



## \* \* \* PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE \* \* \*

# Butler County Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees

The BCRTA Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. In compliance with state mandates, this meeting will be held in the Community Room at the MidPointe Library System, 125 S. Broad Street, Middletown, OH 45044 but will also be held electronically. Connection details may be found at: https://www.butlercountyrta.com/about/board-meetings/

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#### **BUTLER COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 20, 2020, 8:00 AM

Community Room - MidPointe Library System 125 S. Broad Street; Middletown, OH 45044

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#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- I. Call to Order & Roll
- II. Consideration of Absences
- III. Approval of the Agenda (Motion Requested)
- IV. Approval of the April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Motion Requested)
- V. Comments from Citizens
- VI. Secretary/Treasurer's Report March 2020 (Motion Requested)
- VII. Committee & Staff Reports
  - a. OKI
  - b. Metrics
- VIII. Director's Report
  - a. Approve to extend the suspension of all fares on fixed, commuter, and ADA services from June 1, 2020 until October 1, 2020 (Motion Requested)
  - b. Ratify one (1) year extension (year 4) of contract With DoubleMap Inc. of Indianapolis, IN for service, support, maintenance and hosting of a fixed route scheduling, dispatch and passenger information software consistent with BCRTA Resolution 16-10-02.
  - IX. Action Items
    - a. **Resolution 20-05-01:** Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract to Supply Mobile Router Equipment.
    - b. **Resolution 20-05-02:** Reappointing Dr. Joel Fink and Ms. Lisa Guliano to the Transit Alliance of Butler County (TABC) Board of Directors

Next Meeting Date:
June 17, 2020 @ 8:00 AM
Butler County Regional Transit Authority
Hamilton Board Room

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- X. Executive Session: The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee.
- XI. Adjourn (Motion Requested)

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## **2020 Butler County RTA Board of Trustees Attendance**

5/20/2020

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X = Present

E = Excused

A = Absent

<sup>\*=</sup>Attendance via videoconference

## **Butler County Regional Transit Authority**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 

The BCRTA Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at 8:07 AM at the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, 3045 Moser Court, Hamilton, OH 45011. Proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

PRESENT: Perry Gordon, Vice President\*

STAFF: Matthew Dutkevicz, Executive Director\*

Travis Bautz\*

Delene Weidner, Director of Finance & Administration

Jessica Chandler\*

[DBELO]\* Luke Morgan, Director of Operations\*

Jim Foster\*

John Gardocki, Planning & Special Projects Manager\*

Nancy Schmitt\* David Fehr\*

Corey Watt\*

Shawn Cowan, Mobility Manager\*

ABSENT: Chris Lawson, President

OTHERS

Anita Scott Jones

PRESENT: Kathy Wyenandt\*, Butler County Representative to

SORTA Board

LEGAL

CITIZENS: None Present

COUNSEL: Gary Becker, Dinsmore\*

#### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM. Mr. Dutkevicz took a roll call. A quorum of the Board was present.

#### II. Consideration of Absences

Mr. Dutkevicz advised there were not any requested absences to consider for the day. Absent were Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Scott Jones.

#### III. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Gordon requested a motion to approve the April 15, 2020 meeting agenda. Mr. Watt made a motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

#### IV. Approval of the March 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gordon requested a motion to approve the March 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Watt made a motion to approve the March 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Ms. Chandler abstained. The minutes were approved.

#### V. Comments from Citizens

No citizens were present.

#### VI. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ms. Weidner presented the treasurer's report for the month of February 2020.

<sup>\*=</sup>Attended via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic #=Attended in person

February 2020, statements were included in the packet. For the month of February, Revenues were approximately \$32K under budget. Ms. Weidner explained that this was primarily due to being under budget in Federal Funding. With monthly expenses under budget and some expenses covered with other funding sources, such as the City of Middletown, drawing less from the Federal Grants is expected. Expenses for the month were under budget by \$23K as a result of the decrease in fuel prices and less need for revenue vehicle parts. For the year-ended February, BCRTA showed a gain of approximately \$97K including their local share of depreciation. Revenues were over budget primarily due to Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) funds being recognized over the first half of 2020. The Other Transit Revenue was also over budget as the City of Middletown utilized more of the BCRTA drivers for MTS service. Expenses for February were under budget by approximately \$1K. Overtime for drivers continued to cause an over budget in Wages and Fringes. Vehicle body damage repairs provided by a third-party vendor caused an overage in Services, while fuel costs and revenue vehicle parts costs remain low.

The Transaction logs were included in the packet presenting all cash transactions for the period. The balance sheet for February 2020, was presented with primarily normal balances for assets, as well as liabilities and equity. Ms. Weidner explained the high

Accounts Receivable balance shown was due to receivables for the OTP2 and UTP (Urban Transit Program) funds, money due from the FTA for vehicles purchased, EPA VW Mitigation funds due, and normal receivable balances with Miami University and the City of Middletown. None of the high dollar amounts were at risk of not being collected.

At the end of February, available funds were approximately \$2.1M. Board reserves were approximately \$1.7M with a required match on the local grant obligations of \$476K. The resulting non-restricted funds of \$363K will be used for any needed funding for the Chestnut facility. BCRTA was currently able to fund the local share of all 2020 projects and those for 2021.

Mr. Perry requested a motion to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Fehr made a motion to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Ms. Chandler seconded the motion. The report was approved.

#### VII. Committee & Staff Reports

#### a. OKI

Mr. Dutkevicz explained the OKI meeting is now an electronic meeting during the pandemic. The meeting was a challenge with a lot of people involved. OKI has now moved to using Zoom for the meeting and kept the meeting agenda brief. Nothing new to report.

#### b. Metrics

Mr. Morgan gave the Metrics Report for February 2020.

Over the summer of 2019, Mr. Dutkevicz had the opportunity to sit down with many of the Board of BCRTA Trustee members to effectively lay out the future for the next few years for BCRTA. BCRTA has decided that since it now has a new strategic vision that it was important to show the board the actions that it is taking to strive and reach our newfound goals. Within this newly developed metrics report many of these items have new meaning. Within the categories that the board provided BCRTA with, it has laid out the floorplan to show that it is working each day to make these things reality.

## Leveraging Competitive Funding & Partnerships

#### Average Fleet Age

3.52 years – BCRTA received new vehicles in January and disposed of some old vehicles that have met their useful life requirement. This is a 16.6 percent decrease for February 2020.

#### Subsidy per Passenger

The subsidy per passenger increased in February 2020 by \$0.74 or 14.5 percent.

#### Admin Cost Per Revenue Hour

Administrative Overhead cost per hour has decreased by \$0.63 or 4.1 percent comparing February of 2019 to February of 2020.

