

**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT  
AUGUST, 2015**

DATE: August 19, 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 July 15, 2015 Special Board Meeting
4. Bills and Communications - None
5. Reports of Committees - None
6. Old Business - None
7. New Business
  - A. Resolution 5-15 Authorize Transfer of Capital Reserves to SCTA
  - B. Approval of Tentative Agreement with IAM
  - C. Approval of Special Services Fare Increase
  - D. Approval of Change Order #1 – Seven Gillig Buses
  - E. Update of VF Park-n-Ride Services
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

**AGENDA REPORT**  
**AUGUST 2015**

1. Minutes - The minutes of the July 15, 2015 special public meeting are enclosed with the Agenda for your review.
2. Committee Reports - None
3. Old Business
  - A. None at this time.
4. New Business
  - A. Resolution 5-15 Authorize Transfer of BARTA Capital Reserves to SCTA – Since SCTA is the designated recipient for all federal and state capital funds that require local match, this Resolution authorizes the transfer of existing capital reserves from BARTA to SCTA to ensure a local match is available for capital projects. These funds would only be used for capital projects relating to service in Reading. A similar Resolution will be on the Agenda for the September Board meeting for the transfer of capital reserves from RRTA to SCTA. Staff recommends approval.
  - B. Approval of Tentative Agreement with IAM – Staff has reached a tentative agreement with IAM #447 for a three year contract. A copy of the tentative agreement is included in the Board packet. Staff recommends approval.
  - C. Approval of Special Services Fare Increase – As part of the planned conversion to the new state shared ride software, Ecolane, the existing fares for Special Services needed to be converted from a zone based system to a mileage based system. A copy of the proposed fares is included in the packet. The BARTA Advisory Committee met on August 12, 2015 with no comments on the proposed increase. A Public Hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM at BARTA to receive public comment. A final recommendation will be presented at the Board meeting.
  - D. Approval of Change Order #1-Seven Gillig Buses – There are currently seven buses on order from Gillig that after review of the sales order will require additional funding. This Change Order will include the price to pre-wire the buses for the new Avail System, add an additional security camera, and different bike rack from the base order and the additional CPI cost as included in the original contract with Gillig. The total amount is \$86,428 or \$12,246.86 per bus. There is available federal and state funding to cover this Change Order. Staff recommends approval.

- E. Update of VF Park-n-Ride Services – The Park-n-Ride Shuttle from VF to downtown Reading has been operating for about five weeks. A summary of ridership by week is included in the Board packet. To date, ridership has been extremely low averaging .69 passengers per trip. This service was added as an experiment to help with the expected traffic congestion from the closure of the Buttonwood Bridge. The Board initially authorized the service to operate for three months, but with the low ridership, staff is recommending that this service be discontinued at the end of August with the last day of operation on Friday, August 28, 2015.