

## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

3:30 PM

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*Public Transit Advisory Board Member Participants: Allen Svennes, Brett Glirbas, Erik Nelson, Jeri Reed, Mike Lynch.*

*Public Transit Advisory Board Members absent: Sean Garney, Bailey Abbott.*

*Staff Participants: Sam Trebilcock, Jim Feeney, Robert Speeks, Glenn Wright, Karla Resendiz, Kevin Smith.*

*Public Participants: Cooper Seamer, Melanie Bliss, Julie Briggs.*

### **Minutes**

Facilitator: Allen Svennes, Chair

Call to Order and Quorum Determination: Allen Svennes, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm and welcomed all participants. Member participants represented a quorum.

1. Meeting Procedures: Sam Trebilcock read the meeting procedures for the PTAB videoconference and in-person meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mike Lynch and a second by Bret Glirbas to approve the October 25, 2021 PTAB agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. PTAB Meeting Minutes September 27, 2021: A motion was made by Erik Nelson and a second by Bret Glirbas to approve the September 27, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public input on non-agenda items: Melanie Bliss shared *Governing Magazine* articles about effective transportation planning techniques. She requested that

the articles be shared with the board. The link to the article is included to the email that includes this month's meeting minutes.

Cathy Brechtelsbauer requested the proper procedure to see or request attachments from last month's meeting. Trebilcock responded that she could be provided with updates by asking for information from City staff. Kathy wondered if there was going to be free buses for elections again. Trebilcock indicated that last year's pilot program for school board elections was successful and will be implemented again this spring and fall. Trebilcock clarified that the free rides would be provided for early voting because same day voting has enough voting precincts that is likely that voters are within walking distance of their home. Cathy added that there needs to be more community outreach especially at Jefferson Bus Lines.

#### Unfinished Business

5. SAM On Demand Update (Informational) – City and SAM staff have been reviewing SAM for patterns, especially on Saturdays to find any adjustments to schedules that will improve service. 75% of rides have been on time. The other 25% rides have been somewhat late and staff and Pantonium are always looking to find ways for that to be reduced. Lately there has been a problem from time to time with a white screen on driver tablets that often cause drivers to reset the Pantonium software. In the next month, Saturday paratransit will also be On Demand in the Route 8 and 19 areas. Trebilcock clarified that the main goal is to expand services into new areas with a hybrid of SAM On Demand and fixed routes. The number of riders are remaining about the same at 300 rides per day with little fluctuation.
6. SAM Reduction in Service – Driver Shortage. Robert Speeks indicated that a few new drivers were hired and it will take about 30-45 days to train them. There are currently 35 fully trained drivers. Roberts Speeks said about 36-38 drivers are required to provide full services. Hourly services reduces the strain on these 35 drivers until at least December.
7. Paratransit on Saturday in Routes 8 and 19-service area – Paratransit has added the service for any paratransit rider for the north end of town (routes 8 and 19). All paratransit riders will be informed with a postcard. (update: All paratransit riders that do not have service in that area were informed.)

## New Business

8. COVID Vaccination Partnership – City Health/SAM (Informational). City Health is partnering with SAM to take COVID vaccines to neighborhoods, schools, and libraries. The vaccination clinic will take place on paratransit busses in November. More information to follow.
9. PTAB Responsibilities and Mission (Informational). Trebilcock provided the obligations and duties of PTAB as indicated in resolutions and executive orders. PTAB is a forum for citizens to have a conversation about transit and to help staff find methods to improve transit services.
10. Next PTAB meeting: November 22, 2021 City Center, Cooper Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (with WebEx link option)
11. Adjournment: Chair Allen Svenes adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.