#### **Enhancing Connectivity**

#### Fixed Route EZfare Rides/ Total Rides

6.25 percent of the total fixed route rides were paid for using some type of EZfare media.

#### **BGo Efare/ BGo Fares**

4.70 percent of all BGO trips were paid for utilizing the mobile application.

#### **BGo App Rides/ Total BGo Rides**

9.35 percent of all BGO trips were booked using the mobile application.

#### **BGo App Downloads/ Rides**

4.35 percent of the app downloads for the month of January turned into a BGo ride.

#### **Improving Mobility & Eliminating Barriers**

#### Passengers Per Revenue Hour

Fixed and Commuter routes had 14.64 passengers per revenue hour in February of 2020, this is a 12.9 percent decrease.

Demand Response service had 1.74 passengers per revenue hour in February of 2020, this is a 2.8 percent decrease.

#### Accidents and Injuries

Fault Total – 6 – One trainee fall, BCRTA Operators hitting a fixed object.

**No Fault Total** – 5 -Four passenger falls, and another party struck a BCRTA vehicle.

#### **Operator Headcount/ Revenue Hours**

.01153 this number has increased by 17 percent since last year.

#### **Denials and Refusals/ Total BGo Trips**

1.22 percent of all requested BGo trips were either denied or refused. This is due to not having the capacity to complete the trip or the negotiated time would not work for the passenger.

#### **Supporting Employers**

#### 42x Park and Ride Total Trips

The 42x had a total of 8,758 passengers in February of 2020, this is a 7 percent increase from February of 2019.

#### **BGo Employment Trips**

BCRTA completed 1,215 BGo trips for the purpose of employment in February of 2020, this is a 48 percent increase from February of 2019.

#### **Developing Multimodal Infrastructure**

This field is to show the progress of our upcoming Chestnut Fields Multi-Modal Transit Station. BCRTA has secured funding for \$8,968,750 of our \$9,000,000 goal. BCRTA intends to place a target date for completion here, so that it can follow along with the progress.

#### VIII. Director's Report

#### a. Covid 19 Update

BCRTA is now performing temperature checks on all drivers each day as they enter the building for work per pandemic requirements. BCRTA is supplying masks for drivers, regularly disinfecting buses in use on a daily basis, using rear entry onto the bus plus decreased ridership during the pandemic which makes for optimal social distancing on the buses. BCRTA is working with EMA to obtain more masks and other PPE. Fixed Route fares are suspended through June 1, 2020. Decreased ridership during the pandemic has also created an opportune time starting this week for BCRTA to join with Shared Harvest Food Bank (about 60 trips per day) and the Free Food Store in Oxford in the delivery of free meals to the needy. Butler County EMA has requested BCRTA transport Covid-19 patients to quarantine facilities if needed. BCRTA has provided drivers for this work who are on a totally voluntary basis.

BCRTA is making every effort to keep employees working as opposed to unemployment. Office staff will continue to work from home through May 1<sup>st</sup> at reduced work hours. EFMLEA has been offered to employees that fit the requirement, paid sick leave is being used as needed. BCRTA disseminated "Thank You" care bags to its front-line workers (drivers, dispatch and mechanics) on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. A total of 73 bags were handed out in an effort to show appreciation for their dedication and to bolster morale as front-line workers during the pandemic. Two washable masks were also included in the thank you bags. BCRTA's intent is to keep the pandemic working process as painless as possible and to retain its employees.

#### b. 2019 Workplace Strength Results

The BCRTA Workplace Strength Survey is normally distributed in the fall/winter and the results are now included in this board packet. There are no significant changes in the survey. The ten survey questions are the same every year but have a pointed purpose that works well for BCRTA. Response to the survey questions for 2019 were as follows: four questions response averages were up, two questions response averages were down and six question average responses were the same. BCRTA is happy with the results overall. Please see the attached recorded summary.

#### A. Metrics & Service

#### 1. BGo Fare Change

Effective, January 2, 2020, BCRTA changed all in-county BGO rates to \$5.00 per trip. This was in response to BCRTA's successful Job Shuttle program that was defunded in 2015 and to align more closely with the OKI Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan and BCRTA's updated vision created at the June 2019 board retreat. Both documents address reducing fares or eliminating barriers to transportation.

#### 2. Group Fare

Pursuant to the January 2020 BGo fare change, fares were dropped and requests have been increasing. As part of the fare change, BCRTA's "3x" group fare program was discontinued as it was not viable at the newly implemented \$5.00 rate. Several teen

centers in the Liberty/West Chester area have expressed need for after school transportation services and expressed concern over the elimination of the group rate.

Edge Teen Center is asking BCRTA to reduce the proposed fee by 50% for transporting students between schools and their centers during the 20/21 school year. We have provided similar service for Boys and Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty for 19/20. However, as a result of our new BGo pricing structure both organizations were asked to pay the \$5.00 per passenger for the coming school year. Mr. Dutkevicz has not heard from BGCWCL at this time about the pricing change. Mr. Dutkevicz is sensitive to their need and cause, but he worries such accommodations may be "opening pandora's box," and do not closely align with our latest strategic objectives. Mr. Dutkevicz is seeking Board input.

#### 3. BCVSC

BCRTA submitted a bid to continue providing transportation to BCVSC and possible brokerage services beginning April 1, 2020. BCRTA was awarded a contract to provide local and Dayton VAMC trips. BCRTA will also help with Cincinnati VAMC trips while a new provider prepares to begin providing this service to BCVSC.

In accordance with the directives of the BCRTA Board of Trustees following the May 2019 regular meeting, BCRTA staff has negotiated a 50% discount with BCVSC for fixed route bus fares not to exceed \$24,999, beginning in 2020.

#### 4. Fixed Route Fares

BCRTA has suspended all Fixed Route and ADA fares until June 1, 2020 due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Regarding free fares as a matter of regular business:

Given a combination of factors including the national conversation, FTA's mandate the U & P routes be free, and total fare revenue, staff has been discussing the feasibility of eliminating fixed route fares. This concept may also directly support several of the visioning benchmarks established at the June 2019 retreat. The idea is preliminary, and staff are still investigating with no solid conclusions at this time.

Staff is currently investigating the possibility of chambers or foundations covering any lost revenue if this strategy is pursued.

For more reading:

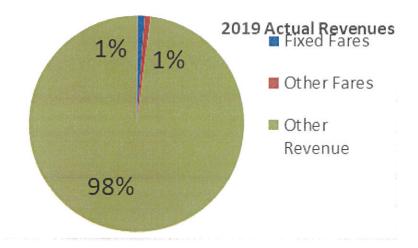
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#### B. Staffing & Facility

#### 1. Staffing

BCRTA is currently seeking CDL and non-CDL drivers, maintenance technicians. A biweekly email digest of open positions is available. Please contact Kristin Fryer, BCRTA HR Manager (<a href="mailto:fryerk@butlercountyrta.com">fryerk@butlercountyrta.com</a>) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

BCRTA will begin utilizing a digital marketing firm with the new website and careers page to begin more targeted recruiting in April 2020.

