

## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

*Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues*

### Meeting Minutes for the meeting on July 27, 2009

**Members present:**

Julie Johnson Dresbach  
Rochelle Hart  
Kate Heligas (Chair)  
Thad Mooney  
Deb Nelson  
Chris Schiltz

**Members absent:**

Julie Briggs

**Public in attendance:**

Amy Poppinga  
Chad Powell  
Charles Santee

**Staff present:**

Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner  
Randy Hartman, DDS & Assistant General Manager  
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager  
Karen Walton, General Manager

**Call to order**

Kate Heligas, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:48 p.m. and made introductory comments.

**1. Approval of minutes from June 22, 2009, PTAB Meeting Minutes.**

With no changes, Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the June 22, 2009 PTAB meeting minutes as written. Rochelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:**

Charles Santee made a comment that he feels the tie-down system on the new buses will be an issue. PTAB member Chris Schiltz asked for his recommendations. Charles also discussed issues with signage, etc. at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Kathy and 33<sup>rd</sup> and Grange. Management will investigate his concerns. Karen Walton said the Marketing Committee has suggested replacing the signs so it is being considered.

Chad Powell asked about the new paratransit buses and when they will be here. Debra Gaikowski stated that the bid process is to begin August 1 and will take approximately one month. Once bids are accepted it will be approximately 6 – 9 months before the buses arrive. Charles asked about the availability of the paratransit bus specifications and Debra stated that they are on the City's website on the Business page.

**3. New business:**

**a. June Monthly Report**

Karen Walton presented the June transit statistical information for the paratransit and fixed route services including ridership, complaint calls, and preventive maintenance performance.

**b. Non-ADA Paratransit Service Pilot Project – Mid-point Update**

The Board was given information in their packets regarding the Non-ADA Paratransit Service Pilot Project ridership from the beginning date of the program (April 1, 2009) until the mid-point of the project. Ridership continues to increase and the State, who administers the grant funds for this program, is pleased with the usage thus far. Charles Santee asked about getting access to this information and Debra explained it is listed on PTAB's Monthly Report which is available on Transit's website.

**c. Accessible Transportation for All – Recommendation Update**

Debra reviewed the Recommendation Summary with the Board. Julie Johnson Dresbach made several comments since she was a member of the Study Group and suggested a couple of additions she felt Transit has done that would fall under some of the recommendations but are currently not listed. She also felt this Summary should be sent out to all members of the Accessible Transportation for All Study Group.

**d. Timepoint Adjustments**

Karen talked about some issues with missed connections and other concerns with tight routes. Transit is moving forward with changes to the routes which will extend them by a few minutes each. This will give each route a little more time and hopefully alleviate the problems Transit has been seeing. The changes will take place in mid-August.

**5. Other Business:**

Julie Johnson Dresbach had a few follow-up comments and announcements. Debra read a letter from a bus rider.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.