



Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 3rd September 2010

At 10.30am at NTA Offices

Present:

Mr. John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr. Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr. Frank King, Mr. James Deegan, Ms. Valerie O'Reilly, Dr. Berna Grist, Ms. Linda Saunders, Mr. Damian Usher, Ms. Anne Graham (Secretary to Committee)

Apologies:

Mr. John Tierney, Ms. Margaret O'Shaughnessy

1. Minutes

The minutes were agreed with an amendment to the section on the contract award.

Matters arising

A question was raised on audit of the performance reports of the bus & rail companies that are presented quarterly to the Authority. It was confirmed that a contract will be in place by end of October to independently audit the reports.

2. CEO Report & Finance Update

A discussion took place in relation to the Authority's proposed submission on ***Spatial Planning and National Roads, Guidelines for Planning Authorities – Consultation draft***. The CEO agreed to take note of the discussion in preparing the Authority's submission.

The CEO's recommendation to appoint Jacobs Consultancy for the contract for Public Transport Projects Advisory Services was agreed by the Board.

The Authority objected to a planning application for multi-storey car parking in UCD and it is proposed to take the matter to An Bord Pleanála if required.

3. Public Transport Integration Measures

Finola O'Driscoll made a presentation on the progress that has been made on the Real Time Passenger Information system. Peter Cranny made a presentation on the proposed Integrated Journey Planner to be developed by the Authority.

The Chairman thanked the presenters and they left the meeting.

4. **Draft Statement of Strategy**

The draft Statement of Strategy was agreed as an Interim Statement of Strategy for the Authority for 2010-2011.

5. **Transport Strategy Update**

Mr. Jeremy Ryan and Mr. Mick McAree joined the meeting. Mr. Ryan gave a presentation on the progress in developing the draft Transport Strategy. A discussion took place on some of the key proposals to be appraised in the next stage of the strategy development. Mr Ryan and Mr. McAree were thanked by the Chairman and they left the meeting.

6. **Rosslare – Waterford Services**

Mr. Michael Warnock-Smith and Mr. Evin McMahon joined the meeting for this item. The CEO presented a summary of his report on the submission to remove the Rosslare to Waterford service. A detailed discussion took place on the CEO's report and other matters raised by the board. The Board decided to agree to the termination of the passenger services on the Rosslare to Waterford rail line subject to the conditions outlined in the CEO's report.

7. **Any Other Business**

Next Meeting Friday 15th October 2010 @ 10.30am at the NTA's offices

Signed: _____
John Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Dated: _____