#### 2. Customer Service Center

BCRTA has been working with the City of Middletown to leverage available space at the Middletown Transit Station as BCRTA grows. Customer Service Representatives will begin moving into a newly refreshed office area at the Transit Station once the governor lifts the "stay-at-home" order. The new space also includes an indoor customer service window and refreshed customer restrooms that have been unavailable for several years. This partnership will also allow BCRTA to better utilize space within the Hamilton office.

#### C. Planning

#### 1. Hamilton Train Station?

BCRTA was recently mentioned in news coverage and ideas for plans to repurpose the old CSX station building located in Hamilton. The building would have to be moved and receive a major renovation. BCRTA is discussing its options and capabilities with City officials.

<u>Click here for Facebook video and post</u> Click here for WCPO Coverage

#### 2. Chestnut Street Multimodal Station

BCRTA was awarded \$2.6M in 5339 funds in April 2018 and \$4.5M in CMAQ funds in 2019 to be put toward the facility. CMAQ funds are programmed for FY 2024.

Information regarding conceptual plans and estimates on the Chestnut Street Multimodal Station is available at

https://www.butlercountyrta.com/oxford-multimodal-facility/.

BCRTA staff have been working closely with BCRTA legal counsel and Miami University to begin negotiating a land use/lease agreement and joint development agreement for the construction of the proposed facility.

BCRTA has drafted proposed documents and is continuing to negotiate with Miami.

#### 3.42X

BCRTA renewed the 42X contract for 2020 with Cincinnati Metro. Staff recommend aggressive pursuit of a cost-sharing model in 2021 after SORTA has completed its ballot initiative.

BCRTA is also investigating the availability of OTP2 funds that would allow BCRTA and MTS to operate Cincinnati commuter bus service at a lower cost with more control and flexibility.

#### D. Outreach & Communications

#### 1. COVID-19

- Ridership is down, but not gone. Decreases range from 46% to more than 80%. R2 Middletown/Oxford service has been suspended due to extremely low ridership. Staff is trying to avoid cutting any other services as we know many are used by workers and those without other means to travel to grocery stores and other essential locations. Any additional cuts would be due to staffing shortages and likely reduce the span of operations or frequency of a route. We have no other cuts planned at this moment.
- Administrative and support staff are working from home. Operators, supervisors, and maintenance staff are coming to work regularly.
- BCRTA has instituted temperature checks for employees at all three locations per the Governor's recommendation.
- Miami University and BCRTA agreed to move to a modified summer schedule beginning March 23. This does reduce service dramatically as well as related expenses and revenue.
- BCRTA has no confirmed COVID-19 cases, but we do have about 10 employees that are currently self-quarantining, received a doctor's note to quarantine, or are requesting FMLA due to the risk of COVID-19 exacerbating another serious condition.
- BCRTA is making arrangements to provide sick leave consistent with or slightly better than the new legislation requires. They're making sure to address those employees that may be at risk now, even though we do not expect he EFMLEA and sick leave legislation to be

effective until 4/1/20. Staff is viewing the current crisis not only as an absence issue, but also a retention issue, as many logistics firms and retailers are hiring very aggressively.

No BCRTA employees are being laid off. Some hours have been reduced, although we expect to need our full complement of operators as conditions improve and BCRTA begins serving veterans with service to Cincinnati VA on April 1.



BCRTA is cleaning vehicles used in service daily. They have purchased an electrostatic fogger for broad disinfection. Operators are also being supplied with onboard disinfectant and wipes to be used while vehicle are on the road. BCRTA is waiting on backordered hand sanitizer from multiple suppliers. Although they are stocked currently, many cleaning supplies are backordered. BCRTA has been able to acquire a limited number of masks from BCRTA EMA on a weekly basis.

BCRTA has received several requests for free BGo trips, as they are still currently charging a \$5.00 fare for these. If federal aid does become available, staff will consider suspending BGo fares consistent with the Board's 3/18 action.

Staff are working closely with local foodbanks and similar programs to offer BCRTA capacity to provide temporary food delivery for those in need.

#### 2. Art OnBoard

BCRTA staff are having initial discussions with Fitton Center officials regarding opportunities to wrap artwork on BCRTA buses, similar to the StreetSpark program. Discussions are preliminary at this time.

#### 3. I-75 WorkLink Corridor

Due to inefficient ridership and the loss of funding from Premier Health in Q1 2020, BCRTA has recommended a demand-response model to serve WorkLink constituents in the Middletown-Monroe-Dayton corridor. Current service will end March 21 and new demand-response style service will be available beginning March 23.

#### 4. List of Influencers

As part of addressing BCRTA's newly proposed vision, Mr. Dutkevicz would like to gather a list of relationships and influencers that our organization and Board of Trustees believe they can leverage if needed. I am asking staff and trustees to share persons and position/title information so we may create a database that may be used to influence decisions and opinions regarding BCRTA and public transit in our area. Please email Vonda Partin with your information: partinv@butlercountyrta.com.

#### E. Funding & Discretionary Grant Availability

1. Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Research Program

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) in partnership with committed partners,
NEORide, CALSTART, Masabi and Cleveland State University (CSU), along with 9
additional transit agency stakeholders, including BCRTA were awarded \$2M to develop
an innovative alternative payment system for mobility, business and personal
applications targeted to significantly benefit unbanked, underbanked, low-income,
disadvantaged, disabled, student, elderly and other underserved populations. SARTA
and NEORide will be leading the project.

#### 2. CARES ACT

BCRTA will receive roughly \$5.8M in operational and capital funding from the CARES Act Apportionments to provide relief for COVID 19.

#### 3. MTS Funding

MTS was recently awarded more than \$3M to purchase four (4) commuter style coaches to operate Cincinnati commuter service. Staff are working closely with Middletown to use this project as a mechanism to flex regional funding into the Chestnut Fields Multimodal Station Project.

MTS is also expected to receive a sizeable amount of CARES funding, although an exact amount has not yet been determined by the state.

#### 4. CMAQ/STP

BCRTA applied locally to OKI for the unfunded portion of the Chestnut Fields Multimodal Station & Shared Services Facility. OKI reports they received twenty-one applications totaling more than \$75M. On September 10, 2019 the OKI Prioritization Subcommittee scored BCRTA's application with 74 points, more than any other local project! BCRTA received an official award letter from OKI on December 19, 2019.

