



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues
Meeting Minutes
for the meeting on November 28, 2016

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Cherie Gerry	Erik Gaikowski
Brett Glirbas	
Philip Jacobson	Staff present:
Mike Lynch	Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Megan Myers	Melissa Gibson, Planner, SECOG
Jerri Reed	Randy Hartman, Assistant GM
	Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Public in Attendance:	Eric Meyerson, General Manager
None	Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner
	Ryan Weisenbach, Maintenance Manager

Call to order

With a quorum present, Megan Myers, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:51 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Meeting Procedures

Megan Myers reviewed the meeting procedures.

2. Approval of Agenda

Brett Glirbas made a motion to approve the November 28, 2016, PTAB agenda. Phil Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of October 24, 2016, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Jerri Reed commented that her name was misspelled in the October 24, 2016 meeting minutes. Mike Lynch made a motion to approve the October 24, 2016, PTAB meeting minutes. Jerri Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public input on non-agenda items:

There was no public input.

5. New Business:

a. Paratransit Policy Change

Sam Trebilcock discussed the 2017 CCTS Agency Day Trip budget and the DakotAbilities and LifeScape transportation funding agreements that City Council will be asked to consider during one of their meetings in December, 2016. Sam also reviewed a change to the Sioux Area Metro (SAM) Subscription Service policy. The change would not allow any new subscription trips that create additional capacity needs on paratransit. Sam also explained that the State of South Dakota funds

agency transportation through the Medicaid Choices Waiver Program funds supplied to the agencies, so the State will likely not provide additional transportation funding. Megan Myers opened the topic up to public comment and there was none. This item was informational only.

6. Old Business:

a. 2017-2021 Transit Management Agreement

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the draft Contract for the Management and Operation of Sioux Area Metro that will go before City Council for approval at its meeting in December, 2016. Brett Glirbas asked if it would be possible for a First Transit representative to attend a PTAB meeting. Sam replied that he would try to schedule that. Jerri Reed asked if the new software made reporting more efficient or saved money on reporting. Sam stated that staff would research that topic and follow up. Jerri Reed made a motion to approve the Contract for the Management and Operation of Sioux Area Metro and Cherie Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Transit Development Plan

Sam Trebilcock stated that the Transit Development Plan will go before City Council at its meeting on December 6, 2016. This was informational only.

7. Reports:

a. October Operations Report

Eric Meyerson reviewed the October Operations Reports. Eric stated that fixed-route ridership was down 9% and paratransit ridership was down 16%, compared to October 2015. This item was informational only.

b. Free and Reduced Fair Ridership Report

Eric Meyerson reviewed the Free and Reduced Ridership information requested at the October 24, 2016, PTAB meeting. An average of 4,500 veterans have received free rides each month in 2016. Approximately 350 Augustana students received free rides each month in 2016, but Augustana University reimburses the City for these rides. A total of 11,273 Summer Freedom Pass rides were given in June, July and August of 2016, and approximately 6,000 Sioux Falls High School Pass rides were given in September and October of 2016. Megan Myers asked how much money SAM was losing by giving free rides to veterans. Eric replied that it costs SAM about \$0.80 per ride. Megan asked if this lost revenue is a concern. Since the City of Sioux Falls City Council voted to provide free rides to veterans without PTAB input, Megan wondered if the City should be made aware of the fiscal impact of this program. Sam said that they might approach the City Council once the costs for the entire year had been assessed. This item was informational only.

8. Adjournment:

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerri Reed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.