GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019 10:00 a.m.

HELD AT GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
1014 SHERMAN AVENUE
HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Attendance:
Directors: Bethany - Lee Grannis; East Haven - Michelle Duprey (via teleconference);
Hamden- Dan Kops; New Haven - Doug Hausladen and Daniel Scherban; North
Branford- Mary Bigelow; West Haven – Art Kelly and Sharon Mancini and Woodbridge -
Chris Lovejoy (via teleconference)

GNHTD Administrative Staff: Kim Dunham, Mario Marrero, Andre Welsh, and
Christine Hey

Guests: Richard Andreski (CTDOT Bureau Chief, Public Transportation), Dennis
Solensky (CTDOT Transit Administrator), Niclas Ferland (counsel to the District), and
Sam Gurwitt (New Haven Independent)

Call to Order: A quorum was determined to be present. Chairperson Bigelow called the
meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to
be heard.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes from the October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting were
presented. A motion to approve the October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes was moved by
Doug Hausladen and seconded by Art Kelly. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 yea,
0 nay and 1 abstention (Ms. Lovejoy).

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements (Reissue), Federal Single
Audit and State Single Audit Reports

James Weidernann and James Miller of Marcum, LLP provided an update on the reissued
financial statements for Fiscal Year 2018. The statements were reissued on December 7,
2018 with an unqualified opinion on audit of the financial statements and a qualified
opinion on Report on Compliance Requirements (in Accordance with Uniform Guidance
and State Single Audit Act). Funds that should have been drawn against State and Local
assistance had been drawn against federal funds. Upon discovery, the situation was
rectified immediately through pay.gov reimbursement and all relevant stakeholders were
notified.
Mr. Hausladen moved acceptance of the Reissued Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements, Federal Single Audit and State Single Audit Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Kops and accepted unanimously by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Resolution 1819.102 Establishing Member Town Dues FY2020:

Ms. Dunham reported that the staff is recommending no increase in FY2020.

Mr. Hausladen moved acceptance of Resolution 1819.102 Establishing Member Town Dues FY2020, which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved unanimously by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 1 abstention (Ms. Mancini).

Connecticut Department of Transportation Discussion of GNHTD Operations and Maintenance Facility:

Mr. Andreski and Mr. Solensky spoke with the board about the Department’s support of the project, commitment to progressing the engineering and design phase, providing construction management oversight and long-term asset strategy that includes DOT ownership. Discussion ensued about the District conveying title of the property to CTDOT as well as future facility management responsibilities.

Mr. Hausladen moved to add an agenda item to call a Special Meeting of the Greater New Haven Board of Directors to Discuss Transferring Title for Property located at 333 State Street/460 Sackett Point Road to the Connecticut Department of Transportation was moved by Mr. Hausladen and seconded by Mr. Kops. The motion passed by a vote of 8 yea, 0 nay and 1 abstention (Ms. Duprey).

Mr. Hausladen then motioned to enter into Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate Potential Development and Transfer Matters. This was seconded by Mr. Grannis and accepted unanimously by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstention.

Executive Session convened at 11:20 a.m.

Present during the Executive Session were the following Directors: Mr. Grannis, Mr. Kops, Mr. Hausladen, Mr. Scherban, Ms. Bigelow, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Mancini. Mr. Ferland was also present by invitation and in his capacity as counsel to the District.

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting reconvened in Regular Session.

Mr. Hausladen suggested a Title Transfer Resolution be drafted by counsel and discussed at the upcoming Special Meeting.
Reports of the Officers:

Mr. Marrero provided the Quarterly Operations Report and Ms. Dunham provided the Quarterly Treasurer’s Report.

Mr. Hausladen moved acceptance of the Operations Report and Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved unanimously by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Departmental Reports and Executive Director’s Report:

In the interest of time, Ms. Dunham and Mr. Marrero provided general updates on several District initiatives. Of particular note, the Amble app continues to be very successful and Route Match’s promotional material include quotes from the Executive Director and a GNHTD rider.

Executive Committee Report:

Ms. Bigelow reported that the Executive Committee had met in December to discuss general administrative and operational matters. Also discussed was the Executive Director’s contract, scheduling a Board Retreat and Governance. CTtransit will be invited to attend the quarterly GNHTD Board meetings to provide service updates.

Adjournment: There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Hausladen moved adjournment at 11:45 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Kops and approved unanimously by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstention.