

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

3:30 PM

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Public Transit Advisory Board Member Participants: Allen Svenes, Brett Glirbas, Jeri Reed, Sean Garney (entered meeting at 3:45 pm), Bailey Abbott.

Public Transit Advisory Board Members absent: Mike Lynch.

Staff Participants: Sam Trebilcock, Jim Feeney, Robert Speeks, Glenn Wright, Karla Resendiz, Kevin Smith.

Public Participants: Cathy Brechtelsbauer, Manny Guitierrez.

Minutes

Facilitator: Allen Svenes, Chair

Call to Order and Quorum Determination: Allen Svenes, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm and welcomed all participants. Member participants represented a quorum.

1. Meeting Procedures: Sam Trebilcock read the meeting procedures for the PTAB videoconference and in-person meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Brett Glirbas and a second by Jerri Reed to approve the November 22, 2021 PTAB agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. PTAB Meeting Minutes October 25, 2021: Brett Glirbas indicated that his name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes. A motion was made by Jerri Reed and a second by Brett Glirbas to approve the October 25, 2021 minutes with the correction of Brett's name. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public input on non-agenda items: Cathy Brechtelsbauer suggested that free

ridership for elementary students, convenient access, and community outreach may increase ridership. She indicated that they potential for additional federal aid may help.

Unfinished Business

5. SAM On Demand Update (Informational) – Sam Trebilcock told the Board that ridership has remained very consistent on SAM On Demand with about 200 riders with another 100 riders on the crosstown fixed-route services each Saturday. Sam said that the next step is implement a pilot project that includes paratransit riders that start or end their ride in the route 8 and 19 area. All paratransit riders will be picked up and dropped off at their address with this SAM On Demand pilot.
6. SAM Reduction in Service – Driver Shortage. (Informational) Robert Speeks indicated that several new drivers have been hired and it will take about 30-45 days to train them. Speeks indicated that training does take quite some time and the amount of time it takes to train drivers varies from driver to driver. It is not anticipated that there will be adequate drivers to return to normal service at this time because additional drivers need to be trained and some other drivers have left or are on leave from the agency.
7. COVID Vaccination Partnership – City Health/SAM (Informational). City Health is collaborating with SAM to take COVID vaccines to neighborhoods, schools, and libraries. The vaccination clinic has taken place on paratransit busses with 59 vaccines have been administered so far.

New Business

8. Proposed Program of Projects – FTA 5307 (Public Hearing). Trebilcock said this is the time and place for a public hearing to take public comments for the purpose of considering the need and projects for FTA 5307 funding. Trebilcock said that this funding will provide \$2,733,918 for transit operations. Chair Svennes asked if there were any public comments about the FTA 5307 funding. No public comments were received. Jeri Reed made a motion to close the public hearing and Brett Glirbas seconded the motion. Bailey Abbott made a motion and Jeri seconded the motion to approve the utilization of FTA 5307 funding for transit operations. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Agency Transportation Contracts (Informational) Trebilcock said that contracts are similar to last year's contracts with Lifescape, Dakotabilities, and the School District except some additional rides were included. The contracts are currently

being reviewed by the Attorney's Office. Brett Glirbas requested to see the contracts. Trebilcock will provide PTAB with the contracts at the next meeting in January.

10. October 2021 Operations Report – Robert Speeks provided ridership and other data from the October operations report. Fixed route ridership is down 12.7% and paratransit ridership is up 25% compared to last year.
11. New PTAB Member Introduction – Manny Gutierrez has been appointed as a new member to PTAB and will be approved to begin his term at the January meeting. Manny introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief background about himself.
12. 2022 PTAB Meeting Calendar – PTAB meeting dates for 2022 were provided and all PTAB members will have Outlook calendar invites sent soon for all upcoming meetings.
13. Next PTAB meeting: January 24, 2022 City Center, Cooper Room 1st Floor (with WebEx link option).
14. Adjournment: Chair Allen Svennes adjourned the meeting at 4:24 PM.