MINUTES OF THE
JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors held a Work Session on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the Board Room of the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center located at 100 LaVilla Center Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Arezou Jolly, Debbie Buckland, Ray Driver, Kevin Holzendorf, and Andre Wallace.

JTA STAFF PRESENT: Cleveland Ferguson, Greg Hayes, Bernard Schmidt, Greer Gillis, Katie Smith, Khisha Dukes, Mark Benston, Mila Vega and David Cawton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Milian, General Counsel via WebEx.

I. WELCOME: The Work Session was called to order by Chair Jolly at 1:36 p.m.
Chair Jolly announced that Mr. Ford was not in attendance as he is under the weather.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chair called for Public Comment. There were no requests by the public to comment.

III. SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE (Wallace, Committee Chair)

a. **Clay County Agreement:** Mr. Hayes provided the background on the service JTA has provided in Clay County since 2014, as well as the process of JTA taking over all the service in Clay as the Community Transportation Coordinator in 2019. He then shared the timeline for planning changes to the agreement with Clay County.

Since JTA took over service, there have been several additions including the blue line, the red line and the magenta line. There was then flex lines added the blue, red and magenta. Also, changing the Clay County Express to the Clay County Express Select.

The need for the presentation to be shared with the Board is in advance of a request for approval of the Clay County Agreement Extension at the June Board meeting. Mr. Hayes provided highlight of the service changes and the costs associated the changes. He added that a key pieces to the new agreement is combining the three current agreements into one and most important is including reimbursement of staff time for Clay Services. The goal is keep the agreement flat and not incur any more costs on the JTA.

IV. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Driver, Committee Chair)

a. **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Overview:** Mr. Hayes announced that the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets will be presented to the Board at the meeting immediately after the work session. He then went over the preparation and discussions that staff and the Board have had over the last several months. The budget has been presented at work sessions and Mr. Hayes has met with the Board Members during one-on-one's over the last month.

Mr. Hayes stated that the budgets will be presented to the City Council Finance Committee, as statute and ordinance requires and then stand in front of the full City Council in September.

He then provided the details of salaries, collective bargaining, headcount increases and the increasing inflation. Another key piece is prepaying debt, as that will have a number of benefits to the Authority.

The Board and staff discussed the grants and that all the funds related to the pandemic has been drawn down. Mr. Hayes added that there has been minimal from Fiscal Year 2019 to the Fiscal Year 2022, which is a good sign considering the changes we all endured during the pandemic.

As for the Capital Budget, Mr. Hayes shared where the funding sources will come from and how they can be used for JTA projects.

The Board thanked Mr. Hayes and his team for navigating through some touch circumstances over the last few years. The Board also acknowledged all of the time that was taken to walk the Board through the budgets and ensuring all questions were answered.

V. LONG RANGE AND SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Buckland, Committee Chair)

a. **MOVE Plan Update:** Ms. Gillis stated that staff wanted to come back and get any additional feedback from the Board after all of the input they have provided over the last several months. Staff will bring the MOVE2027 Plan to the Board for action at the June Board meeting.

As this is the JTA's five year strategic plan, in addition to the Board focus of the framework, members of the community was asked for their input and direction for the Authority.

Ms. Gillis stated that core values and goals were the key focus points. She shared the questions and answers that were provided for the numerous customer service surveys to show the main areas of concern from local businesses, non-profits and the public.

She added that staff also looked at climate change, locally and state wide, the change to service areas, construction market and the different technologies that will be seen over the next five years. These changes impact the current mission and vision statements so there was a deep dive in to update that to match the direction that the Authority will go in the future. Regional development will also be a part of the success and improving the lives of our community.

The Board inquired about the new application to bring all updates and service contacts in to one place. Mr. Ferguson responded that that negotiations continue but the timeline appears it will be late June.

VI. ROUNDTABLE: There were no items for roundtable.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Arezou Jolly, Chair

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G. Ray Driver, Jr. Secretary