

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 22, 2021

3:30 PM

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Public Transit Advisory Board Member Participants: Brett Glirbas; Allen Svennes; Erik Nelson, Bailey Abbott, Sean Garney (3:46 pm).

Public Transit Advisory Board Members absent: Mike Lynch, Jeri Reed.

Staff Participants: Ryan Weisenbach; Sam Trebilcock, Jim Feeney (SECOG), Robert Speeks, Glenn Wright, Kevin Hansen, Manny Gutierrez (Minnehaha County).

Public Participants: Melanie Bliss, Cathy Brechtelsbauer, Phyllis Arends

Minutes

Facilitator: Brett Glirbas, Chair

Call to Order and Quorum Determination Brett Glirbas, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm and welcomed all participants. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded and provides for a list of participants. Member participants represented a quorum.

1. Meeting Procedures: Sam Trebilcock read the meeting procedures for the PTAB videoconference meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Allen Svennes and a second by Erik

Nelson to approve the March 22, 2021 PTAB agenda. 4 yes - 0 no. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PTAB Meeting Minutes Approval of February 22, 2021: A motion was made by Erik Nelson and a second by Bailey Abbot to approve the February 22, 2021 minutes. 4 yes - 0 no. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public input on non-agenda items: No public input was received.

Unfinished Business

5. Pass-it-on Program - ½ fare request (Board Action Requested). Emmanuel Gutierrez explained to PTAB a request by Minnehaha Human Services to purchase 30 monthly passes and 125 weekly passes at ½ price. The monthly passes would be used as an incentive once a client finds a job and the weekly passes would help the client find a job where additional trips are necessary. Sam told PTAB that an approval is needed to allow a promotional fare to be used as allowed under the transit fare ordinance. The request would fulfill the needs for an entire year. In the future, the transit fare ordinance would be changed if this is found to be a good method to expand the Pass-it-on Program in the future. Allen Svennes made a motion to approve Minnehaha County's request for a ½ price fare for 125 weekly passes and 30 monthly passes. Erik Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 yes – 0 no. The motion passed unanimously.
6. SAM OnDemand Update (Informational) – Sam provided an update with SAM OnDemand pilot project. Based on the data that was provided to PTAB at the last meeting, Sioux Area Metro and the City are recommending a change to include fixed-route services that we provide directly to the west and east side Walmart areas. This service will help reduce phone calls to the Downtown Depot to schedule rides and also will be a strong productive route that is based on specific origin and destination trip data. Brett asked if City leaders have been yet to ride SAM OnDemand. Sam said that City leaders have not been asked to ride, but as the system changes are implemented and more marketing is done, asking leaders to ride is a good idea. Bailey asked if more marketing can be done with the universities. Sean thought that was a brilliant suggestion and that could help greatly in gaining new riders and a new perspective on the pilot.
7. Fare-Free rides for Voting – transit agencies comparisons – Sam looked into several other communities that have done fare free days on election day. So far, Sam has not seen a program where a transit agency provides a free pass to early vote or to vote on election day. Sam will keep looking for programs and report back to PTAB. Erik reminded PTAB that the next election for School Board is in May and that we should keep this a priority issue to put in a policy/program by that time.

New Business

8. Route 19 Changes for New Jefferson High School – Sam detailed a proposed change to Route 19 that would help service the new Jefferson High School. The change would extend the route in the in-bound direction only to reduce impacts as much as possible to the current system. Bailey recommended that there be walkability improvements to the area to allow transit riders to get to their stops. Sam did say that there will be improvements to Marion Road which should help to some degree. This item is for informational purposes only; however, PTAB will be asked to approve this change when it is more fully developed.
9. PTAB Annual Report (*Board Action Requested*) – Sam provided a presentation of the PTAB Annual Report that was included in the PTAB agenda packet. Erik Nelson made a motion to approve the PTAB Annual Report and the motion was seconded by Sean Garney.
10. February 2021 Operations Report. Robert Speeks presented highlights of the February monthly report.
11. Announcements: Next PTAB meeting: April 26, 2021: WebEx Meeting
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Erik Nelson to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Allen Svenes. 5 yes - 0 no. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm