mr. Ajegba's suggestion. Mr. Nacht noted that AATA has not received formal notification from the city with regard to the

redevelopment project, and indicated that AATA's contractual relationships with Mr. Diaz and the developer may be clarified as a result of receipt of notification. In response to a question from Mr. Annis, Mr. Nacht indicated that staff should make a formal written request to the City of Ann Arbor for their position on the status of the contract of the downtown development.

Staff provided the Board with copies of the contract between Mr. Diaz and AATA. Members of the Board discussed the contract. Mr. Nacht requested that Mr. Robertson obtain an opinion from AATA's general counsel on the intent of the terms of the contract with Mr. Diaz. The Board reached consensus on staff taking action with regard to the contract in accordance with counsel's opinion.

### 5.3 Policy and Operations Committee Report

Mr. Cooper thanked Mr. White for preparing materials for the meeting. Mr. Robertson walked the committee through a series of proposed service adjustments. A majority of the meeting was spent discussing the proposal.

Mr. Cooper referred to a written meeting summary distributed to Board members. A copy of the document is attached hereto and included as part of the minutes.

Mr. Annis requested regular updates on the status of the Ann Arbor Discovering Downtown (A2D2) project. Mr. Cooper agreed to provide a summary list of the project on a regular basis.

### 5.4 Personnel Committee Report

Mr. Ajegba announced that the committee did not meet in November due to scheduling conflicts. The committee plans to meet prior to the December Board meeting to begin work on a process to hire a permanent Executive Director. Mr. Ajegba will report on the process at the December Board meeting.

#### 5.4.1 Adoption of FY2008 Goals and Objectives

Adoption of the proposed FY2008 Goals and Objectives was slated for discussion under Old Business.

### 5.5 Ad Hoc Committee Report

Mr. Ajegba referred to the committee meeting minutes included in the packet. Mr. Ajegba noted that while meeting events were sidetracked by telephone interviews of two consultants, the exercise was worth the effort. Mr. Ajegba requested that the Board consider adoption of the draft mission and vision statements to move the process forward. Mr. Ajegba suggested that the Board may want to hire a facilitator to assist with the next phase of work.

5.5.1 Adoption of Draft Mission and Vision Statements

Adoption of the draft Mission and Vision statements was slated to be handled as Old Business.

5.5.2 Discuss Use of Facilitator

There was no discussion.

5.6 Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Report

There was no report; the November meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 21.

5.7 Local Advisory Council Report

Mr. Breck reported that under state law, a disabled person can signal for a pickup from a public transit vehicle while not at a bus stop. Mr. Breck reported that this practice is taking place by riders of the Suburban Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit (SMART) bus system. Customers who qualify are supplied with a white mitt and hold it up so the driver can pick them up. The pick up point must be at a place that is safe for the rider to wait and the bus to stop.

Mr. Breck reported that Dave Reid from SelectRide made a presentation on the improvements made to SelectRide's telephone system to assure that there will be no further breakdowns of the system.

5.8 Interim Executive Director's Report

Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Dawn Gabay, expressed appreciation to those who have kept Dawn in their thoughts during her absence.

5.8.1 Report on October Performance Indicators

Mr. Robertson referred to the October Performance Indicators.

5.8.2 Report on Ann Arbor to Detroit Commuter Rail Project

Mr. Robertson reported that the written update received on the rail project was nearly a month old, and asked Mr. White to provide a verbal update. Mr. White reported that the project team continues work to identify a station location for Detroit Metropolitan Airport. An environmental assessment is being developed, as well as a plan for rolling stock passenger cars. In response to a question from Mr. Nacht on the location of a station in Ann Arbor, Mr. White indicated that at this point it would be the Amtrak station.

### 5.8.3 Report on Paratransit Service in Scio Township

Mr. Robertson reported that an outreach effort was made to Scio Township asking them to join AATA to reach a solution to this situation. No response had been received, and the service extended by Board in September was scheduled to expire at the end of November.

Ms. McCormick noted that the letter was sent to Scio only recently. Mr. Nacht announced that the Scio Township Board met on November 13, but he was not at the meeting. Mr. Robertson responded to questions from Ms. McCormick regarding notice given to service recipients of AATA's original intent to end service, and the subsequent extension of service. Mr. Robertson indicated that it was his understanding that AATA provided written notice of the original intent to terminate, but he was not sure about notice of the extension. Mr. Ajegba requested that staff provide data on ridership levels during the 60 day extension period.

## 6.0 Question Time

There were no questions from the Board for Mr. Robertson.