5. \$70M for Transit (HB 62) – Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grants
State funding awards were made October 25, 2019. BCRTA received \$305,653 in Urban
Transit Program funds, \$3,611 in Elderly and Disabled Subsidies, and \$474,383 in
discretionary Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) funds for operating assistance and bus
replacement match.

#### F. On the Horizon ...

#### 1. Accessible Meetings

In an effort to provide more accessible meetings to community members and disabled constituents, BCRTA will host the following Board of Trustees meetings this year in more convenient and accessible locations:

May 20, 2020 Community Room - MidPointe Library System 125 S. Broad Street, Middletown, OH 45044

September 16, 2020 City of Oxford Police Station 101 East High Street, Oxford, OH 45056

#### 2. OPTA Conference - CANCELLED

The Ohio Public Transit Association will hold the Annual Conference and Expo April 20-22, 2020 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Board members are invited. In addition to class sessions, there will also be tours of the autonomous Linden Leap service, COTA experience Center and CBUS. Matt Dutkevicz is the 2020 Conference Program Chair.

3. Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review - POSTPONED

2020 Is BCRTA's year for another triennial review of compliance with the terms of FTA's master agreement for all grantees. Staff has been collecting data and answering questions for weeks. FTA will be onsite April 28 and 29, 2020. The Board will be apprised of FTA's actions. Trustees should also expect to take up some clean-up legislation before and after the review to bring any items into compliance that may need updating at the Board-level. Title VI and EEO Programs are expected to be on the March Board agenda for review and approval.

- 4. Upcoming Procurements >\$25,000
  - a. Enhanced Gate Security
  - b. Onboard Routers/Wifi
  - c. Mobile Communication Solution
  - d. Legal Services Expires 12/31/2020
  - e. IT Services Expires 3/31/21

#### IX. Action Items

a. Resolution No. 20-04-01: Adoption of Project Objectives Aligned with BCRTA's Strategic Goals.

Mr. Gordon requested a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-04-01. Mrs. Schmitt made a motion to approve and Ms. Chandler seconded the motion.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Bautz	YES
Ms. Chandler	YES
Mr. Fehr	YES

Mr. Foster	YES
Mr. Gordon	YES
Mr. Lawson	ABSENT
Ms. Nancy Schmitt	YES
Ms. Scott Jones	ABSENT
Mr. Watt	YES

The resolution was adopted.

### IX. Adjourn

Mr. Foster moved to adjourn, and Mr. Bautz seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew M. Dutkevicz, BCRTA Executive Director

Approved, Chris Lawson, BCRTA Board President

## BCRTA Board 04\_15\_2020 Minutes

Final Audit Report

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BCRTA Income Statement March 2020

	Current Month Budget	Current Month Actual	Change	Last Year Current Month
Revenues	J			
Passenger Fares	10,568.00	9,526.43	(1,041.57)	10,634.50
Contract Service	15,056.00	12,096.94	(2,959.06)	14,939.92
Other Transit Rev.	100,000.00	101,758.61	1,758.61	98,600.69
Mgt./Cons. Services	10,220.00	10,220.00	-	10,220.00
Maintenance Services	-	-	-	-
Rentals	-		-	-
Interest & Other	2,313.33	4,972.55	2,659.22	5,368.84
Local Funding	191,615.84	182,654.31	(8,961.53)	184,502.44
State Funding	70,045.25	75,611.00	5,565.75	19,034.00
Federal Funding	154,635.00	154,513.00	(122.00)	120,864.00
In-Kind Items	<u>-</u>	-		
Total Revenues	554,453.42	551,352.84	(3,100.58)	464,164.39
Expenses				
Wages	256,392.68	248,655.22	(7,737.46)	238,198.59
Fringes	70,022.73	79,504.28	9,481.55	64,703.31
Services	30,683.34	46,314.13	15,630.79	18,925.01
Materials & Supplies	66,950.67	45,986.85	(20,963.82)	45,787.53
Utilities	7,289.33	6,866.55	(422.78)	6,110.93
Insurance	19,462.33	18,664.41	(797.92)	19,119.99
Taxes	-	_	-	-
Purchased Transportation	45,449.17	45,449.16	(0.01)	42,052.38
Misc. Items	8,362.51	9,141.70	779.19	12,561.65
Leases & Rentals			<u>-</u>	-
Total Expenses	504,612.76	500,582.30	(4,030.46)	<i>447,4</i> 59.39
Gain / (Loss)	49,840.66	50,770.54	929.88	16,705.00
Local Share Depreciation		21,742.19		
Gain / (Loss) with Local Depr.		29,028.35		

BCRTA Income Statement March 2020

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Change	Year to Date
	Budget	Actual	9	Last Year
Revenues				
Passenger Fares	32,295.00	37,525.61	5,230.61	29,451.67
Contract Service	43,821.00	45,075.92	1,254.92	43,602.45
Other Transit Rev.	300,000.00	317,096.12	17,096.12	291,362.63
Mgt./Cons. Services	30,660.00	30,660.00	-	30,660.00
Maintenance Services	-	•	-	-
Rentals	-		-	-
Interest & Other	7,048.99	7,350.01	301.02	12,402.12
Local Funding	591,673.52	569,454.73	(22,218.79)	551,182.20
State Funding	165,561.58	219,611.00	54,049.42	95,854.00
Federal Funding	462,363.00	428,165.00	(34,198.00)	363,015.00
In-Kind Items		<u> </u>	_	
Total Revenues	1,633,423.09	1,654,938.39	21,515.30	1,417,530.07
Expenses				
Wages	756,863.37	761,975.08	5,111.71	675,157.98
Fringes	213,098.76	222,797.33	9,698.57	190,572.63
Services	92,050.02	134,578.60	42,528.58	69,415.21
Materials & Supplies	178,123.01	126,564.00	(51,559.01)	146,486.59
Utilities	23,141.99	22,479.86	(662.13)	25,649.71
Insurance	58,386.99	45,682.07	(12,704.92)	55,200.52
Taxes	_	-	-	-
Purchased Transportation	136,347.51	136,347.48	(0.03)	126,157.14
Misc. Items	31,887.53	34,504.93	2,617.40	36,456.74
Leases & Rentals	_	-	-	_
Total Expenses	1,489,899.18	1,484,929.35	(4,969.83)	1,325,096.52
Gain / (Loss)	143,523.91	170,009.04	26,485.13	92,433.55
Local Share Depreciation		21,742.19		
Gain / (Loss) with Local Depr.		148,266.85		

Date	Reference	Jrnl	Trans Description	Debit Amt	Credit Amt	Balance
Checking - PN	IC (National City)					
3/1/20			Beginning Balance			73,413.70
3/2/20	268459	CRJ	City of Middletown	134,611.00		
3/2/20	02/26-02/29/2020	0 CRJ	Farebox Receipts	1,287.63		
3/3/20	CASH 02/29/202	2(CRJ	BCRTA Items	949.25		
3/4/20	8935	CDJ	BCRTA Petty Cash		929.07	
3/4/20	02/26-02/29/2020	0 CRJ	Farebox Receipts	244,82		
3/5/20	AT 03/05/2020	CDJ	Paycom		1,065.21	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202	2 GENJ	#1320		183.75	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202	2: GENJ	#1318		225.83	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202		#1319		23.08	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202		#1316		255.94	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202				18,671.36	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202				101,113.24	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202		#1317		262.00	
3/5/20	PRWE 02/28/202		#1321		746.18	
3/5/20	8936	CDJ	Bryce's Lawncare & Landscaping		230.00	
3/5/20	8937	CDJ	Brighton Spring Service		232.72	
3/5/20	8938	CDJ	Cincinnati Bell		141.76	
3/5/20	8939	CDJ	Certified Language Int.		5.80	
3/5/20	8940	CDI	Cornett's Pressure Cleaning		2,531.00	
3/5/20	8941	CDJ	CenterGrid, LLC		346.61	
3/5/20	8942	CDJ	Dinsmore & Shohl LLP		1,206.20	
3/5/20	8943	CDJ	Fuller Ford		734.12	
3/5/20	8944	CDJ	GemCity Tires, Inc		3,635.80	
3/5/20	8945	CDJ	Heritage-Crystal Clean LLC		25.00	
3/5/20	8946	CDJ	Hamilton Enterprise Park POA		456.11	
3/5/20	8947	CDJ	Mobilcomm		180,00	
3/5/20	8948	CDJ	Minuteman Press - Fairfield		1,242.00	
3/5/20	8949	CDJ	Ohio Deferred Compensation		610.00	
3/5/20	8950	C.D.J	Office Depot Inc.		214.80	
3/5/20	8951	CDJ	RICOH USA, INC		15.28	
3/5/20	8952	CDJ	Tom Rechtin H&A		50,575,00	
3/5/20	8953	CDJ	Verizon Wireless		1,270.35	
3/6/20	0041651541	CRJ	Ohio EPA	207,990.00		
3/10/20	0041691659	CRJ	Ohio Dept of Medicaid	2,505.00		
3/10/20	01065039	CRJ	Butler County Veterans Service	7,364.84		
3/10/20	01065203	CRJ	BCRTA Items	3,611.00		
3/10/20	8954	CDJ	Affordable Pest Control Inc.		48.00	
3/10/20	8955	CDJ	Blashock Plumbing Inc.		126.00	
3/10/20	8956	CDJ	Cincinnati Bell Any Distance		1,558.24	
3/10/20	8957	CDJ	Cintas Corporation		1,267.07	
3/10/20	8958	CDJ	Dietrich Electric LLC		3,600.00	
3/10/20	8959	CDJ	Ka-Comm Inc		141.00	
3/10/20	8960	CDJ	LaForce Inc		1,870.00	
3/10/20	8961	CDJ	Minuteman Press - Fairfield		61.96	
3/10/20	8962	CDJ	Office Depot Inc.		300.89	
3/10/20	8963	CDJ	Ohio Newspapers, Inc.		23.26	
3/10/20	8964	CDJ	Ohio Transit Risk Pool		40,601.00	
3/10/20	8965	CDJ	Refitt's LLC		75.00	
3/10/20	8966	CDJ	Rumpke Of Ohio Inc.		224.09	
3/10/20	8967	CDJ	Seon System Sales, INC		8,284.00	
3/10/20	8968	CDJ	SuperFleet Mastercard Program		22,783.52	
3/10/20	8969	CDJ	Whitworth Bus Sales Inc.		106.28	
3/11/20	A0763270	CRJ	Miami University	269,244.43		
3/11/20	03/1-03/10/2020	CRJ	Farebox Receipts	2,883.78		
3/13/20	AT 3/13/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items		200,000.00	
3/16/20	04/01-04/14/20	CRJ	Farebox Receipts	1,244,39		
3/17/20	01065340	CRJ	Butler County Veterans Service	7,011.96		
3/17/20	20860	CRJ	Talawanda High School	170.00		
3/17/20	183543	CRJ	GovDeals.com	3,308.00		

3/17/20	AT 03/17/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items	600,000,00	
3/17/20	8971	CDJ	Butler County Sheriff Dept.		4,495.00
3/17/20	8972	CDJ	City of Hamilton - Utilities		3,761.86
3/17/20	8973	CDJ	Cornett's Pressure Cleaning		1,970.00
3/17/20	8974	CDJ	EasterSeals TriState LLC		761.76
3/17/20	8975	CDJ	Heritage-Crystal Clean LLC		312.85
3/17/20	8976	CDJ	J&N Auto Electric Inc.		294.66
3/17/20	8977	CDJ	KOI Enterprises, Inc.		3,012.03
3/17/20	8978	CDJ	M&M Cleaning		595.00
3/17/20	8979	CDJ	Millennium Business Systems		324.85
3/17/20	8980	CDJ	Ohio Deferred Compensation		610.00
3/17/20	8981	CDJ	Ohio Newspapers, Inc.		23.26
3/17/20	8982	CDJ	Planeteria Media		15,450.00
3/17/20	8983	CDJ	Refitt's LLC		550.00
3/17/20	8984	CDJ	Trebor Electrical Contractors		1,007.00
3/17/20	8985	CDJ	Talawanda School District		12,161.15
3/17/20	8986	CDJ	Whitworth Bus Sales Inc.		573,399.53
3/18/20	AT 3/18/20	CDJ	BCRTA PNC Card Purchases		•
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20	GENJ	BORTA FING Card Purchases		1,407.55 20,185.69
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20				•
			41220		105,939.67
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1330		664,59
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1327		23.08
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1328		104.68
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20	GENJ	#1322		294.29
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1326		344.34
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1324		205,55
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20		#1323		115.91
3/19/20		GENJ	#1329		15.42
3/19/20	PRWE 03/13/20	GENJ	#1325		262.00
3/19/20	AT 3/19/20	CDJ	Paycom		1,122.62
3/19/20	Draw 19, 20	CRJ	Federal Transit Administration	457,531.00	
3/19/20	AT 3/19/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items		400,000.00
3/19/20	8987	CDJ	Bethesda Healthcare Inc.		2,547.05
3/19/20	8988	CDJ	epluno LLC		3,441.05
3/19/20	8989	CDJ	Fox Towing Inc.		295.00
3/19/20	8990	CDJ	Kate legters photography		400.00
3/19/20	8991	CDJ	ODACS, Inc		550.00
3/19/20	8992	CDJ	PERS		63,178.74
3/20/20	03/11-03/18/20	CRJ	Farebox Receipts	2,181.65	
3/23/20	01065786/010657	CRJ	Butler County Veterans Service	14,271.66	
3/23/20	269025	CRJ	City of Middletown	112,225.09	
3/23/20	199377	CRJ	Easter Seals TriState	815.00	
3/23/20	8993	CDJ	Bryce's Lawncare & Landscaping		3,000.00
3/23/20	8994	CDJ	Middletown Treasury Divison		1,000.60
3/23/20	8995	CDJ	Cornett's Pressure Cleaning		528.00
3/23/20	8996	CDJ	Kleem Inc.		302.28
3/23/20	8997	CDJ	Office Depot Inc.		376.82
3/23/20	8998	CDJ	Ohio Newspapers, Inc.		61.05
3/23/20	8999	CDJ	Verizon Wireless		140,91
3/26/20	Draw 21	CRJ	Federal Transit Administration	64,759.00	
3/27/20	Draw 22, 23	CRJ	Federal Transit Administration	105,684.00	
3/27/20	A0763632	CRJ	Miami University - Accounts Pa	498.72	
3/27/20	0041930226	CRJ	BCDD Master Billing	2,322.00	
3/31/20	9000	CDJ	Cincinnati Beli		142.74
3/31/20	9001	CDJ	Cornett's Pressure Cleaning		418.00
3/31/20	9002	CDJ	Fuller Ford		868.51
3/31/20	9003	CDJ	Frank's Heavy Truck Collision		7,433.73
3/31/20	9004	CDJ	Hillside Maintenance Supply		320.00
3/31/20	9005	CDJ	Luxurious Wraps, LLC		2,920.00
3/31/20	9006	CDJ	Mobilcomm		180,00
3/31/20	9007	CDJ	Orkin Commercial Services		1,000.00
3/31/20	9008	CDJ	Ohio Deferred Compensation		620.00
3/31/20	9009	CDJ	Prefered Fire Protection		275.00

