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RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES MARCH 12, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts presided. Present: Asante-Smith, Hankins, Ghosh, Kushner, Polanco-Galdamez, Szlosberg-Landis and Winters. Staff present included: President and CEO Landguth, and General Counsel Locklear, and other staff members and guests.¹

I. Finance Committee – Winters presided over the following item:

1. Consideration of FY 26/27 Budget Approval

Sharyar Ahmed, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis – The Finance Department presented the Draft Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2027, and reviewed the attached 2026-2027 Budget and Capital Project Ordinances during the Board Budget Workshop on March 12, 2026. Staff will seek approval on March 19, 2026, for the FY26-27 Budget Ordinance, FY26-27 Business Plan and FY26-27 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Board Action Requested

Staff requests the approval of the attached 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance, 2026-2027 Business Plan and 2026-2027 Capital Project Ordinances.

II. Construction Committee – Ghosh presided over the following item:

1. JBB Extension Update

William C. Sandifer, A.A.E., Executive Vice President & CDO and Erin Locklear, Esq., Senior Vice President & General Counsel – A critical component of Vision 2040 and the Authority's ability to accommodate anticipated passenger growth is adding capacity to the terminal roadway system (i.e., John Brantley Boulevard or JBB). The Authority has a comprehensive plan for adding this capacity and recently the Board awarded the first enabling project which is the relocation of a variety of utilities between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The most complicated element of the project, and the one with the most potential for customer impact, is the reconstruction of the Terminal 2 departure level roadway bridge. Staff would like to update the Board on our current approach to reconstructing this bridge and accommodating T2 departing passengers while the departure bridge is being reconstructed. This is an information only presentation and no Board action is being requested.

Board Action Requested

None.

¹ The work session was live streamed on YouTube.

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III. Operations Committee – Asante-Smith presided over the following item:

1. Consideration of Purchase of Six Transit Buses and Four Cutaway Shuttle Vehicles

Brian Mclean, OAM, Fleet Manager – Staff recommends approval to purchase six (6) 2028 Gillig Transit Buses and four (4) 2025 Ford Starcraft Allstar cutaway shuttle vehicles in the total amount of \$4,798,406.00. The recommended useful life for a heavy-duty transit bus is twelve (12) years and/or 500,000 miles. Currently, eight (8) of the twelve (12) Gillig transit buses in RDU's fleet have exceeded their useful life, and the remaining four (4) buses are projected to reach this threshold within the next year. The recommended useful life for light-duty cutaway shuttle vehicles is four (4) years and/or 150,000 miles. All RDU cutaway shuttles have either reached or exceeded this standard. The fleet's average mileage is approximately 159,618 miles, which significantly surpasses the recommended threshold. As a result of the high mileage and age of our existing Gillig transit bus and cutaway shuttle vehicle fleet, we have experienced some reliability and availability issues. The proposed vehicles are direct replacements for vehicles that have exceeded their useful life in accordance with the scoring criteria outlined in RDU's Fleet Management Plan. Retired vehicles will be sold at the State Surplus auction program, with all proceeds returned to RDU. To ensure uninterrupted service during the diesel bus repowering and refurbishment project, existing cutaway shuttle vehicles will be retained temporarily to support special events and operational demands. This will allow ParkRDU Operations to maintain sufficient vehicle availability throughout the transition period. Funding for these purchases is included in the capital budget. The cutaway shuttle vehicles will be procured through Sourcewell Contract Bid #081325-CRE in the amount of \$518,744. The transit buses will be procured through referenced pricing under the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$4,289,662.

Board Action Requested

Staff requests Board approval to purchase six (6) 2028 Gillig Transit Buses and four (4) 2025 Ford Starcraft Allstar Cutaway Shuttles in the amount of \$4,798,406 and authorization for the President & CEO to execute any necessary documents to complete the purchase.

Motion by Ghosh to adjourn; Second by Kushner.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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