

## ***Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority***

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

September 10, 2020

- **Certification of Quorum and Attendance**

Voting members present were Tedi Ellison, Chair, Presiding; Dennis Christiansen, Vice Chair; Jason Bienski, Board Member; Veronica Morgan, Board Member; and Alan Munger, Board Member. The minutes were taken by Lisa Lyon, RMA Administrative Assistant. Additional participants included Steve Aldrich, Prarthana Banerji, Nancy Berry, Doug Bramwell, Paul Kaspar, Taslima Khandaker, Tim Lomax, Doug Marino, Shannaya McFarland, Karl Mooney, John Polster, Troy Rother, Dan Rudge, Jason Schubert, Lance Simmons, and Bill Stockton.

- **Welcome and Open Meeting**

Ms. Ellison called to order the regular meeting of the Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority Board at 9:00 A.M. on September 10, 2020. Due to continued COVID-19 constraints, the meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags followed by an invocation given by Ms. Ellison. Ms. Ellison also announced Ms. Ann Horton's resignation and the appointment of Mr. Jason Bienski to the RMA Board.

- **RMA Strategic Plan Introduction**

Mr. Alan Munger, Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee, presented the Draft RMA Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is required by statute and covers a period of five years. The plan must be produced every two years. The next Strategic Plan which will cover FY 2023 – FY 2027 will be developed in the summer of 2022. Mr. Munger thanked the Strategic Plan Committee for their contributions. Committee members included: Steve Aldrich, Brazos County Commissioner Precinct One; Dan Rudge, Executive Director, Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization; Paul Kaspar, City Engineer, City of Bryan; Troy Rother, City Traffic Engineer, City of College Station; Doug Marino, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT Bryan District; and Tim Lomax, Research Fellow and Regents Fellow, Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

- **Board Review of RMA Strategic Plan and Public and Strategic Plan Committee Member Comments**

The Board provided the following comments/concerns:

Inclusion of an explanation of why the Regional Mobility Authority was created.

There are huge staffing limitations in this five-year plan. Several interesting areas that the RMA could be involved in have been identified; however, there isn't staff capability.

Under Goal Two, there was discussion regarding wording on how it could be changed to something along the lines of when supported locally and consistent with state policy, the RMA will take the lead in assessing toll road feasibility in Brazos County. Also, the wording states that local people are opposed to toll roads. If that statement remains in the document, there should be a reference to the specific survey and the results.

There is a pervasive theme in the plan that possibly students are not paying their fair share. Several points were made on how students and Texas A&M are contributing including transit, sales tax, property tax, hotel tax, and the University is attracting research and cutting-edge industry.

The RMA must have a continuous source of funding. Once that is in place, what is the process that is set up that everybody can agree on that identifies projects that the RMA can pursue.

Some of the language in the plan is about studying and trying to put some facts and data together that the RMA doesn't currently have.

In the goals, possibly associate years with them to specify short-term versus long-term goals.

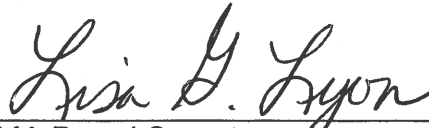
- **Adjourn**

The RMA Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.



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RMA Board Chair or Vice-Chair  
Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority

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RMA Board Secretary

10-28-2020

Date