3/31/20	9010	CDJ	Verizon Wireless		1,366.14	
3/31/20	AT 3/31/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items		150,000.00	
3/31/20	03/31/20	GENJ	Service Charge		4.75	
3/31/20	AT 03/31/2020	CRJ	Farebox Receipts	45.00		
			Current Period Change	2,002,759.22	1,858,983.23	143,775.99
3/31/20			Ending Balance			217,189.69
Savings - PNC	C (National City)					
3/1/20			Beginning Balance			48,678.78
3/4/20	CC 02/29/2020	CRJ	BCRTA Items	1,048.10		
3/10/20	MAS 03/10/2020	CRJ	Masabi LLC	2,466,05		
3/31/20	03/31/20	GENJ	Interest Income	22.17		
3/31/20	03/31/20	GENJ	Service Charge		2.80	
3/31/20	BT 03/31/2020	CRJ	Farebox Receipts	291.84		
			Current Period Change	3,828.16	2.80	3,825.36
3/31/20			Ending Balance			52,504.14
Savings - PNC	Bank					
3/1/20			Beginning Balance			858,337.45
3/13/20	AT 3/13/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items - To Savings	200,000.00		
3/17/20	AT 03/17/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items - From Savings		600,000.00	
3/19/20	AT 3/19/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items	400,000.00		
3/31/20	AT 3/31/20	CRJ	BCRTA Items - To Savings	150,000.00		
3/31/20	03/31/20	GENJ	Interest Income	382.88		
3/31/20	03/31/20	GENJ	Service Charge		15.00	
			Current Period Change	750,382.88	600,015.00	150,367.88
3/31/20			Ending Balance			1,008,705.33

#### BCRTA Balance Sheet March 2020

#### Assets

Current Assets Checking - PNC Savings - PNC Savings - PNC Bid Deposit M&S Inventory	217,189.69 52,504.14 1,008,705.33 41,261.00 25,091.87	*Other Assets Net Pension Asset Deferred Outflows-Pensions Deferred Outflows-OPEB	13,997.00 1,585,594.00 200,220.00	
Petty Cash	1,000.00	Property & Equipment		
Accounts Receivable	1,394,497.57	Vehicles	10,476,397.26	
Prepaids	123,546.84	Buildings & Land	2,794,595.53	
		Furniture & Equipment	915,039.81	
		Amenities & Misc.	67,877.96	
		WIP-35' Buses	1,103,676.00	
		WIP-Website	35,000.00	
		Accum. Depr.	(6,068,031.40)	
	2,863,796.44		11,124,366.16	Total Assets
				13,988,162.60
Liabilities & Equity				
Current Liabilities		*Long-term Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	138,241.53	Net Pension Liability	4,962,975.00	
Payroll Payables	130,772.29	Net OPEB Liability	2,452,250.00	
Other Payables	-	Deferred Inflows-Pensions	72,903.00	
Accrued PTO	97,771.89	Deferred Inflows-OPEB	31,488.00	
Reserve ACA Fines	132,412.49			
FTA Vehicle Funds	68,131.00	Equity		
Future Match Funds	16,875.00	Balance Equity	2,861,645.23	
Unearned Tickets	26,975.00	Federal & State Capital	13,168,446.00	
Unearned MU Funds	-	Local Capital	89,410.00	
		Retained Earnings	(10,432,142.87)	
		Net Income	170,009.04	Total Liabilities
	611,179.20		13,376,983.40	and Capital
				13,988,162.60

<sup>\*</sup>For fiscal year 2018, Bcrta adopted GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

#### BCRTA Cash Reserves

#### March 2020

Current Assets	2,863,796.44	
Current Liabilities	(611,179.20)	
Available Funds	2,252,617.24	
Board Reserves		
Local Share Grant Obligations OH-2018-021-00 FFY Pending Federal Oxford Facility Match Pledge Less Projected Local Match	1,030,877.00 127,990.50 200,000.00 (390,874.00)	MU, MED, R6, VA
Match Required or (Overmatch)	967,993.50	
FTA Grants	967,993.50	Match Required
Working Capital Funds (2 Mths.)	929,124.50	
Capital Replacement Funds	321,777.80	2020 - 2021 Local Share of Projects Not Yet on Grants
Contingency Funds		
Total Board Reserves	2,218,895.80	
Non-Restricted Funds	33,721.44	

#### A. Metrics & Service

#### 1. Group Fare

Pursuant to the January 2020 BGo fare change, fares were dropped and requests have been increasing. As part of the fare change, BCRTA's "3x" group fare program was discontinued as it was not viable at the newly implemented \$5.00 rate. Several teen centers in the Liberty/West Chester area have expressed need for after school transportation services and expressed concern over the elimination of the group rate.

