



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on October 26, 2015

Members present:

Erik Gaikowski
Cherie Gerry
Brett Glirbas
Philip Jacobson
Megan Myers

Public in attendance:

Jordan Catlett
Kay Gollesch
Brooke Pape

Members absent:

Greg Johnson
Jeri Reed

Staff present:

Jean Crowe, Planner I, SECOG
Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Amber Gibson, Planner II, SECOG
Randy Hartman, Assistant GM
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
Eric Meyerson, General Manager
Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

Call to order

With a quorum present, Erik Gaikowski, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of September 28, 2015, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Bret Glirbas made a motion to accept the September 28, 2015, PTAB meeting minutes. Megan Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public input on non-agenda items:

There was no public input.

3. Reports:

a. September Operations Reports

Eric Meyerson reviewed the September Operations Reports. Eric stated that in September, fixed-route ridership was down 12% and paratransit ridership was down 8%, compared to September 2014. Eric noted that students have a significant impact on ridership and that school not starting until after Labor Day this year contributed to the decrease in fixed route ridership. Eric also noted that low gas prices and the economy have likely contributed to the decline in fixed route ridership. This item was informational only.

4. Old Business:

a. Summer Dog Tag Program

Sam Trebilcock stated that an update on the Summer Dog Tag Program was provided at the City Council's informational meeting. Approximately twice as many passes were distributed this summer compared to last summer, however, ridership increased only slightly compared to last summer. Additional efforts to market the

program at the schools will be made if the program is implemented again next summer, which will require a resolution. This item was informational only.

b. City Council Internal Audit Report

Sam Trebilcock stated that the City Council requested internal audit report of the transit program had been discussed at the City Council's informational meeting. Included in the discussion were the recommendations of the report including increasing paratransit fares, use of different paratransit scheduling software and GPS technology, and updating the Transit Development Plan. This item was informational only.

c. Free Fixed Route Fares for Veterans

Sam Trebilcock stated that an update on the use of free fixed route fares by veterans was provided at the City Council's informational meeting. Approximately 1,100 rides were provided to Veterans in September. This item was informational only.

5. Adjournment:

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Philip Jacobson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. A tour of the Sioux Area Metro Transit Facility followed the meeting.