

TARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



September 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of Transit Authority of River City (TARC) met on September 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in person at TARC, 1000 W. Broadway in the Board Room and virtually via teleconference as permitted by KRS 61.826.

Board Members Present

In Person

Abbie Gilbert
Ted Smith
Michael Schnuerle
Steve Miller

Virtual

Justin Brown
DuWayne Gant
Myra Rock

Declined

Christy Ames

Meeting Called to Order

Abbie Gilbert called meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Quorum Call

August Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Public Comment

John Hardesty read the Public Comment Preamble: The TARC Board values hearing from its customers, TARC employees and public at large. This Board will not respond in this meeting to any comments made at this time. However, TARC will post a response on TARC's website regarding the comments made by the following meeting. In addition, the TARC Board may assign the feedback or comments to be further examined by its subcommittees and, if warranted, further addressed by TARC. You have three minutes to address the Board.

Tracy Leonard, TARC Coach Operator for Twelve Years.

"On time performance has set up Coach operators to race between stops, speed and be unsafe. There is no allowance for detours, heavy traffic issues or bad weather.

Attendance policy change does not take into consideration emergency situations, such as a sick child. Most of us don't want to lose our jobs, there is a need for more flexibility with asking for time off."

Special Reports

Abbie Gilbert yielded her time for the New TARC Network presentation.

Justin Brown presented the Finance Committee Report.

- Excellent attendance by Board Members.
- All of the Resolutions presented have been moved to today's Board Meeting for consideration.

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Alice Houston presented the Operations Report.

- During the meeting the New TARC Network was presented.
- She appreciates the public comments that are shared.

Ozzy Gibson presented the Executive Director and Operations Report.

- Presented the peer city agency comparison spread sheet.
- We partnered with PARC to help visitors attending Bourbon and Beyond, which saw 4,000 riders and removed 908 cars from the street.
- Management is coordinating teams, committees, and task groups to accomplish the objectives for the New TARC Network.
- Community events we participated in: Worldfest, Touch-a-Truck, and Louisville Pride.
- HR department is partnered with Ivy Tech to help recruit talented mechanics.
- Met with GE management regarding added service for the upcoming increase in workforce.
- There was a slight dip in on-time performance to 81% due to school starting and increased traffic, but trips per revenue hour improved from 12.2 to 17.

New TARC Network Overview

Scudder Wagg with Jarrett Walker & Assoc. (JWA) presented New TARC Network Overview.

- Highlighting that the final network was developed based on earlier feedback and meetings.
- The network, depicted in red, is intended for implementation by August 2026, assuming no new funding will be available to TARC in the near future.
- Martin Barna from JWA will support the implementation.
- The new transit network designed for TARC will provide 12% less service overall.
- Despite the reduction, the network will improve access for many residents, with 5% more jobs reachable on average, and better service for those served, including 15-minute and 30-minute frequency improvements.
- The network will cover 21% fewer people in total, but will serve more people with higher frequency service, particularly in downtown Louisville and southern Indiana.
- The changes include revised routes, a new numbering scheme, and a temporary transfer hub at 8th Street and Muhammad Ali.

Martin Barna with JWA presented the New TARC Network Implementation Plan.

- Martin Barna will be leading the New TARC Network Implementation Phase which will be implemented by August 2026.
- The project involves reducing the number of bus-stops from 3,800 to approximately 2,000. A significant undertaking that will require coordination across departments and extensive public outreach.
- The implementation timeline includes route and schedule development, stop modifications, customer education, and operator training, with a focus on maintaining stakeholder engagement and managing potential risks.

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- Mr. Barna explained that while some stops will no longer be served, the remaining stops will have a higher percentage of shelters due to the redistribution of existing amenities.
- The timeline includes final schedules being ready by January and more precise stop and shelter information by February or March of 2026
- It was explained that while we have a recommended network, TARC will still be able to make adjustments after initial runs are cut and analyzed.
- Mr. Barna explained the detailed schedules and committee assignments.

Board Members discussed the addition of the JCPS Magnet schools to the scope of work.

Board Members discussed the New TARC Network's economic impact on persons and families in different communities.

Board Members discussed the New TARC Network's reliable and on time service that many of our customers will appreciate.

Action Items

Nolan Kelly presented Resolution 2025-38 Bus Air Suspension Components (ITB 20251926).

- In July 2025, the Procurement Department issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20251926 for bus air suspension components, which included fifty-one (51) inventory parts.
- On July 24, 2025, TARC received four (4) proposals from the following qualified vendors: Gillig, LLC, Muncie Transit Supply, Mohawk Mfg & Supply, and Neopart Transit LLC.
- The Procurement Department conducted an Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) and determined that the lowest pricing submitted by the vendors was within a fair and reasonable range of the ICE.
- All bids were reviewed in compliance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations and TARC Procurement Policy, and were deemed responsive and responsible.
- This Resolution seeks approval to enter into a contract with: Gillig, LLC; Muncie Transit Supply; Mohawk MFG. & Supply, and Neopart Transit LLC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$156,862 for bus air suspension components.
- The contract will include a term of two (2) years.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Steve Miller. The motion was seconded by Justin Brown. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the motion.

Nolan Kelly presented Resolution 2025-40 Bus Fuel System Components (20251931).

- In July 2025, the Procurement Department issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20251931 for bus fuel system components, which included ninety (90) inventory parts.
- On August 25, 2025, TARC received three proposals from qualified vendors: Cummins, Inc., Muncie Transit Supply, and Diesel Injection Service.
- The Procurement Department conducted an Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) and determined that the lowest pricing submitted by the vendors was within a fair and reasonable range of the ICE.
- All bids were reviewed in compliance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations and TARC Procurement Policy, and were deemed responsive and responsible.

