

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 13th July 2012

At 10.30am in NTA Headquarters

Present: Mr John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation), Mr Frank King, Mr Damian Usher, Dr Berna Grist, Ms Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Ms Linda Saunders, Mr Daithí Alcorn, Mr James Deegan, Mr John Tierney (Dublin City Manager).

Apologies: Ms Valerie O'Reilly.

Staff in attendance: Mr Philip L'Estrange (Item 3), Ms Anne Graham (Items 5, & 7), Mr Jeremy Ryan (Item 7) and Mr Karl Seeber (Minutes).

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1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2012 were agreed without amendment.

2. CEO Report

The Chief Executive apprised the Board of developments concerning CIÉ's financial situation and arrangements for the payment of monthly public service obligation payments to that Company. The Chairperson noted the views expressed by Board members in the matter and undertook to convey these to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport at a forthcoming meeting.

The CEO drew attention to the withdrawal of objections to the works underway to construct a new pedestrian and public transport bridge across the River Liffey at Marlborough Street.

Board members raised a number of issues including the need for improved statistical information in respect of rural transport, the branding of the new Journey Planner, the inclusion of cycle routes on Google Maps, the numbers of prosecutions for taxi offences, the capacity of DART trains, progress on the staff pension scheme and land use planning. The CEO undertook to follow up these issues as necessary.

3. Finance update

Mr L'Estrange gave a presentation on the Management Accounts for May. Ms Saunders summarised the issues considered at the Audit Committee meeting earlier in the morning.

4. Investment Programme

Mr Creegan updated the Board on the Authority's public transport capital investment programme for 2012. The Board discussed a number of issues including the extension of the Dublin Bikes Scheme and Kishogue Rail Station.

5. Replacement bus services

Ms Graham outlined rationalisation measures being taken by Bus Éireann in respect of its commercial intercity *Expressway* services. These include a reduction in the number of intermediate stops in order to make services faster and more direct -this will reduce the public transport offering in some areas. The Authority is urgently examining the scope for measures which would mitigate the impact on the travelling public. Among the measures being considered is a tendering process to secure replacement bus services for the affected areas. However, Ms Graham noted that there are no funds available to the Authority to support the provision of such services.

Ms Graham also updated the Board on the recently launched National Intermodal Journey Planner including usage patterns, consumer feedback and planned improvements.

6. Taxi livery

Mr Creegan updated the Board on the options currently being considered by the Authority in response to Action 31 of the Government Review on Taxi Regulation concerning the branding of taxis.

7. Bus and Luas Market Consultation Update

Mr Ryan updated the Board on the work being undertaken by the Authority in order to put in place new contracts for the operation and maintenance of Luas and the provision of subvented bus services once the current contracts expire in 2014 including public and market consultation exercises in relation to the bus service contracts.

8. Any other business

None.

Next Meeting: Friday 31st August 2012 @ 10.30am at NTA Headquarters.

Signed: _____

John Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Dated: _____