

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD) met in a regular session to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the annual Downstate Operating Assistance Program Grant to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the District in the offices of the Springfield Mass Transit District located at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by Brian Brewer, Chairperson.

I. Roll Call Present:

Brian Brewer	Chairperson
Leslie McCarthy	Secretary
Karen Hasara	Treasurer
Jerry Doss	Trustee
Susan Davsko	Trustee
Sandra Douglas	Trustee (Arrived at 4:40)
Frank Squires	Managing Director

Absent:
Wynne Coplea Trustee

II. Public Hearing

Director of Finance & Administration Bush thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to discuss this year's Downstate Operating Assistance Program request. This year's request is for \$11,929,742.00 and will be matched with local funding comprised of fare, advertising, and interest income as well as SMTD's local property taxes, currently levied at \$2,848,121.00 and federal operating assistance of \$2,644,328.00.

Director Bush explained this is a difficult year for budgeting as the pandemic has had a negative impact on the world economy.

As a result of uncertainty regarding future in-flows to the Downstate Operating Fund, IDOT will not be issuing quarterly pre-funding of operating expenses as is current practice. The state plans to provide month-to-month funding of 1/12th of SMTD's contract amount. IDOT is doing so to ensure they have enough money to make contract payments throughout the entire year.

Should sales taxes, which primarily fund DOAP, fall further, cuts to the DOAP program may become necessary. IDOT advised all transits not to include debt in their FY21 request as the uncertainty of sales tax in-flow inhibits transits from depending upon the state to make the full contract amount.

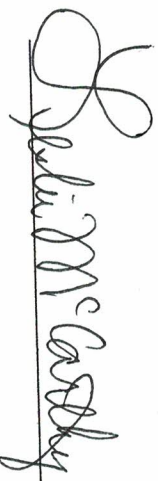
In light of the uncertainty, SMTD has adopted a focus on operations (wages, benefits) spending takes priority over capital spending.

III. Public Comments

Board Chair Brewer opened the meeting for public comment and board questions. No questions regarding the Downstate Operating Assistance Program were presented.

IV. Adjournment

Board Chair Brewer adjourned the public hearing at 4:50 PM.



Leslie McCarthy, Secretary

Approved:


Brian Brewer, Chairperson