

- Explained the acronyms that will be used
- b. Under overview of public transportation will explore
 - What is public transportation
 - Who rides public transportation
 - Who provides public transportation
 - Public transportation benefits billions
 1. Eases traffic congestion
 2. Reduce air pollution
 3. Creates jobs
 4. Provides access to jobs
 5. Saves money and travel time
 6. Stimulates economic development
 7. Provides mobility options for seniors and the disabled
 8. Enhances mobility in emergencies/SARTA is member of Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
4. Public sector investments
 5. SARTA Projects that were funded with federal funds:
 - a. Cornerstone Project
 - b. Massillon Project
 - c. Gateway Project
 - d. Alliance Project
 - e. Enterprise System
 - f. Farebox Project
 - g. Driver Communication System
 - h. Countywide AVA System
 - i. Lunch Time Trolleys
 - j. GIF System
 6. Viable Options for Neighboring Towns and Counties
 7. Necessary Steps - Feasibility Study
 8. Need Assessment/Corporate Analysis
 9. What Next
 10. Closing Remarks

Mr. Odimgbe asked for questions:

- Mr. Bixler raised the question on the length of time for the presentation to the Wooster Council.
Mr. Odimgbe stated he was told he would be given two hours. Further discussion followed.
- Ms. Beyers made a request to have the same presentation given to the City of Alliance.
Further discussion followed.

C. Parliamentary Procedure

1. The Parliamentary Procedure was provided by Black, McCuskey, Souers & Arbaugh, LPA and distributed to Board members for their review.

D. Other Business

1. Mr. Warren raised a question regarding ridership to the Malls since the cost of gas has gone up.
Mr. Odimgbe stated that the ridership has increased from last year. Further discussion followed.
2. Mr. Bond expressed how pleased he was with SARTA's driver's performance during the Hall of Fame events.
Mr. Shilling stated that SARTA transported approximately 9,500 for the Enshrinement and the Hall of Fame Game. Mr. Shilling stated that this was the very first time SARTA was featured on the Hall of Fame website under "Parking/Transportation". Further comments followed.
3. Mr. Warren asked had SARTA considered transporting people to the airport. Mr. Odimgbe stated no, that it is considered a charter service.
4. Ms. Johnson asked who was the artist that painted the mural. Ms. Kuczynski stated that Mr. R. A. Strom painted the mural. Further comments followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chet Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

William Rudner seconded the motion.

With all members being in favor, the meeting adjourned.

AYES: President, DeGraff, Vice-President, Johnson, Beyers, Bixler, Bond, Fletcher, Moore, Rudner and Warren (9)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

EXCUSED: (0)

The next meeting of the SARTA Board of Trustees will be August 23, 2006 at the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority's Gateway Office, 1600 Gateway Blvd. SE, Canton, Ohio 44707, in the First Floor Board Room.