Edge Teen Center is asking BCRTA to reduce the proposed fee by 50% for transporting students between schools and their centers during the 20/21 school year. Staff has examined possible subsidy solutions but has been unable to find an equitable and sustainable solution and has therefore declined to accept Edge's request at this time.

#### 2. BCVSC

BCRTA submitted a bid to continue providing transportation to BCVSC and possible brokerage services beginning April 1, 2020. BCRTA was awarded a contract to provide local and Dayton VAMC trips. BCRTA will also help with Cincinnati VAMC trips while a new provider prepares to begin providing this service to BCVSC.

#### 3. Fixed Route Fares

BCRTA has suspended all Fixed Route and ADA fares until June 1, 2020 due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Staff is recommending the continued suspension of fares through October 1, 2020 to address social distancing measures and reduce financial burdens on riders.

Regarding free fares as a matter of regular business:

Given a combination of factors including the national conversation, FTA's mandate the U & P routes be free, and total fare revenue, staff has been discussing the feasibility of eliminating fixed route fares. This concept may also directly support several of the visioning benchmarks established at the June 2019 retreat.

Staff is currently investigating the possibility of chambers or foundations covering any lost revenue if this strategy is pursued.

#### For more reading:

https://www.opb.org/news/article/northwest-transit-system-fareless-bus-olympia-intercity/

https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/in-

<u>depth/2020/01/06/355569/metro-is-gathering-input-on-whether-to-stop-collecting-fares/</u>

https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2019/12/free-transit-how-much-cost-kansascity-bus-streetcar-fare/603397/

https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2019/12/03/cincinnati-streetcar-city-moves-toward-eliminating-fares/2602233001/

#### B. Staffing & Facility

#### 1. Staffing

BCRTA is currently seeking CDL and non-CDL drivers, maintenance technicians. A biweekly email digest of open positions is available. Please contact Kristin Fryer, BCRTA HR Manager (<a href="mailto:fryerk@butlercountyrta.com">fryerk@butlercountyrta.com</a>) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

#### 2. Customer Service Center

BCRTA has been working with the City of Middletown to leverage available space at the Middletown Transit Station as BCRTA grows. Customer Service Representatives will begin moving into a newly refreshed office area at the Transit Station once the governor lifts the "stay-at-home" order. The new space also includes an indoor customer service window and refreshed customer restrooms that have been unavailable for several years. This partnership will also allow BCRTA to better utilize space within the Hamilton office.

#### C. Planning

#### 1. Chestnut Street Multimodal Station

BCRTA was awarded \$2.6M in 5339 funds in April 2018 and \$4.5M in CMAQ funds in 2019 to be put toward the facility. CMAQ funds are programmed for FY 2024.

Information regarding conceptual plans and estimates on the Chestnut Street Multimodal Station is available at

https://www.butlercountyrta.com/oxford-multimodal-facility/.

BCRTA staff have been working closely with BCRTA legal counsel and Miami University to begin negotiating a land use/lease agreement and joint development agreement for the construction of the proposed facility.

BCRTA has drafted proposed documents and is continuing to negotiate with Miami.

#### 2. 42X

Considering COVID 19, some 42X service has been eliminated to control operational costs in light of fare loss. Staff has amended the 2020 service agreement with SORTA to address needed changes.

Staff recommend aggressive pursuit of a cost-sharing model in 2021 after SORTA has completed its ballot initiative.

BCRTA is also investigating the availability of OTP2 funds that would allow BCRTA and MTS to operate Cincinnati commuter bus service at a lower cost with more control and flexibility.

#### D. Outreach & Communications

#### 1. COVID-19

COVID 19 continues to dominate day-to-day activities. BCRTA is well-stocked on PPE and cleaning supplies although some things, like aerosol disinfectant, continue to be hard to come by.

Staffing numbers are good, although several operators still remain on EFMLEA or paid sick leave. Miami service will remain reduced until at least fall and demand for BGo trips is also low, reducing the need for a full complement of operators.

Staff have been working with local food banks to provide delivery of materials on a regular basis. BCRTA expects to discontinue this service as passenger demand rises going into June.

#### 2. Art OnBoard

BCRTA staff are having initial discussions with Fitton Center officials regarding opportunities to wrap artwork on BCRTA buses, similar to the StreetSpark program. Discussions are preliminary at this time.

#### 3. I-75 WorkLink Corridor

Due to inefficient ridership and the loss of funding from Premier Health in Q1 2020, BCRTA has recommended a demand-response model to serve WorkLink constituents in the Middletown-Monroe-Dayton corridor. Demand response service between GDRTA's south hub and Butler County is now available.

#### 4. List of Influencers

As part of addressing BCRTA's newly proposed vision, I would like to gather a list of relationships and influencers that our organization and Board of Trustees believe they can leverage if needed. I am asking staff and trustees to share persons and position/title information so we may create a database that may be used to influence decisions and opinions regarding BCRTA and public transit in our area. Please email Vonda Partin with your information: <a href="mailto:partinv@butlercountyrta.com">partinv@butlercountyrta.com</a>.

## E. Funding & Discretionary Grant Availability

1. Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Research Program
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) in partnership with committed partners,
NEORide, CALSTART, Masabi and Cleveland State University (CSU), along with 9
additional transit agency stakeholders, including BCRTA were awarded \$2M to develop
an innovative alternative payment system for mobility, business and personal
applications targeted to significantly benefit unbanked, underbanked, low-income,
disadvantaged, disabled, student, elderly and other underserved populations. SARTA
and NEORide will be leading the project.

#### CARES ACT

BCRTA will receive roughly \$5.8M in operational and capital funding from the CARES Act Apportionments to provide relief for COVID 19. BCRTA expects to receive additional funding as a result of Warren County's recent rejection of funds. The rejected dollars are part of the Cincinnati Urbanized area and must be used within the area. BCRTA expects to negotiate a deal with SORTA and TANK once Warren County staff release the funds.

#### 3. MTS Funding

MTS was recently awarded more than \$3M to purchase four (4) commuter style coaches to operate Cincinnati commuter service. Staff are working closely with Middletown to use this project as a mechanism to flex regional funding into the Chestnut Fields Multimodal Station Project.

MTS is also expected to receive a sizeable amount of CARES funding, although an exact amount has not yet been determined by the state.

#### 4. 2020 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facility

Given the extension of deadline for 2020 Section 5339 applications due to COVID 19, BCRTA staff elected to submit an application for additional funding of the Chestnut Field Facility. Awards announcements are expected before yearend.

#### 5. State Funding from ODOT

State funding awards were made October 25, 2019. BCRTA received \$305,653 in Urban Transit Program funds, \$3,611 in Elderly and Disabled Subsidies, and \$474,383 in discretionary Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) funds for operating assistance and bus replacement match. BCRTA will make 2021 applications for OTP2 in May, although staff do expect that most state revenue will be cut to some extent given the pandemic. As gas tax money cannot be spent on public transit, effects from loss of gas tax revenue should not affect state subsidy programs for BCRTA.

