

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 | 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Tate, Woods

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – April 24, 2023.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

The April 24, 2023 Joint Transportation and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

III. New Applicant: On Time Transportation & Entertainment LLC

Owner: Quinton Little

The applicant has met all of the necessary requirements to move forward with the application.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

IV. Birmingham Parking Authority (BPA) Update

Presented by: Andre Davis, Executive Director & CEO

Andre Davis presented an update to the Committee.

The BPA currently operates three (3) surface lots and seven (7) parking decks.

BPA's top priorities are:

- **Support Economic Development** – support the growth and revitalization of Downtown Birmingham by serving growth areas, offices, commuters, residents, and events.
- **Create a Unified and High-quality Parking Experience** – create a quality customer experience across all parking facilities (off-street, on-street, private) and serve as the first choice for parking in Birmingham.
- **Leverage Technology and Innovation** – enhance technology to develop an efficient parking system that is easy to use and increases customer satisfaction and awareness of parking availability.
- **Enhance Safety and Security** – lighting, cameras, monitoring systems, physical security and staffing.
- **Maintenance** – ensure a sound preventive maintenance plan and equipment upgrades and reinvest into the facilities.

Administration and Human Resources – modernize the way things are done at the BPA. Make sure to have adequate staffing, trained and qualified to do the job.

Current Projects:

- Conditions Assessment
- Administrative and Operational
- Process improvements and planning
- Establish benchmarks.
- American Airlines has added a flight to LaGuardia Airport.
- There are 53 departures from BHM on a weekly basis, over 39,161 seats available to passengers.
- BHM is working on direct flights to LAX and Austin, TX.

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- BHM offers global access to 397 one-stop destinations.
- There has been an increase in passenger traffic for 2023: January up 17%, February up 13%, March up 12% and April up 13%.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

**Birmingham Airport Authority (BAA) Update
Presented by: Ron Mathieu, President & CEO**

Ron Mathieu presented an update.

The airport is an economic generator for the community.

The Airport does not receive local or state tax dollars for the operations of the airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to be self-sufficient.

BHM's Economic Impact Includes:

The Airport has generated approximately \$1.6 billion in annual impact to the community:

- \$68,491,451 in direct economic impact
- \$436,147,730 in tourist spending
- \$378,479,386 induced
- \$478,269,839 in related industries
- \$198,181,211 in general expenditures

Employment Impact:

18,700 jobs, including 1,751 direct, 3,838 related to tours and 5,579 in related industries.

- The Airport has partnered with Global Giant Kuehne+Nagel (a six-year deal).
- Kuehne+Nagel will bring in the large 747 twice per week with cargo.
- BHM welcomed the first flight from Stuttgart, Germany in April 2023.
- International flights are arriving two times per week.

New Capital Investments - \$85 million

- New Air Cargo Facility - \$28 Million
- Million Air Birmingham \$32 Million
- New Westside FBO (Fixed Base Operator) (Atlantic) \$25 Million

The Airport Board has approved a \$38 million cargo facility.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

V. Birmingham On Demand Service Review

Presented by: Emily Shapiro

Emily Shapiro presented an update.

BJCTA has moved with several expansion during the past six months.

There is currently a promotion for 2 free rides for new riders.

Birmingham On Demand is covering the new area for discontinued fixed-route services (#12, #18 and #43 Max routes).

- **Eastside** – expansion happened in November 2022.
- **Downtown Late Night Hours** – expansion happened in December 2022.
- Ridership continues to grow.
- Continued ridership growth and media attention demonstrate the popularity and innovation of Birmingham on Demand.
- Service is available until 11:00 p.m. in the expanded areas.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

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**VI. Bus Rapid Transit Comprehensive Implementation Agreement
Presented by: Denise Bell (Capital Projects) & Jim Stanley (OCA)**

An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute deeds and any other documents necessary to transfer certain real properties to the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) pursuant to the Bus Rapid Transit Comprehensive Implementation Agreement between the City and the BCJTA dated February 12, 2018, concerning funding, construction, and operation of the bus rapid transit project (BRT), which properties are to be used as the east and west terminus stations for the BRT line, and to execute a parking easement over a portion of the adjoining City property for additional parking for the west terminus station.

Submitted by: Denise Bell

Department: Capital Projects

Extension: 2503

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.