

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Agenda
February 22, 2010
3:45 p.m.

Facilitator: Julie Johnson Dresbach, Acting Chair

Invitees: Nancy Surprenant

Call to order

1. Approval of November 23, 2009 PTAB Meeting Minutes
(Approval requested) Chair
2. Approval of January 25, 2009 PTAB Meeting Minutes
(Approval requested) Chair
3. Public Hearing – Evening bus service/modification of Paratransit service
hours Debra Gaikowski
4. Public input on non-agenda items Chair
5. New business:
 - a. Transportation Coordination presentation
(Informational) Nancy Surprenant
 - b. Transit January Monthly Report (Informational) Karen Walton
 - c. Transit Marketing Update (Informational) Debra Gaikowski
6. Other business:

Adjournment

Any person not able to attend the PTAB meeting may send comments to the City's Transit Planner for presentation and discussion at the PTAB meeting:

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Notice of Upcoming Scheduled Transportation Meetings:

Public Transit Advisory Board—January 25, 2010, at 3:45 p.m., City Hall, First Floor,
224 West Ninth Street.

Metropolitan Planning Organization—January 20 & 21, 2010. Contact the South Eastern
Council of Governments at 367-5390 for specific meeting times and agendas.

SIoux AREA METRO (SAM)

PARATRANSIT SERVICE HOURS CHANGE AND NEW EVENING BUS SERVICE

Definitions:

Demand response service - a shared-use transit service operating in response to calls from passengers or their agents to the transit operator who then dispatches a vehicle to pick up the passengers and transport them to their destinations. The vehicles do not operate over a fixed route or on a fixed schedule except for subscription services and, typically, the vehicle may be dispatched to pick up several passengers at different pick-up points before taking them to their respective destinations and may even be interrupted en route to these destinations to pick up other passengers.

Door-to-door service – origin to destination transit service from the door at the passenger's pick-up location to the door at the passenger's destination location.

Paratransit eligible – transit riders that have completed the application process for paratransit service and have been approved for paratransit service.

Subscription ride - riders that need to go to the same place at least once a week for no less than a month may set up a subscription service. Once this service is set up, the transit operator will pick up the rider on the designated dates at the designated times without a reservation being required for each ride.

Proposal:

- Adjust the designated paratransit service hours to end at 8 p.m. vs. 10 p.m.
- Introduce a "demand response" evening bus service from 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. for all riders, on a first come/first served basis. This service will be provided using a paratransit bus.

Details of the Evening Bus Service:

- Ride Reservations are required and can be made on-line at www.siouxareametro.org or by phone at 367-7813 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., seven days a week. All reservation requests are given equal consideration whether a rider is paratransit eligible or not.
- Riders are required to make a reservation for evening bus service no earlier than 10 days prior to the date of requested service and no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to service.
- All riders pay \$4 per one-way trip for evening bus service.
- Subscription rides are available.
- Passengers, whose origination or destination points are within ¼ mile from a designated bus stop, will be required to use the bus stop as their pick-up or drop-off point. This does not apply to paratransit eligible riders.
- Passengers who are paratransit eligible and passengers who are not within ¼ mile from a bus stop will be provided door-to-door service.

Action Items Required to Implement Changes and New Service:

- Complete an Ordinance revision to add a "Demand Response" category with a day rate of \$2.00 per ride and an evening rate of \$4.00 per ride.
- Eliminate Paratransit evening rate and Paratransit evening rate, non-ADA eligible

The current ordinance regarding paratransit service states:

Sec. 43-10. Transit, paratransit, and transit plus fares.

Fares for Sioux Falls Transit, Paratransit, and Transit Plus shall be as follows:

(2) Paratransit and transit plus rates

Day rate	\$ 2.00
Day rate, non-ADA eligible	\$ 4.00
Evening rate	\$ 4.00
Evening rate, non-ADA eligible	\$ 8.00

(1957 Rev. Ords., ' 8.721; Ord. No. 2594, 3-3-69; Ord. No. 2610, 6-9-69; Ord. No. 9-72, 3-6-72; Ord. No. 96-76, ' 1, 11-22-76; Ord. No. 87-77, ' 1, 12-27-77; Ord. No. 31-81, ' 1, 4-6-81; Ord. No. 84-82, ' 1, 8-9-82; Ord. No. 105-95, ' 2, 8-7-95; Ord. No. 83-97, ' 1, 2, 11-17-97)

Impact of transit services:

The evening bus service will:

- increase service times and the service area for the fixed-route public transit users of the community
- maintain evening paratransit service for the paratransit eligible users
- enhance access to jobs by adding an additional transportation option for the community which can have a direct impact on the local economy

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