

## Draft Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012

At 10.30am in NTA Offices on Harcourt Lane

**Present:** Mr John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation), Mr Frank King, Ms Linda Saunders, Ms Valerie O'Reilly, Mr Damian Usher, Mr James Deegan, Dr Berna Grist.

**Apologies:** Ms Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Mr Daithí Alcorn, Mr John Tierney (Dublin City Manager).

**Staff in attendance:** Mr Philip L'Estrange (Item 2), Ms Anne Graham (Item 4) and Mr Karl Seeber (Minutes).

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### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 were agreed subject to the following changes:

- i. Replacement of the sentence under item 1 (Minutes of previous meeting) by the following:  
*"The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2012 were agreed without amendment."*; and
- ii. Replacement of the second sentence of the first paragraph under item 3 (Meeting with Minister, CIÉ Group funding) with the following: *"The Chief Executive advised that the NTA would now proceed to develop an integrated implementation plan for transport infrastructure and services in the Greater Dublin Area in accordance with section 13 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008."*.

### 2. CEO Report and Finance Update

The Chief Executive informed the Board of developments concerning integrated ticketing and the staffing of the Authority. He also noted that the Travelogue project which was supported by the Authority under the Percent for Art Scheme had won an award at the 2012 Business to Arts Awards.

The Board discussed a number of issues including the integration of Grangegorman Development Agency and Luas BXD proposals, arrangements for the operation of centre doors on new buses for PSO services, speed restrictions on the Dunboyne commuter rail line, car parking at rail stations, purchase of diesel powered train units and protection of disused public transport alignments.

Mr L'Estrange presented the highlights of the Authority's financial performance in July 2012 and in the January to July 2012 period. He noted that overall costs are expected to agree to budgeted costs at year-end. Ms Saunders outlined the main points discussed at the Audit Committee meeting which took place in advance of the Board meeting.

### **3. Facilitating Incremental Density Development**

Ms Pauline Byrne and Mr John Kelly of Brady Shipman and Martin outlined the conclusions and recommendations of their work on behalf of the Authority to develop proposals to facilitate the delivery of planned residential development at strategic locations in the Dublin Area in the current economic climate without compromising quality and policy. The locations are all well served by public transport (mainly rail). The Brady Shipman and Martin representatives then responded to issues raised by Board members.

Mr Creegan explained that the Authority will now engage with relevant local authorities with a view to developing masterplans for the overall development of strategic areas in the future and securing implementation of the necessary support mechanisms to incentivise their delivery.

### **4. Bus Issues Update**

Ms Graham updated the Board on developments with regard to the provision of a replacement bus service between Urlingford and Portlaoise. She also reported that the Authority had met with Minister of State Kelly to outline the proposals of the National Integrated Rural Transport Committee for improving the integration of rural transport services. The Minister of State is considering the proposals.

The Chief Executive outlined developments following on from the Authority's recent public consultations on options for the awarding of contracts for PSO bus services in 2014. He confirmed that the Authority is continuing to make payments to CIÉ for the provision of PSO services in advance of the agreed payment schedule in order to secure the continued operation of those services while measures are being taken to resolve CIÉ's financial situation.

### **5. Taxi Matters update**

Mr Creegan reported that the Advisory Committee for Small Public Service Vehicles has decided to formally recommend that the Authority introduce a legal requirement for taxis to display a taxi symbol on both front doors (in addition to a roof sign). The introduction of taxi branding was among the recommendations made by the Government Review on Taxi Regulation.

The Board welcomed the Advisory Committee's decision and agreed the branding and that the necessary draft Regulations should be prepared for its consideration and approval.

### **6. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

Mr Creegan outlined the main features of the Authority's proposals for the development of a BRT network in the Greater Dublin Area. The strategic proposals will be published in a report in due course.

The Authority will now start work with a view to securing statutory approval in 2013 for two cross-city BRT corridors which have been identified as feasible. The implementation of those corridors will be subject to the availability of the necessary funding in the future.

### **7. Any other business**

None.

**Next Meeting: Friday 19 October 2012 @ 10.30am at NTA Headquarters.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John Fitzgerald, Chairperson**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_