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- This resolution seeks to negotiate and enter into a two (2) year contract with the following suppliers: Cummins, Inc., Muncie Transit Supply, and Diesel Injection Service for a cost not-to-exceed amount of \$237,202.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Alice Houston. The motion was seconded by Ted Smith. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the motion.

Nolan Kelly presented Resolution 2025-43 Bus Air Conditioning Components (20251929).

- In July 2025, the Procurement Department issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20251929 for Bus Air Conditioning Components, which included one-hundred and four (104) inventory parts.
- On August 18, 2025, TARC received four (4) proposals from qualified vendors: Gillig, LLC, Muncie Transit Supply, NFI, and Mohawk.
- The Procurement Department conducted an ICE and determined that the lowest pricing submitted by the vendors was within a fair and reasonable range of the ICE.
- All bids were reviewed in compliance with FTA regulations and TARC Procurement Policy, and were deemed responsive and responsible.
- This Resolution seeks to negotiate and enter into a three (3) year contract with: Gillig, LLC, Muncie Transit Supply, NFI, and Mohawk for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$262,620.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Ted Smith. The motion was seconded by Steve Miller. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the motion.

Maria Harris presented Resolution 2025-39 Diesel Fuel Supply and Delivery for 24 months (20251915)

- This past June, the Procurement Department issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20251915 with a 2-step process including reverse auction.
- The resulting contract is to establish a firm-fixed price for a period of twenty-four (24) months for the supply and delivery of diesel fuel.
- On July 25, 2025, TARC received proposals from seven (7) responsive and responsible vendors.
- Factors considered during the evaluation process included technical submittals, previous performance history, relevant experience successfully completing similar contracts, and financial health of the company.
- On July 29, 2025, a formal invitation was sent out to participate in the reverse auction held on August 5 2025. The seven (7) vendors asked to participate in the reverse auction were: Campbell Oil Company, Gresham Petroleum Company, Indigo Energy Partners, LLC, James River Petroleum, Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc., Sunoco, LLC, and Valor Oil.
- Following the reverse auction, the Procurement Department tabulated all bids. Based on the reverse auction results, the Procurement Department unanimously recommends an award to Sunoco, LLC as most advantageous offer to TARC. Sunoco, LLC provided the lowest price at firm fixed price per gallon.
- This Resolution seeks approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sunoco, LLC, for a twenty-four (24) month supply of diesel fuel for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$5,570,025.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Steve Miller. The motion was seconded by Justin Brown. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the motion.

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Russ Greenleaf presented Resolution 2025-41 Award of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with

Disabilities Section 5310 Program Funds.

- As the designated recipient for the Louisville Urbanized Area for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) funds, TARC undertakes an annual process to award federal formula funds to subrecipients. TARC has managed the competitive selection process for the past 11 years, and \$1,433,244 is available for distribution this year.
- This includes \$1,392,884 from the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 apportionment and \$40,360 in FFY 2024 funds carried forward from last year.
- Applications were evaluated on July 22, 2025 by an independent, impartial Application Review Committee consisting of four community members with no material interest in any of the proposed projects. They used evaluation criteria previously developed by TARC and the Regional Mobility Council.
- A total of 10 applicants were awarded funding.
- This resolution seeks to approve the award of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 program funds and to enter into subrecipient agreements with the recommended subrecipients of these funds.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Justin Brown. The motion was seconded by Ted Smith. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the motion.

Eric Stroud presented Resolution 2025-44 Tire Leasing and Servicing (20251923).

- TARC currently leases tires and pays for servicing through a third-party contractor. The current incumbent, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear) has been servicing TARC for over twenty (20) years.
- This tire leasing and servicing contract is essential to TARC's maintenance of one of the greatest material assets TARC owns, TARC buses. Routine tire maintenance and servicing is required to ensure that the TARC transit bus fleet is safe, stays in service, and runs smoothly.
- August 2025, a total of two proposals were received. The evaluation committee, made of TARC subject matter experts and stakeholders, evaluated all responsive and responsible proposals from Goodyear and Bridgestone.
- Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC provided the most discounted price and proposed the best value proposal, which included no tariff fees and no tire disposal/recycle fees for the initial term of five (5) years of the contract for a total not to exceed amount of \$2,617,990 with a 2% escalator. An approximate savings of \$201,000 for a twelve (12) month period was estimated.
- This resolution seeks approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC. The contract initial term is five (5) years with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,617,985. An optional term of one (1) five-year term will be brought back to the Board for authorization.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Steve Miller. The motion was seconded by Ted Smith. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the resolution.

Stacy Curnow with Crowe LLP, presented the Crowe LLP Audit and closed out June FY25.

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Matt Abner presented Resolution 2025-42 Audit Financial Report.

- The TARC Finance Committee met on September 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting.
- During this meeting TARC's audit firm, Crowe LLC, participated to discuss TARC's Audited Financial Statement report.
- The Audited Financial Statement report was reviewed by members of the Finance Committee, which includes the Chief Finance & Administrative Officer and Executive Director of TARC.
- Specific review included the Management Discussion and Analysis; Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position; Statement of Cash Flows; and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position – Budget to Actual.
- TARC received a clean opinion with no material misstatements.
- The Finance Committee would like to recommend accepting the Audited Financial Statement report as presented.

The motion was duly moved for approval by Steve Miller. The motion was seconded by Justin Brown. The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the resolution.

Abbie Gilbert made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. This motion was approved by the Board.

Abbie Gilbert

Abbie Gilbert, Board Chair

10-28-25

Date