



## **Minutes of Board Meeting**

**Held on Friday 16 May 2014**

**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 Owen Keegan (Dublin City Manager), Mr James Deegan, Dr Berna Grist, Mr Damian Usher, Ms Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Ms Valerie O'Reilly, Mr Frank King.

**Apologies:** Ms Linda Saunders, Mr Daithí Alcorn.

**Staff in attendance:** Ms Anne Graham (Items 1 to 8), Mr Philip L'Estrange (Item 3), Ms Jackie Mullen (Item 7) and Mr Karl Seeber (Minutes).

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### **1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2014 were agreed.

### **2. CEO report**

The Chief Executive provided the Board with updates on developments since the last meeting including the progress on award of a new operations contract for Luas, the establishment of rural transport coordination units and future procurement of rural transport services, the local area hackney licence, taxi inspection arrangements and the possible development of a taxi app for wheelchair users. The Chief Executive noted that the Authority had signed a contract with Rothar Nua for the development of public bike schemes in regional cities. Finally, he outlined emerging trends in passenger journeys and revenues on subsidised bus and rail services.

The Chief Executive responded to issues raised by Board members including the proposed tendering of Bus Éireann bus routes in Waterford, the DART service and a pension scheme for staff of the Authority.

### **3. Financial report**

Mr L'Estrange outlined the Authority's Management Accounts for March 2014 which are in line with projections.

Mr L'Estrange then outlined the Authority's tendering process with a view to the awarding of a proposed IT development contract for the building of a bus data management system. The system will assist the Authority's monitoring of the performance of subsidised bus services provided by bus operators under public service contracts with the Authority. Following consideration, the Board approved the granting of the contract to MAIOR.

#### **4. Child/Scholar Fares**

The Chief Executive explained that the Authority has identified child fares on subsidised bus, rail and Luas services as an area requiring attention. The current situation is overly complex as the operators do not have common rules. The Authority's objective is to devise a fare structure for children that is simple and easy to use and protects fare revenues.

The Chief Executive outlined the options being considered and the Authority's preferred plan. He and Ms Graham responded to issues raised by Board members.

#### **5. Transport promotional activities**

Ms Graham outlined progress being made by the Authority on the development of a number of initiatives to encourage greater use of public transport modes by various groups including families, shoppers and tourists. Board members welcomed the planned initiatives.

#### **6. Rail update, Government expenditure reviews**

The Chief Executive explained the work that the Authority is planning to undertake in conjunction with Irish Rail to facilitate more detailed monitoring of the rail network. Mr Creegan outlined plans for the redevelopment of Colbert Station, Limerick which were recently announced. The Chief Executive and Mr Creegan provided clarification on rail issues raised by Board members, including service levels, the central traffic control project and the Rosslare service.

The Chief Executive outlined the Authority's response to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport as part of the Government review of capital spending over the next five years. He also outlined the expected impact on the Authority's administrative budget of proposals on current expenditure over the next 4 years.

#### **7. Accessibility update**

Ms Mullen and Ms Graham made a presentation setting out the measures being taken by the Authority and public transport operators to implement Government targets for improving access to public transport for people with mobility, sensory and cognitive impairments within the available funding.

Board members noted the importance of this work and welcomed the progress being made.

#### **8. Any other business**

An issue was raised with regard to maintenance of the Waterford-Rosslare rail line.

**Next Meeting: Friday 20 June 2014 @ 10.30am in NTA Offices.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**John Fitzgerald, Chairperson**

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