

The Board of Trustees of the Sangamon Mass Transit District met in a regular session on September 28, 2026, in the Training Room of the Sangamon Mass Transit District located at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM by Sue Davsko, Vice Chairperson.

I. ROLL CALLPresent:

Sue Davsko	Vice Chairperson
Leslie McCarthy	Secretary
Karen Hasara	Treasurer
Sandra Douglas	Trustee
Jerry Doss	Trustee
Charlie Stratton	Trustee

Absent:

Brian Brewer	Chairperson
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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Davsko seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Managing Director Steve Schoeffel highlighted that the east yard construction project is underway and is scheduled to be completed before winter. The new website has been completed. Route 66 celebrations continue throughout the year and there have been several events ongoing. There will be a few more events locally including the Halloween parade downtown on October 24th.

Director of Finance and Administration Michelle Alexander was absent, and Directing Manager Steve Schoeffel provided report for the Finance team and advised that SMTD completed final fieldwork for the FY 2027 Audit, and Finance will be working on the downstate reduced fare program.

Director of Operations, Melissa Ashford, advised operations is gearing up for January run bid. Also advised that there was a shuttle started for the fair and there was an increase of ridership during the state fair and that overall ridership is up annually for this year.

IV. REPORTS**A. Approval of July 2026 Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements**

Trustee Doss made a motion to approve the July 2026 Financial Statements and Accounts Payable Disbursements, seconded by Trustee Stratton and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Committee Reports

Finance: No report

Operations: No report.

Administration: Trustee Stratton advised that he attended the employee appreciation event and commended staff for a job well done.

IT Steering: Trustee Stratton reported that the Committee met a few weeks ago regarding server and security issues.

Planning Commission Report: Shannon Karrick reported that transportation committee met and discussed the CVP program, also attended the downtown alliance, which was transportation focused, and all of the suggestions were reviewed. Work on the Active transportation plan and safety action plan continue.

SMTD ADA Advisory Committee Report: No report

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AWARD TO AUTOMATIVE EQUIPMENT SALES AND SERVICE

Grants and Procurement Manager, Hadley Markiewicz advised that SMTD issued a request for quotes for mobile column lifts in August . The company named Automative equipment sales and services returned the lowest quote received at \$54,635.90. The pre-award was submitted to IDOT in September and remains under review with IDOT at this time. No contract will be awarded until we receive IDOT concurrence.

Chairperson Davsko asked if that company is local and Grants and Procurement Manager, Hadley Markiewicz advised that the company is from Pana ,Il in Christian County.

Trustee Doss made a motion to authorize award of contract to Automotive Equipment Sales and Service for the purchase of one set of mobile column lifts contingent upon pre-award state concurrence. Trustee Douglas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Secondary Hub Wanless Trust Land Acquisition

Grants and Procurement Manager Hadley Markiewicz advised that SMTD intends to acquire land for purpose of building a permanent secondary hub to replace the on-street Junction Circle currently in use. The property was appraised at \$2,405,400. The \$1.5 million purchase will be funded by two already-secured state grants (Rebuild I and III) totaling \$954,552.72, an already-secured \$470,640.00 federal grant, and \$74,807.28 in existing SMTD local funds. Wanless Trust has agreed to donate the remaining \$905,400 appraised value.

Trustee Doss asked who did the appraisal, and Manager Hadley Markiewicz advised that Hanson Services provided the estimates as they are approved on the IDOT list and Hanson has been the firm that has done all the acquisitions along the local railway.

Trustee Hasara made a motion to approve the 1.5 million for the purchase of property at 350 North Street in Springfield, Illinois, and authorized Managing Director to complete all necessary documentation. Trustee Doss Seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Roll Call Vote Required** and it passed unanimously.

C. IDOT Capital Grant Application

Grants and Procurement Manager Hadley Markiewicz advised that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has released a Statewide Transit Capital Call for Projects. This competitive grant is funded by the Downstate Transit Improvement Fund. SMTD will apply for approximately \$7 million to complete the construction of Secondary Hub. SMTD will apply for \$500,000 to fund an architecture and engineering contract to complete the design and oversight of several upcoming construction projects- employee parking lot, reception area remodel, dispatch remodel, and bus stop improvements. Applications are due on October 30, 2026

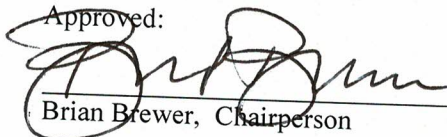
Trustee Douglas made a motion to approve an Authorizing resolution to submit the Statewide Transit Capital 2026 Call for Projects. Trustee Hasara seconded. **Roll Call Vote Required** and it passed unanimously.

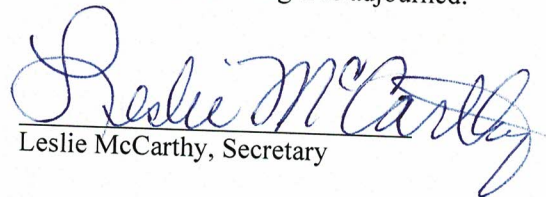
VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the board, Trustee Hasara made a motion to adjourn. Second, by Trustee Doss. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:


Brian Brewer, Chairperson


Leslie McCarthy, Secretary