I. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors was held in the meeting room at Music City Central, 400 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by Chair Kim McMillan, Clarksville Mayor.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair McMillan entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting. Proper motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. **Public Comments:** Chair McMillan opened the floor for public comments and recognized the following member of the public:

*Jo Ann Graves with Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee (TAMT)*
Ms. Graves reported that the community meetings being held in the counties surrounding Nashville have been extremely successful with great attendance, good comments, and good feedback. Ms. Graves also announced that the Transit Leadership Academy will start a new class towards the end of January and asked that the members please let her know of anyone that they would like to see participate in these classes.

IV. **Marketing Report:** Chair City of White House Alternate Gerald Herman reported that the committee did not meet this month, but that they do have two items to bring before the Board. He asked Patricia Harris-Morehead, RTA/Nashville MTA Director of Communications and Marketing, to present the Marketing and Communications Update report for the Board.

* **Marketing and Communications Update (I-15-013):** Ms. Harris-Morehead reported the following:
  - The MillerCoors sponsorship for this year’s Game-Day Express service continues to be a big success with all of the 650 tickets being reserved for each of the games.
  - Fareless Friday is coming up on Friday, November 27 following Thanksgiving. There will information about that in the news.
  - MillerCoors has agreed to sponsor free rides for a New Year’s Eve train.

For the Northwest Corridor Study Update, Chair Herman asked Director of Planning and Grants Felix Castrodad to present this report to the Board.
Mr. Castrodad reported that they started working on this study earlier this year, and they are about halfway through the project. This is a transit study that is looking at transit alternatives in the northwest area of our region, specifically connecting Clarksville and Nashville. The work is part of the overall process that we are doing with nMotion for the Nashville MTA and the RTA. All the recommendations that will come out of these will be included in the recommendations for nMotion that, at the same time, will also be a part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Regional Transportation Plan. We are using this opportunity to gauge what are the preferences of the jurisdictions in the people that live along this corridor for mass transit options in the future. We hired Parsons Brinkerhoff to assist us in the completion of this study, and today we have with us Shawn Dikes, the project manager on the consultant side of this project. Mr. Castrodad then invited Mr. Dikes to present an update of the study to the Board.

Mr. Dikes briefed the Board of what they are doing with the Northwest Corridor Transportation study. He stated that their goal is to have their recommendations early next year, and then spend the better part of the next three to four months writing it up. Their desire is to be in sync with nMotion so that their work can mesh with nMotion, and we can inform each other on those decisions. There was no discussion following this presentation which is included at the end of these minutes for reference.

V. FINANCE & AUDIT REPORT: Chair Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt reported that the Finance Committee did not meet and asked Chief Financial Officer Ed Oliphant to present the monthly financial report to the Board. Mr. Oliphant reviewed the report, and there was no discussion.

VI. OPERATIONS REPORT: Committee Chair City of Portland Mayor Ken Wilber reported that the committee did not meet and asked India Birdsong, RTA/Nashville MTA Chief Operations Officer, to present the monthly operating statistics to the Board. Ms. Birdsong reviewed the operating statistics and there was no discussion.

Ms. Birdsong reported that staff is continuing to work to secure commitments for the Park-and-Ride locations with written Memorandums of Understanding. She also noted that staff is working with Gray Line to address any delays in service that our customers may experience over the next year due to driver call-out and sickness, issues that are out of one’s control, as well as maintenance.

VII. CEO’S REPORT: CEO Steve Bland reported on the following projects:
- **Regional Activities:** The regional summits around the counties that Jo Ann Graves reported on earlier have been well attended with great discussion.
- **Positive Train Control:** Recently Congress passed a bill extending the deadline for three years, and there is the potential of two one-year extensions off of that. We have been working very actively with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) on a plan. We met with the FRA just a few weeks ago, and they are comfortable with where we are. That will, though, continue to be a significant item in the RTA capital budget moving forward.
• **Mt. Juliet:** We have been working with the City of Mt. Juliet on evaluating development proposals for joint development and for transit oriented development around the Mt. Juliet station. We have two very solid proposals, and we continue to work with Mayor Hagerty on coming up with a particular recommendation. We hope to bring that back to you for action at the next monthly board meeting.

• **Hamilton Springs:** We are concluding our work on the Memorandum of Understanding with Jack Bell on the Hamilton Springs Development. The design is wrapped up, and we anticipate being out for bid for construction at the first of the year.

Mr. Bland concluded his report with a note of appreciation to Debby Henry for having him on her radio show and conducting one of the most intelligent interviews he has ever had.

VIII. **Chair’s Report:** Chair McMillan noted that the members of the Executive Committee will meet before next month’s meeting to recommend a slate of officers for next year for the RTA. At next month’s meeting, the Board will be presented a slate of officers for their approval, and nominations can be made from the floor at that time. The vote to elect the officers will take place in January.

IX. **Other Business:** There was no other business to come before the RTA.

X. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully,

*Paula Mansfield*
Governor’s Appointee
RTA Secretary
Eight (8) Functional Tasks
- Multimodal
- Multi-Corridor
- FTA Compliant Process
  - Gather Data
  - Define Needs
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Define Alternatives
  - Evaluation
  - Select Preferred
  - Funding/Finance/Implementation
The study area consists of five corridors with potential accommodations for improved transit service between Nashville and Clarksville, including:

1. Interstate 24
   Highway Corridor

2. State Route 12
   Highway Corridor

3. CSX/R.J. Corman
   Railway Corridor

4. Nashville and Western
   Railway Corridor

5. State Route 112/US 41A
   Highway Corridor
Potential Transit Modes

- Express Bus
- HOV / HOT*
- Bus on Shoulder*
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Streetcar
- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Commuter Rail
- Other
  - Monorail
  - People Mover
  - Heavy Rail / Subway

*Additions as a result of stakeholder/public input.
Technical Analysis Process

Screening

Pre-Screening

Tier 1

Tier 2

Alternatives Considered

Universe

Conceptual

Detailed

Evaluation Process

Fatal Flaw

Qualitative/Subjective Screening

Quantitative/Qualitative Screening

Locally Preferred Alternative
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<th>Interstate 24 (Ashland City Highway)</th>
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Public & Stakeholder Engagement

- Website / Facebook / Twitter

- Public Meetings:
  - April 2015 (106)
  - September 2015 (75)

- Targeted Outreach
  - Law Administrators
  - Two Rivers Corporate Board
  - Clarksville City Council
  - Farmers Market
  - Montgomery County Commission
  - Morning Rotary
  - Interdenominational Ministers’ Fellowship
  - Bordeaux Hills Neighborhood

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RTA Board Briefing
Public & Stakeholder Feedback

- Overarching Comments
  - Rail WITH Trail
  - Right of Way Availability & Width (N&W RR)
  - Environmental Impacts
    - Noise
    - Historic
  - Funding
  - Positive about Short-term/Long-term Approach
  - Interest in Endpoints (Clarksville and Nashville)
  - Large span of service
  - Frequent headways

- Slight Favor for Commuter Rail
Twitter
Facebook
WWW Site Content
- Documents / FAQs
- Crowd Source Maps / Input
- Survey
- Contact / Input Forms

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Next Steps

Alternatives Development & Evaluation
- Travel Demand Forecasting
- Cost Estimating
- Capital
- Operations & Maintenance
- Impacts / Benefits

Coordination with nMotion2015

Continued Public Outreach

Develop Locally Preferred Alternative(s)

Documentation