## 7.0 Old Business

### 7.1 Adoption of FY2008 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Nacht moved approval of the FY2008 Goals and Objectives with support from Mr. Ajegba. Members of the Board discussed the proposed goals. Mr. Cooper indicated that the proposed document appeared to include references to a variety of managers responsible for work product. Mr. Cooper indicated that the goals and objectives should be limited to the Board using the goals as a device to measure the performance of the one staff person who reports directly to the Board.

Mr. Nacht amended the motion moving that the Personnel Committee report of the FY2008 Goals and Objectives for the Executive Director designee be adopted. Mr. Ajegba supported the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

### 7.2 Adoption of Draft Mission and Vision Statements

Mr. Ajegba moved adoption of the draft mission and vision statements with support from Ms. McCormick. Members of the Board discussed the work completed by Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Cooper voiced his support for adoption of the draft mission and vision statements as a draft for the purpose of continuing dialogue beyond the Ad Hoc Committee. In response to a question from Mr.

Nacht, Mr. Ajegba indicated that the committee's intention is for the Board to adopt the draft mission and vision statements to continue the work in progress and to have a launch point from which to begin work with a facilitator. Mr. Annis indicated that he was not comfortable adopting the draft statements as the work is preliminary and has not been vetted.

The motion carried. Cooper – yes; Nacht – yes; Ajegba – yes; McCormick – yes; Robben – yes; Annis – no.

### 7.3 Extension of Paratransit Service in Scio Township

Ms. McCormick moved that the Board consider a 60 day extension of supplemental paratransit service in Scio Township with certain conditions and stipulations.

Ms. McCormick requested that staff investigate other options and alternatives that might allow AATA to supplement the service that is available to Scio Township residents to liken the service available from People's Express to that currently being offered. Ms. McCormick indicated that it was her understanding that county commissioners have had some discussions on this issue and intend to engage in problem solving discussions related to this matter in January.

Members of the Board discussed the motion with input from staff. Mr. Robertson indicated that the estimated cost of supplemental service was approximately \$24,000 per year. Mr. White indicated that People's Express has a willingness to add service, if there is demand. Mr. White added that the service being provided is very similar to much of the community that does not purchase AATA service. The service operated in Scio Township has been at a lower level in the past because of limited funds available for trips. In response to a question from Mr. Nacht, Mr. White indicated that SelectRide could provide evening and weekend service.

Mr. Cooper supported the motion.

Members of the Board continued their discussion. In response to a question from Mr. Ajegba, Mr. Nacht indicated that temporarily extending the service will give staff the opportunity measure the actual cost of providing supplemental service, as well as give other units of government an opportunity to meet this community obligation of meeting the transportation needs of citizens who live outside the City of Ann Arbor. This may support AATA's future efforts toward countywide service. Ms. McCormick added that housing decisions were made based on the availability of AATA service, and this would give individuals more time to consider other housing opportunities.

Mr. Nacht requested that staff convene a meeting with representatives from Scio Township, Washtenaw County and WATS to work out a proposal for funding

alternatives. Mr. Nacht suggested that it may also be appropriate for a meeting of elected officials to be held to include Ms. McCormick, Jean King from Scio Township and Mark Ouimet from Washtenaw County, to develop a plan that can be voted on by different entities.

Mr. Nacht proposed lengthening the period of supplemental service to 90 days given that the holidays are approaching. Ms. McCormick amended her motion to extend supplemental service for 90 days. Mr. Cooper supported the amended motion.

The motion carried. Annis – yes; Cooper – yes; Nacht – yes; McCormick – yes; Robben – yes. Ajegba – abstained.

Ms. McCormick requested that staff send a letter to customers notifying them of the 90 day extension. Mr. Robben requested that staff provide statistics from the first extension and report on ridership during the 90 day extension.

## 8.0 New Business

Mr. Annis moved the following resolution with support from Mr. Cooper.

### 8.1 Consideration of Resolution Awarding Contract for Remodeling of Maintenance Area

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) issued a request for proposals for qualified firms to provide pricing for renovations and improvements to the maintenance area including the design and build of two offices for Maintenance supervisors, a new parts counter, and new doors to increase security in the Parts Room area, and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Contractors, Inc. was found to be the most responsive, responsible bidder, and

WHEREAS, grant funds are in place to cover the cost of the project, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the project exceeds \$100,000 requiring Board approval, and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Audit Committee and Policy and Operations Committee support hiring Phoenix Contractors, Inc. for the purpose of completing the renovations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AATA Board of Directors authorizes the Acting Interim Executive Director to sign a contract with Phoenix Contractors, Inc. for the purpose of completing



renovations to the maintenance area, as specified in the design plan submitted by Phoenix Contractors, Inc., for a guaranteed maximum price not to exceed \$174,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 9.0 Public Time

Sandra Holley appeared before the Board. Ms. Holley commented on the City's decision to end the contract with the developer of the former YMCA property.

In response to a question from Ms. Holley regarding future development of the former YMCA site, Mr. Nacht indicated that AATA has not been formally notified of how the City intends to proceed.

Ms. Holley commented on the Board's decision to extend supplemental paratransit service in Scio Township.

Jim Mogensen appeared before the Board. Mr. Mogensen referred to the goal adopted by the Board related to funding bus service in Ypsilanti. Mr. Mogensen suggested that the Board pursue alternatives other than those listed in the document, such as obtaining funding from the county or approaching McKinley Properties and the University of Michigan to acquire additional funds. Mr. Mogensen commented on potential redevelopment options of the former YMCA site suggesting that the Board ensure that an appropriate level of funds are available should AATA be included in an alternate development. Mr. Mogensen commented on the route reconfigurations being considered by the Policy and Operations Committee. Mr. Mogensen requested that the Board consider individuals who use both the A-Ride taxi service and fixed-route bus service when considering service reconfigurations.

Carolyn Hastings appeared before the Board. Ms. Hastings thanked the Board for the 90 day extension of supplemental paratransit service to Scio Township. Ms. Hastings encouraged the Board to work with other entities on future planning, and suggested that additional outreach may be necessary to reach tenants of the Lake Stone apartment community.

Tom Partridge, Democratic delegate in Scio Township, appeared before the Board. Mr. Partridge expressed gratitude for the Board's action to continue supplemental paratransit service. Mr. Partridge requested that the Board make a year long commitment and perhaps a permanent commitment to provide transit service for disabled citizens in Scio Township. Mr. Partridge indicated that there are impracticalities that would present impossible barriers to the current A-Ride cardholders living in his development and other areas of Scio Township and requested that the Board revisit the subject prior to the close of the meeting to designate the current A-Ride contract holder, SelectRide, to take all ride orders, schedule all rides whether the rides are filled by drivers from People's Express or from SelectRide. Mr. Partridge requested that arrangements be made for current A-Ride

cardholders being served by the A-Ride program administered by SelectRide to automatically grant them discount ride eligibility through People's Express. Mr. Partridge indicated that it will be nearly impossible for some A-Ride customers to understand what is involved with the details of the blended A-Ride program for the coming 90 days. Mr. Partridge announced that he is dissatisfied and dismayed that the goals and objectives formulated by the Board do not include any statements of improving services for disabled people or senior citizens in the county. The goals do not give any commitment to extend service throughout the county and similarly neglects to revisit the importance of finding finances for better service for people currently being served by the A-Ride program, as well as neglects serving institutions of higher learning, low income and senior housing developments and medical facilities in the county. Mr. Partridge suggested that customers who use AATA event services and University of Michigan students would be willing to make a contribution to providing services to the most vulnerable AATA customers through higher fares.

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

Mr. Nacht announced that the Executive Session was being held in accordance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, Public Act Number 267 of 1976, as amended, the section entitled "Closed Meetings":

10.0 Executive Session – Real Estate Transaction, Labor Negotiations, and Personnel Matters

Mr. Annis moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a real estate transaction, labor negotiations, and personnel matters. Mr. Ajegba supported the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: (Annis – yes; Cooper – yes; Nacht – yes; Ajegba – yes; McCormick – yes; Robben – yes). The Executive Session commenced at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Annis moved to close the Executive Session with support from Mr. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session closed at 9:50 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Annis moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Mr. Nacht. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eli Cooper, Secretary

Date: 14 November 2007  
To: AATA Board  
From: AATA Treasurer, Ted Annis  
Subject: Treasurer's Report for November 2007

Ad Hoc Committee – formed in May 2007 to draft a Vision for the AATA

The Treasurer requests the following from the Ad Hoc Committee:

1. Identification of the demographics and demand data used in the analysis, City-wide, County-wide, UoM specific.
2. A summary of the most relevant data in #1.
3. Identification of the financial and tax data used in the analysis, City-wide, County-wide, UoM specific.
4. Economic goals identified (e.g., a cost per rider per year less than \$2000.)
5. Service goals identified

Respectfully,

Ted Annis  
AATA Treasurer

Date: 14 November 2007 (Amended 11 December 2007)  
To: AATA Board  
From: Finance and Audit Committee  
Subject: Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting of 8 November 2007

Attendees:

Ted Annis (Committee Chair)  
Rich Robben (Committee Member)  
Sue McCormick (Committee Member)  
Ed Robinson  
Phil Webb  
Terry Black

The agenda was as follows:

1. 2007 Second close of financial statements
2. Federal Grant Summary
3. Maintenance Area Remodel
4. Five-year Projection of the effect of the proposed labor agreement
5. Economic analysis of hybrid buses
6. Non-UoM ridership over the past 3 years
7. Total out-of-pocket for the William Street Station Project

2007 Second close of financial statements

Phil Web presented the second close of the financial statements. The Operating Statement is expected to show a modest surplus in the neighborhood of \$100,000 versus an anticipated loss of less than \$100,000.

Federal Grant Summary

The Federal Grant Summary and the Federal formula funds available for the next five years were reviewed. Phil Webb was asked to provide via email a summary of the State funds available. (The two together constitute the Capital Budget.)

Maintenance Area Remodel

Terry Black presented the plan and funds request to remodel the maintenance area. The P&O committee had previously approved this project. The funds request is \$174,000, thereby requiring Board approval. The committee recommends approval of this expenditure. Terry Black was to prepare a written Resolution for the Board.

Five-year Projection of the effect of the proposed labor agreement

The projection was presented by Phil Web. Various aspects of the offer to the union were discussed. The acting ED, Ed Robinson, received views from the committee.

### Economic analysis of hybrid buses

This analysis is still not completed.

### Non-UoM ridership over the past 3 years

Non-UoM ridership increased 14% over the last three years. Much of the increase in AATA ridership has resulted from increased UoM ridership. This is related to the UoM/AATA agreement in which UoM pays a flat annual fee and UoM related riders ride at no charge.

UoM ridership now constitutes 40% of the AATA total ridership.

The UoM pays \$700,000/year to the AATA under their agreement. Prior to the UoM/AATA agreement, the amount collected from UoM riders was estimated at \$582,000/year. Therefore, the net amount available to the AATA (exclusive of Federal Capital funds) from this agreement is \$118,000/year.

The UoM inputs the mileage data of the UoM bus system into the NTD for the benefit of the AATA. The Federal Capital funds generated for the AATA averaged \$665,000/year for the last 3 years.

### Total out-of-pocket for the William Street Station Project

Over the last two years, the AATA has paid an amount of \$380,961 toward development of a new terminal as part of the HDC (old YMCA) project. \$362,919 was for attorney's fees (Diaz, Bodman). \$18,042 of this amount was for architectural and engineering fees. This project is now defunct.

The committee recommends that the AATA contract with attorney Steve Diaz be terminated as soon as possible under its terms and that the work with the Bodman attorneys be terminated immediately.

Respectfully,

Ted Annis  
Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee

Date: November 14, 2007  
To: AATA Board  
From: AATA Policy and Operations Committee  
Subject: Policy and Operations Committee Report for November 7, 2007

## **Park and Ride**

Staff continues working with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff to define what the opportunities are and a timetable for project development along Plymouth Road at US 23. A field conference has been set up for later in November. The City has expressed a willingness to participate in the design and construction activities to help expedite the project, if needed.

## **Service Adjustments**

Staff reviewed a series of specific route adjustments with the Committee. Specific information about service adjustments was offered. Several routes are near but just below the level of 18 riders per service hour. Staff explained that some of the routes are seeing recent increases in ridership. The committee inquired about marketing strategies to boost ridership on the poor performing routes. Staff will look at the routes that are near the 18 riders per service hour level and determine if modifications to the recommended list of Service Reduction is warranted. The questions about the impact of the reductions on customers were explored. See attached memo from staff. Areas for service additions were also presented.

## **Energy Utilization**

The issue of how AATA will meet the Mayor's energy challenge for use of renewable energy was presented to staff. The Committee received information from staff about non-revenue fleet opportunities for alternative fuel vehicles. Additional effort will be placed on looking at overall facility energy utilization. Lighting and solar collectors were also discussed. Staff is also looking at the expanded use of biodiesel and hybrid vehicles in revenue service to reduce the Authority's energy consumption.

## **Transit and Traffic Integration**

The committee explored the logjam with Siemens Corporation and our ability to create an interface between the AATA fleet operations and the City's traffic signal controllers. Staff is getting up to speed on this issue and has reached out to City Staff. Information and progress updates are anticipated.

