CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
4:00 P.M. – 511 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933
(FORMER GREYHOUND BUS STATION)

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Shanna Draheim, Vice Chair
Phil Deschaine, Secretary/Treasurer
Kellie Blackwell via Zoom
Derek Melot
Eric Tans
Steve Vagnozzi
Chelsea Dowler
Mark Grebner
John Prush
Ed Rodgers

CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Kellie Blackwell, Phil Deschaine, Chelsea Dowler, Shanna Draheim, Mark Grebner, Derek Melot, John Prush, Ed Rodgers, Eric Tans, Nathan Triplett and Steve Vagnozzi were all present.

ABSENT: Jack Schmitt

Chair Triplett welcomed everyone to the Board meeting held at 511 S. Washington Avenue (former Greyhound Bus Station). He also mentioned that the meeting is being held on Zoom for those who wish to view the Board meeting virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:
Chair Triplett requested a motion to excuse Jack Schmitt.

MOTION:
Shanna Draheim motioned to excuse Jack Schmitt and Derek Melot supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Triplett mentioned that CATA is in the process of improving the acoustics in this space and reminded speakers to please use the microphones.

Chair Triplett requested a motion to approve his attendance at the July 2026 APTA Transit Board Members & Board Administrators Seminar in Detroit, Michigan.

MOTION:
Mark Grebner motioned to approve Chair Triplett's request to attend the July 2026 APTA Transit Board Members & Board Administrators Seminar in Detroit, Michigan. Ed Rodgers supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

CATA Operating & Capital Budgets FY 2027
Bradley Funkhouser stated that the FY 2027 CATA Operating & Capital Budget will be completed and sent to Board members by June 30, according to Board policy No. 202. He mentioned that there will be items listed in the FY 2027 budget based on past Board conversations related to making service more efficient. Mr. Funkhouser explained that the FY 2027 budget notice will be published prior to the public hearing which will take place during the August 2026 Board meeting.

2026 Community Report
Bradley Funkhouser stated that CATA will be distributing the 2026 Community Report by June 30, 2026. He thanked Brandie Yates, Director of Marketing and Public Information Officer, and her team for their hard work.

Juneteenth
Bradley Funkhouser stated that Lansing will have a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall on Friday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. and a Juneteenth African-American parade starting at Sexton High School on Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. He noted that CATA will have a Juneteenth bus in the parade which will start off a weekend-long Juneteenth Freedom Festival. Mr. Funkhouser recognized newly branded CATA One, a group of CATA volunteers, and the Marketing team for their collaboration and creating new ideas for participating in these important events. He welcomed anyone that would like to participate in the parade to arrive early.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 2026, BOARD MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

1. Interim Income Statement
2. Cash Summary
3. Investments
4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation

C. PURCHASE OF TWO (2), 60-FOOT ARTICULATED BUSES FROM NEW FLYER

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors authorizes Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, to execute a purchase of two (2), 60-foot articulated buses, model XD60, from New Flyer, a subsidiary of NFI Group, Inc., using the State of Washington, cooperative bus procurement contract #04824-01, at a price not to exceed $2,800,000 of federal and state grant funds for the vehicle and accessories, pending successful completion of necessary FTA Buy America audits and inspections on such other terms and conditions as the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

MOTION:
Steve Vagnozzi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Phil Deschaine supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED DISCUSSION AGENDA
None

PRESENTATION - CATA'S ROAD AHEAD - COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS (COA) UPDATE

- Andrew Ittigson, Associate Vice President, AECOM

Bradley Funkhouser stated that the COA is a yearlong process and today's presentation will provide an update thus far. He then deferred to Dustin Hagfors, Director of Planning and Development.

Dustin Hagfors stated that today's presentation will be going over some of the findings from Phase I and Phase II while giving an opportunity to see Phase III of CATA's COA before it begins. He then introduced Andrew Ittigson from AECOM.

Andrew Ittigson gave his presentation.

Phil Deschaine inquired whether the results have been shared with the public and Staff.

Andrew Ittigson stated that the results of the first survey were posted to the CATA website; however, the second survey just ended and still needs to be compiled before it is ready to be posted and shared with the public.

Steve Vagnozzi stated that once the data has been evaluated, he would like the number of riders impacted by altering service shared with the Board. He stated that his goal as a Board member is to provide the most service to the most people in the most efficient way.

Andrew Ittigson appreciated Mr. Vagnozzi's comments.

Mark Grebner commented on the reasons for conducting a COA including new technology, changing lifestyles, and the need for CATA to adapt. He inquired about other transit agencies conducting COA's and whether working with the transportation network companies (TNCs) is a possibility. Mr. Grebner also inquired whether there are any other opportunities or possibilities out there for CATA.

Andrew Ittigson summarized Mr. Grebner's comments into innovative services for CATA. He explained that many transit agencies use a layer of TNCs such as microtransit service and ADA service. Mr. Ittigson confirmed that the COA final report will include suggestions for implementing innovative services.

Mark Grebner suggested that CATA use TNCs services to extend hours of service for fixed-routes or to fill in on weekends or late-night service. He noted that CATA could benefit by partnering with other transportation providers.

Chelsea Dowler commented on CATA's COA and inquired whether planning and regional strategy for growth can be incorporated along with transit for future studies.

Andrew Ittigson appreciated Ms. Dowler's comments. He stated that often transit is an afterthought with large developments. Mr. Ittigson explained that CATA's COA is a medium-sized plan yet big enough to build off for future projects and partnerships.

Phil Deschaine stated that this is an opportunity to think broadly and CATA can use this process to evolve.

Shanna Draheim inquired whether CATA has had conversations with these larger corporations to find better ways to provide service to their employees and the public.

Dustin Hagfors stated that during the stakeholder meetings CATA did reach out not only to municipalities, but large employers and economic drivers. He shared that CATA also communicated with others outside stakeholder's meeting including representatives from the refugee development center and individuals at the Lansing Regional Chamber Roundtable. Mr. Hagfors noted that his team tried to contact anyone that is involved or connected to the future of the community.

Bradley Funkhouser asked that all Board members get in touch with their jurisdictions to help spread the word. He reminded everyone that now is the time to get involved and share their concerns.

Chair Triplett commented on future discussions with jurisdictions especially when it comes time to make service changes.

Mark Grebner clarified his comments by stating that he does not want to be misunderstood thinking that he is for cutting service due to cost, he simply believes that there is a better way to provide and perhaps even expand service that is cost effective and efficient, which may be achieved by working with other transportation providers.

Chair Triplett concurred with Mr. Grebner. He also stressed the importance of keeping the conversations going.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Chair Triplett adjourned the Board meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Deschaine
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary