

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on February 25, 2013

Members present:

Deb Nelson
Jean Crowe
Erik Gaikowski
Julie Johnson Dresbach

Public in attendance:

Charles Santee
Cody Winchester
Dawn Srstka
Carolee Baucholz
Pat Stewart
Stacy Tieszen
Vicki Meirose

Members absent:

Jim Madsen
Megan Myers
Greg Johnson

Staff present:

Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner
Amber Gibson, Sioux Falls MPO

Call to order

Deb Nelson, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of January 28, 2013, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Jean Crowe made a motion to accept the January 28th, 2013, PTAB meeting minutes with changes suggested by the Board to clarify that Julie Johnson Dresbach seconded the motion to adjourn the January 28th meeting and Deb Nelson adjourned the meeting. Erik Gaikowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public input on non-agenda items:

Charles Santee asked the following questions.

- a. The Prairie and 10th/11th Street crosswalks cannot be seen by the vehicles and the crossing distance is too far for people.
- b. Clean out the snow better at the bus stop at the Center for the Blind.
- c. At 37th and Shirely, the transition from the sidewalk to the bus should be more accessible.

3. Old Business

a. Transit Fare and Operation Analysis

Sam Trebilcock provided the Board with a plan for public participation for the Transit Fare and Operations Analysis including suggestions for a survey and meetings with stakeholders of the fixed-route and paratransit system. Also, there

will be an open house scheduled to discuss the preliminary recommendations of the analysis. This item was informational.

b. Transit Space Needs Study

Sam Trebilcock reviewed with the Board the Transit Space Needs Study. The study provides three different options that would provide the storage needs for SAM out to the year 2035. The costs of all scenarios would be approximately \$12 million. Grant money would be investigated to help pay a portion of the cost. This item was informational.

4. New Business

a. Pass-It-On Program Annual Report –

Stacey Tieszen provided the Board with information on the 2013 Pass-It-On program activity. The Pass-It-On program is administered by the Homeless Advisory Coordinator. Currently, 13 agencies participate in the program with 14 approved for participation. In 2013 the Pass-It-On program was utilized for over 36,000 rides. Stacey asked the Board to approve one change to the Pass-It-On program eligible agencies. Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to make a change to add the Drug Court as an as an eligible agency and to delete the American Indian Services as an eligible agency. Jean Crowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports:

a. January Operations Report

Eric Meyerson provided a report on the ridership statistics of Sioux Area Metro for January. Overall, ridership was up about 3.5 percent for both fixed-route and paratransit over the same month in 2012. This item was informational.

b. Transit Marketing Committee

Dennis Erckfritz told the Board that the Marketing Committee is continuing to look at expanded radio ads for the bus system and bus stop signs as ways to provide greater awareness of SAM. A recommendation was brought forward that SAM should market that this is the 35th anniversary of public transportation in Sioux Falls. This item was informational.

6. Other Business:

No other business was offered.

7. Adjournment

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to adjourn and Eric Gaikowski seconded the motion. Deb Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.