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# NOTICE & AGENDA OF THE VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

# **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

## **Statement to Public Regarding VIA Virtual Meetings**

This meeting of the VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees (Board) will be conducted as an audio/video conference at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. In keeping with proper social distancing measures in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and avoid meetings that bring many people into congregate settings, the Board will not meet in person. Instead, this videoconference Board meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act as temporarily modified and suspended by the Office of the Governor on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated declarations of emergency.

# Accessing the Virtual Meeting:

This Board meeting will be held via Zoom. Members of the public may access this meeting via the free-of-charge video conference link or by calling one of the toll-free numbers provided.

Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/96584037117

### **Toll Free Numbers:**

#### iPhone one-tap US:

- 1-346-248-7799 plus ext. code 965 8403 7117#
- 1-669-900-6833 plus ext. code 965 8403 7117#

<u>Telephone (US)</u>: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

- 1-346-248-7799; or
- 1-669-900-6833; or
- 1-253-215-8782; or
- 1-312-626-6799; or
- 1-929-205-6099; or
- 1-301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 965 8403 7117

International numbers available: https://zoom.us/u/abOluU3Qat

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# Public Comments:

Members of the public who wish to address the Board during the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the meeting may do so by registering to speak online or by phone.

- <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register online;
- Call **210-380-0942** to register by phone. When registering by phone, registrants may leave a message stating their name, contact information and the subject(s) on which they wish to address the Board.

Registration to speak opens Monday, November 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

The Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2020. Each registrant will be invited to speak in the order of registration.

- Please note that registrants will not receive an individual confirmation notice nor a special link to
  access the meeting. Registrants are to use the information provided in this notice to access the
  meeting. (See Accessing the Virtual Meeting.)
- Any registrant who does not timely request to address the Board will not be allowed to speak. Each person must be available to speak when called or will lose the opportunity to address the Board.

A recording of this meeting will be made available to the public.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Announcements
- 3. Citizens to be Heard

NOTE: Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the VIA Board of Trustees during the Citizens To Be Heard portion of the meeting or prior to the VIA Board's consideration of an item. Speakers are requested to first state their names and any organization(s) they represent.

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

# 4. Consent Agenda

Items for Approval:

- A. Approval of October 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Employee Uniforms To request approval to ratify a contract modification extending the contract for employee uniforms
- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 20 COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant For information, discussion and possible action regarding the FTA COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant

## Informational Reports Presented at Board Work Session:

D. September 2020 VIA Financial Report – Review of the financial results for the month of September 2020

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E. Board Activity Requests - For information and discussion regarding the board activity requests

- F. Randolph Transit Center To provide the Board of Trustees an update of the Randolph Transit Center project
- G. Westside Planning Update To provide the Board of Trustees an update on westside planning efforts
- H. Safety Management Systems (SMS) Update Update the Board on the FTA's SMS Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirement; and provide the Board VIA's System Safety Plan for adoption, in accordance with the FTA's SMS requirement
- 5. Consider and act upon a resolution authorizing the issuance of the authority's farebox revenue refunding bonds, taxable series 2020; providing the terms and conditions of such bonds and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of such bonds; delegating the authority to certain staff to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the bonds; and approving other matters relating to the foregoing
- 6. **Bus Operator Compartment Protective Door Update -** Update the Board on the current installation, implementation and benefits of the Protective Doors that are currently being put into service throughout our fleet
- 7. \*Legal Briefing
- 8. **Adjourn**

**NOTE:** Whenever open meeting policies provide for a closed session in matters concerning legal advice, real estate, contracts, personnel, or security, the Board may find a closed session to be necessary. For the convenience of the citizens interested in an item preceded by an asterisk (\*), notice is given that a closed session is contemplated.