

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes
for the meeting on
November 22, 2010

Members present:

Kate Heligas
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Greg Johnson
Jim Madsen
Thad Mooney (left at 5:15 p.m.)
Deb Nelson
Chris Schiltz

Members absent:

Public in attendance:

Dave Heflin, President, Colorado
Technical Institute
Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless
Coalition
Chelle Hart
Blaine Jones, Avera Behavioral Health
Ken Laughlin, NCPVA
Steve Lee, Avera Heart Hospital
Jarrod Meyers, Globe University
Lindsey Meyers, Avera Heart Hospital
Chad Powell
Charles Santee
Nancy Surprenant, SECOG
Stacey Tieszen, Homeless Coordinator

Staff present:

Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager

Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner

Randy Hartman, Assistant General Manager
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
Karen Walton, General Manager

Call to order

Kate Heligas, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. **Approval of October 25, 2010, PTAB Meeting Minutes**
Jim Madsen made a motion to accept the October 25, 2010 PTAB meeting minutes as written. Greg Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Hearing** – None
3. **Public Input on Non-agenda Item**
Mayor Huether thanked the PTAB members for their time and efforts in addressing the local transit issues. He also commented on how important the public transit system is to so many people within the community and highlighted several comments he received from the public while campaigning for office.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Pass-it-on Program Agency Participation Change**
Stacey Tieszen gave a brief overview of the Pass-it-on Program, the number of people served with bus passes so far this year, and the number of bus passes distributed. She requested approval from the Board to remove Community Outreach from the program and add Volunteers of America South Dakota; Re-entry Program. Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to remove Community Outreach from the Pass-it-on Program participating agency's list and add Volunteers of America South Dakota; Re-entry Program. Deb Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Proposed Transit Route Changes**
Debra Gaikowski reviewed the proposed changes to Routes 1 – 12, and 19, and answered questions from the Board members on each. The Chair then opened up the floor for questions from the public on each route. After discussion among the board members and the public, the Chair began the process of bringing each route change to a vote. Following are the outcomes for each route:
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 1 - 1st by Chris Schiltz; 2nd by Julie Johnson Dresbach; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 2 – 1st by Greg Johnson; 2nd by Jim Madsen; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 3 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Greg Johnson; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 4 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Thad Mooney; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 5 – 1st by Julie Johnson Dresbach; 2nd by Chris Schiltz; motion passed 5 votes in favor and 1 vote against
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 6 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Chris Schiltz; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 7 – 1st by Chris Schiltz; 2nd by Julie Johnson Dresbach; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 8 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Deb Nelson; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 9 – 1st by Chris Schiltz; 2nd by Greg Johnson; motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 10 contingent on the acceptance of the proposed changes to Routes 11 and 12 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Greg Johnson; motion passed 5 votes in favor and 1 vote against



- Motion to accept proposed changes to Route 11 contingent on the acceptance of the proposed changes to Route 12 – 1st by Jim Madsen; 2nd by Thad Mooney; motion passed unanimously
- Motion to defer the vote on the proposed changes to Route 12 until the January Public Transit Advisory Board meeting; 1st by Thad Mooney; 2nd by Julie Johnson Dresbach; motion passed unanimously
- Motion to accept the proposed changes to Route 19 – 1st by Julie Johnson Dresbach; 2nd by Chris Schiltz; motion passed unanimously

5. **Reports:**

a. **October Monthly Report**

Karen Walton gave a brief overview of the ridership numbers and operating expenses for the month of October.

b. **Transit Marketing Committee**

Debra stated that the “How to Ride the Bus” video has been completed and is on Transit’s website. The video was then shown to the members of the Board.

c. **Transportation Coordination**

Debra said the User Surveys are currently being completed. This will tell the subcommittee where people need to go and if they are not able to access some locations.

6. **Other Business** - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.