

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes
for the meeting on
September 26, 2011

Members present:

Jean Crowe
Kate Heligas
Jim Madsen
Deb Nelson
Chris Schiltz

Members absent:

Greg Johnson
Julie Johnson Dresbach

Public in attendance:

Chad Powell
Stacey Tieszen, Homeless
Coordinator, Minnehaha County
John Williams, TLC Tallgrass

Staff present:

Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner
Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Randy Hartman, Assistant General Manager
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager

Call to order

Deb Nelson, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. **Approval of August 22, 2011, PTAB Meeting Minutes**

Chris Schiltz made a motion to accept the August 22, 2011 PTAB meeting minutes as written. Jim Madsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public input on non-agenda items:** None

3. **Public Hearing:** None

4. **Old Business:** None

5. **New Business:**

c. **Pass-it-on Program Agency Participation Request**

Stacey Tieszen reported that there are currently 13 agencies participating in the Pass-it-on Program. This is one less than previously since an agency recently decided not to participate. TLC Tallgrass would like to be added as a program participant. Stacey introduced John Williams from the Transitional Living

Corporation (TLC). He briefly reviewed their program and discussed how participating in the Pass-it-on Program would be a benefit to their clients. After answering several questions, Chris Schiltz made a motion to approve the addition of TLC Tallgrass as a participant of the Pass-it-on Program. Jean Crowe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. 2012 Transit Budget Request

Debra Gaikowski described in detail the components of Transit's 2012 budget that has been approved by the City Council and what projects are programmed for 2012. This item was informational.

6. Reports:

a. August Operations Report

Randy Hartman gave a report on ridership, which was up considerably when compared to the previous year. He also reviewed on-time performance, the safety record, and detours.

b. Transit Marketing Committee Report

The last Transit Marketing meeting was held at the Transit facility. The group was presented information on the RouteShout software program by a RouteMatch representative. It was shown how the program can give real-time information to the passengers. Randy showed copies of the Tripper Route brochures which are printed with the respective school colors of each school. He reported that Karen Walton conducted a presentation at Augustana College to international students and a presentation is scheduled for this week at Globe University.

c. Service Requests Report

No report

7. Other Business: None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.