## **AD Hoc Report**

Charles indicated that the Committee met with other Board members present and next steps were explored. Development of mission and vision is moving forward and a facilitated session with senior staff is on the horizon.

## **A2D2 Follow-up**

The City convened an A2D2 Steering Committee meeting to focus on parking and transportation issues. Recommendations from the City's recently completed Parking and Transportation Project were reviewed. Issues discussed included express commuter service – both bus and rail, intercept park and ride strategies, AATA fixed route service, the need for additional parking in

the downtown, and further development of the commuter choice program for commuters into the city.

### **Use of B10 Biodiesel**

Staff reported that they had moved forward to expand our use of biofuels to the level of B10 in several buses using different engine platforms. We have been cautious, incrementally increasing the amount of biofuels in the vehicles. Using that incremental approach we have had no problems. Given the successful deployment of B10 as described, staff anticipates increasing the use of B10 to the entire fleet in subsequent fuel purchases.

### **Architectural Construction of Maintenance Supervisor's Space**

Staff introduced a memorandum seeking the Committee's review of a contract to undertake a design and build of Maintenance Supervisor's space. The improvements are in the budget and the selection process meets Authority standards. Plans were displayed and the Committee expressed its support to proceed. It is understood the Finance and Audit Committee would be evaluating the budget impact as the procurement is over \$100,000 and will require full Board action.

Respectfully submitted,

Eli Cooper, Chairman  
Policy and Operations Committee

## Passenger Boarding Alternatives for Proposed 2008 Route Eliminations

The following list shows how the proposed route eliminations will affect passengers. In some cases passengers will need to rearrange their trips, i.e., use an existing bus stop and/or board an alternative route. For some passengers the proposed changes will limit access to AATA services altogether.

### **Route #14: Geddes – E Stadium**

#### **Proposal: Eliminate Route**

On the Arlington to Geddes portion of the route passenger alternatives are limited. Passengers near Washtenaw can use Route # 4 and passengers near Observatory can use the #4 as well. Passengers using the stadium portion of the route can utilize the route # 5 Packard and Route # 6. Pioneer passengers can use Route # 7.

76 Bus stops affected.

### **Route #16: Ann Arbor-Saline Road**

#### **Proposal: Eliminate service on Eisenhower/Northbrook and eliminate service beyond Meijer**

Passengers using the Northbrook/Eisenhower portions of the route can utilize Route # 7 bus stops. Passengers using the portion beyond Meijer (Ranchero, Lohr) will have limited bus stop options.

29 Bus stops affected.

### **Route # 13 Newport**

#### **Proposal: Stop service at Forsythe Middle School-eliminate service on Newport, north of M-14**

Passengers within walking distance to Sunset/Newport can still utilize this route. Passenger alternatives are limited on the Newport/Warrington/Holyoke loop.

14 Bus stops affected.

### **Route # 1U Pontiac University**

#### **Proposal: Eliminate Route**

All bus stops are served by another route. (Route # 1 Pontiac)

34 Bus Stops affected:

### **Route # 2 Plymouth**

#### **Proposal: Eliminate service south of Green Rd. Park & Ride Lot**

Passengers using Green Rd. can use route # 2 at the Park & Ride lot, or utilize route # 22. A portion of Green Road (south of Hubbard), Glazier Way and Earhart will have limited bus stop options. (If the Route #3 proposal is implemented, service to these stops will be maintained.)

10 Bus Stops affected.

### **Route # 12UL Liberty-University**

#### **Proposal: Eliminate Route**

All bus stops are served by another route.

46 Bus Stops affected

### **Route # 3 Huron River**

#### **Proposal: Change route to use Earhart Road. and Glazier Way**

Passengers at Huron High School can still utilize route #22. Passengers on Geddes within walking distance of Huron Parkway and Earhart will be able to continue using route # 3. Two bus stops on Geddes at Sumac Lane will have limited options. (#1118, # 1162)

10 Bus Stops affected.



**Route # 9U Jackson-University**

**Proposal: Re-orient route away from Maple Village to new Park & Ride lot (Miller Road or casual lot.)**

Bus Stops affected (undetermined) However all Bus stops on the #9U route are served by more than one route.

**Route #15 Scio Church-W.Stadium**

**Proposal: Eliminate evening service.**

The discontinued portion of this route will still be served by the route # 8 Pauline loop. Passengers would need to re-plan their trips accordingly.

8 Bus Stops affected