



**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
held at UTA FrontLines Headquarters located at
669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah
March 27, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Carlton Christensen, Chair
Beth Holbrook
Kent Millington

Also attending were members of UTA staff as well as members of the media.

Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Christensen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Following Chair Christensen's opening remarks, the board and meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Safety First Minute. Chair Christensen provided a brief safety message.

Temporary Service Modification Approval. Carolyn Gonot, UTA Executive Director, was joined by Eddy Cumins, UTA Chief Operating Officer, and Eric Callison, UTA Manager of Service Planning. Ms. Gonot explained that UTA has experienced a marked downturn in ridership due to the recent earthquake and the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to ensure fiscal responsibility, retain employees, and limit hours of exposure to the virus, staff is requesting approval of temporary service modifications.

Mr. Cumins spoke about substantial ridership declines on fixed-route bus, FrontRunner, TRAX, paratransit, and the Utah Valley Express. Mr. Callison then covered proposed service modifications. He mentioned service adjustments that have already been implemented as well as newly proposed temporary modifications. He noted the proposed modifications will maintain the span of service on most routes, adjust service frequency, and suspend some commuter bus routes. Mr. Callison stated that paratransit service will not be affected. He

outlined the service modifications by county. Mr. Cumins suggested the changes be implemented by April 5, 2020.

Discussion ensued. Questions on frequency adjustments to the light rail schedule, updates to the Transit app, communications plan for riders without access to technology, express route eliminations, effect on the additional service purchased by Salt Lake City, service changes in specific counties, impacts on UTA's workforce, effects on August change day, and plans for restoring service when the pandemic is over were posed by the board and answered by staff.

Ms. Gonot committed to provide regular updates to the board on ridership and service adjustments.

A motion to delegate authority to the executive director to implement necessary temporary service modifications through the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery for 90 days with regular updates during that period was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Millington requested a printed summary of the temporary service changes. Trustee Holbrook asked for information by route.

Closed Session. No closed session was held.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. by motion.

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