

## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, JUNE 28, 2021

3:30 PM

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*Public Transit Advisory Board Member Participants: Brett Glirbas; Allen Svennes; Erik Nelson, Sean Garney, Mike Lynch, Bailey Abbott, Jeri Reed (had intermittent connection issues).*

*Public Transit Advisory Board Members absent: None*

*Staff Participants: Ryan Weisenbach; Sam Trebilcock, Jim Feeney (SECOG), Robert Speeks, Fletcher Lacock, Glenn Wright, Tierza Lanham, Kevin Hansen.*

*Public Participants: Robert Elliott, Cathy Brechtelsbauer, Phyllis Arends, Kim Hansen.*

### **Minutes**

Facilitator: Brett Glirbas, Chair

Call to Order and Quorum Determination Brett Glirbas, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm and welcomed all participants. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded and provides for a list of participants. Member participants represented a quorum.

1. Meeting Procedures: Sam Trebilcock read the meeting procedures for the PTAB videoconference meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda: Brett Glirbas made a motion to add Fare Free Rides to the Agenda. A motion was made by Allen Svennes and a second by Mike Lynch to approve the June 28, 2021 PTAB agenda including Fare Free Rides. 6 yes - 0 no. The motion passed unanimously.
3. PTAB Meeting Minutes Approval of April 26, 2021: A motion was made by Sean Garney and a second by Allen Svennes to approve the April 26, 2021 minutes. 6 yes - 0 no. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public input on non-agenda items: Cathy Brechtelsbauer provided comments that the SAM webpage should be updated for the Freedom Pass program and to coordinate the Freedom Pass program with the Summer School Free Meal program. Robert Elliot also spoke about increasing transit services to other areas of the city similar to that way Sioux City provides rides throughout the city to persons with disabilities.

#### Unfinished Business

5. SAM OnDemand Update (Informational) – Sam provided an presentation of the SAM OnDemand pilot including ride data information. The overall message of the presentation is that SAM OnDemand does look like it will work for areas where ridership density is lower. However, fixed-route services will still be required in areas with high ridership density. The pilot will continue by trying to expand services to the Route 8 and 19 areas on Saturday and begin to improve wait times and the number riders of calling in to schedule a ride. The pilot will also look for ways to share on-demand services with paratransit and try providing services during the weekday. Brett asked that there might be a concern from some paratransit riders to ride with public transit riders. Board members also asked some clarifying questions. Robert Elliott asked if SAM OnDemand has closed any bus stops. Robert Speeks said any closures are due to construction. Phyllis Arends asked if paratransit riders does ride on SAM OnDemand will be pay the same price. The answer is that they would pay the same price for sure if they ride bus stop to bus stop. However, there are options to set up the system to pick up paratransit-eligible riders at their home. With this level of service, it has not yet been determined what the price would be. This topic will be an ongoing agenda item.
6. Fare-Free rides for Voting – Brett asked how many people utilized the SAM services to vote in the School Board Election. Sam and Robert Speeks said they did not know of anyone that used the fixed-route services. Tierza Lanham said that two paratransit riders did make use of the free ride to vote early. Sam did say that this was the first time trying free rides for early voting. The news media did pick up the promotion and did provide some good publicity for the transit services. The next election to try would by in April of 2022. This item was informational.

## New Business

7. FTA Triennial Review. The Triennial Review is completed every three years by FTA to check if the transit system is adhering to federal regulations. The review is helpful in assisting the City and Sioux Area Metro improve our process. This year the review was completed through Zoom meetings and allowed for additional review time. The review noted various findings for improvements and served as an important way to improve federal compliance and oversight. This item was informational.
8. PTAB Election of Officers. Brett and Jeri have been Chairman and vice-chair for 2 years. There will need to be new Chairman and Vice-Chair. Erik Nelson made a motion and Sean Garney seconded to have Allen Svennes nominated as Chairman. Mike Lynch made a motion and Bailey Abbott to cease nominations and approve Allen Svennes as Chairman. The motion was unanimously approved. Allen Svennes made a motion and Mike Lynch seconded to nominate Erik Nelson as vice-chairman. Sean Garney made a motion and Bailey Abbott seconded the motion to cease nominations and approve Erik as vice-chairman. The motion was unanimously approved.
9. March 2021 Operations Report. Robert Speeks presented highlights of the April and May monthly reports. Robert made a point to remind people that the report reflects a decrease in year-to-date ridership still because of the effect COVID had over the first three months of the year. However, ridership was up compared to last year when comparing ridership for just April and May ridership.
10. Announcements: Sam asked if the Board would like to go back to live PTAB meetings in July. Allen Svennes said that he thought it is time to start live meetings back again. Both Erik Nelson and Bailey Abbot asked for an option to attend meetings through WebEx. It was agreed to start meetings back live, but to continue offering a WebEx option.
11. Next PTAB meeting: July 26, 2021: City Center, Cooper Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (with WebEx link option)
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Brett Glirbas to adjourn and seconded by Jeri Reed. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.