#### F. On the Horizon ...

#### 1. Accessible Meetings

In an effort to provide more accessible meetings to community members and disabled constituents, BCRTA will host the following Board of Trustees meetings this year in more convenient and accessible locations:

September 16, 2020 City of Oxford Police Station 101 East High Street, Oxford, OH 45056

#### 2. Upcoming Procurements >\$25,000

- a) Enhanced Gate Security
- b) Heavy Duty Transit Coach Replacement/Expansion Contract (Laketran)
- c) Mobile Communication Solution

- d) Chestnut Fields Architecture & Engineering
- e) Legal Services Expires 12/31/2020
- f) IT Services Expires 3/31/21
- g) Moser Court Landscape Renovations

#### Strategic Vision 2025

As Ohio's public transit innovator, BCRTA provides smart mobility options and infrastructure that seamlessly connect people to employers, educational, healthcare, and recreational destinations.

Leverage competitive federal funding and forge mutually beneficial partnerships with organizations, including incubators, chambers, universities, start-ups, economic development bodies, and planning professionals.

- Expand participation in NeoRide as appropriate to address needs and improve grant funding
- Sustain Miami University relationship, plan for future
- Retain BCVSC and BCDD contracts
- Leverage MTS transit plan and maintain relationship with City of Middletown
- Improve DBE access
- Keep finger on pulse of autonomous tech
- Examine Cincinnati commuter service for ways to reduce cost (42X)

Enhance connectivity with constituents by leading in the implementation of new transit tech (onboard Wi-Fi tools).

- Test and expand onboard WIFI where possible
- Implement onboard validation for EZfare
- Expand BGO app service
- Launch new & updated website
- Expand use of real-time info signs and kiosks

Improve mobility access and eliminate barriers to ridership, especially for riders who may be elderly or have disabilities.

- Reduce DR fares to \$5.00
- Make peak BGO service available
- Hire operators to address demand
- Relocate customer service closer to riders
- Pursue payment options for unbanked
- Consider free fixed route fares

Support employers with effective workforce transportation in at least 75% of Butler County's densest corridors

- Evaluate existing R routes for effectiveness and reallocate to improved frequency or BGO as necessary
- Solicit BGO services in employer-dense areas.
- Evaluate options for Spooky Nook connectivity
- Address Butler/Warren connection in Monroe

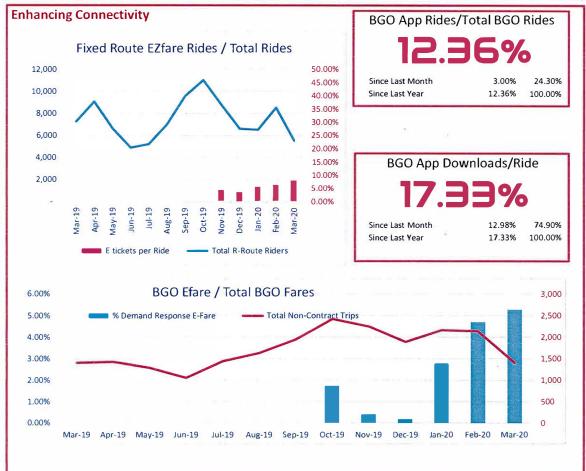
Develop multimodal infrastructure and wayfinding to create seamless user experiences.

- Accelerate completion/progress for Oxford Multimodal facility
- Improve Hamilton/Warren County connectivity for fixed route and ADA
- Eliminate paper transfers
- Address Transit Center convenience and utility (Hamilton, Oxford, Middletown)
- Improve regional connections with commuter service, rail, interurban bus, rideshare, bikeshare, scooters

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March 2020





#### **Improving Mobility & Eliminating Barriers**

#### Pax per Revenue Hour



#### Accidents & Injuries

**Supporting Employers** 



Operator Headcount/Revenue Hours

## 0.01074

Since Last Month (0.00079)-7.31% 0.00009 0.80% Since Last Year

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#### 42X Park & Ride Total Trips

(4,221)-93% Since Last Month Since Last Year (3.626)-80%

#### **BGO Employment Trips**

Since Last Month (213)-21.26% 40.02% Since Last Year



#### BCRTA Resolution No. 20-05-01

# Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract to Supply Mobile Router Equipment.

Whereas on November 20, 2019, the BCRTA Board of Trustees authorized 2020 operating and capital expenditures; and

Whereas the BCRTA Board of Trustees identified "Enhance connectivity with constituents by leading in the implementation of new transit tech (onboard Wi-Fi tools)" as part of its latest strategic objectives and adopted this officially on April 15, 2020; and

Whereas BCRTA desires to equip sixty-six revenue vehicles with onboard Wi-Fi capability for internal and external purposes; and

Whereas BCRTA received an Ohio Department of Transportation grant award on December 5, 2019 in the amount of \$219,807 in cooperation with the NEORide Council of Governments to fund onboard validators and Wi-Fi; and

Whereas BCRTA solicited proposals for mobile routers consistent with procurement best practices and FTA regulation; and

Whereas StepCG LLC of Covington, Kentucky has met BCRTA's requirements, and provides the best cost value for BCRTA's mobile router needs; and

Whereas BCRTA has checked references and has determined responsibility of the proposer.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the BCRTA Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract to supply mobile routers at a cost of \$106,816 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$117,497. Furthermore, the BCRTA Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director to take all actions necessary to enact the terms of the agreement and this resolution.

Approved: May 20, 2020

Chris Lawson, Board President

Matthew Dutkevicz, Executive Director

#### BCRTA Resolution No. 20-05-02

# Reappointing Dr. Joel Fink and Ms. Lisa Guliano to the Transit Alliance of Butler County (TABC) Board of Directors.

Whereas the Transit Alliance Board of Directors amended its Code of Regulations as of August 18, 2008 to make BCRTA its sole member; and

Whereas the TABC Code of Regulations requires that the corporation have at least nine (9) directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors; and

Whereas the TABC Code of Regulations requires that the Member elect the Directors of the Corporation.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the BCRTA Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following individuals to three (3) year terms as members of the Board of Directors of the TABC.

- Dr. Joel Fink, Reappointment
  - o term to expire June 30, 2023
- Ms. Lisa Guliano
  - o term to expire June 30, 2023

Furthermore, the BCRTA Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director to work with the TABC Board of Directors to take all actions necessary to enact this resolution.

Adopted May 20, 2020

Chris Lawson,

**BCRTA Board President** 

Matthew Dutkevicz.

**BCRTA Executive Director** 

## BUTLER COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

ATTENDANCE SHEET

May 20, 2020

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