



**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT  
May 20, 2015**

DATE: May 20, 2015

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: 1700 North Eleventh Street  
Reading, PA

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
4. Bills and Communications - None
5. Reports of Committees - None
6. Old Business - None
7. New Business
  - A. Resolution 1-15 Purchase of Four Hybrid Buses from Gillig
  - B. Resolution 2-15 Purchase of Six Paratranist Vans from Rohrer Bus
  - C. Resolution 3-15 Approval to Purchase Portable Lift
  - D. Financial Statement Approval for February, March & April, 2015
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

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1. Minutes - The minutes of the February 18, 2015 public meeting are enclosed with the Agenda for your review.
2. Committee Reports -
  - A. Personnel Committee – No Report.
  - B. Operations Committee – No report.
  - C. Finance Committee – No report.
  - D. Marketing Committee - No report.
3. Old Business
  - A. None at this time.
4. New Business
  - A. Resolution 1-15 Purchase of Four Hybrid Buses from Gillig -This Resolution is for the purchase of four buses to replace four buses that are beyond their useful life of twelve years. The buses are being purchased from the contract originally statewide originated by RRTA in 2011. The plan is to purchase four 4-0' BAE Hybrid buses to match the three purchased last year at a cost of \$654,185 each or \$2,616,740 total. There are federal and state capital grants for this purchase. Staff recommends approval.
  - B. Resolution 2-15 Purchase of Six Paratransit Vans from Rohrer Bus – This Resolution is for the purchase of six paratransit vehicles to replace vehicles that are beyond their useful life. The vehicles will be purchased from the state contract at a cost of \$389,595. There are federal and state grants for this purchase. Staff recommends approval.
  - C. Resolution 3-15 Purchase of Portable Lift - This Resolution is to purchase a replacement vehicle lift from the state contract to replace a lift that is beyond its useful life. The cost of the lift is \$38,685 and there are sufficient state capital funds for this purchase.
  - D. Financial Statement – For the month of February, 2015 total ridership decreased by 4.5% with fixed-route decreasing 6.4% and Special Services increasing 24.7%. For the month of March, total ridership decreased 12.7% with fixed route decreasing 13.6% and Special Services decreasing 1.1%. Financially, for the month of February, 2015 there was operating revenue of \$622,965 combined with operating grants of \$1,246,425 for total revenue of \$1,869,390. Expense for the month was \$1,869,396 for a small deficit of \$6.

For the month of March, 2015, total ridership decreased by 7.0% that included a 6.7% decrease in fixed route ridership and a 10% decrease in special services. To date, total ridership has decreased 2.4% that includes a 2.1% decrease in fixed route ridership and a 5.3% decrease in special services ridership.

For BARTA, total ridership decreased by 7.9% with a 8.8% decrease in fixed-route and a 3.7% increase in shared-ride for the month of April. Financially, operating revenues of \$529,166 combined with operating grants of \$904,401 for total revenue of \$1,433,567, against expenses of \$1,433,567.