



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on April 27, 2015

Members present:

Erik Gaikowski
Brett Glirbas
Philip Jacobson
Megan Meyers
Jeri Reed

Public in attendance:

Terry Paulsen
Chad Powell

Members absent:

Greg Johnson

Staff present:

Jean Crowe, Planner I, SECOG
Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Amber Gibson, Planner II, SECOG
Randy Hartman, Assistant GM
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
Eric Meyerson, General Manager
Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

Call to order

With a quorum present, Erik Gaikowski, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of March 23, 2015, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Megan Meyers made a motion to accept the March 23, 2015, PTAB meeting minutes. Philip Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public input on non-agenda items:

There was no public input.

3. New Business:

a. Election of Interim Vice-Chair

Erik Gaikowski explained that since Jean Crowe resigned from the Board and he assumed the duties of Chair, an interim Vice-Chair is needed until a new Chair and Vice-Chair are elected in May. Jeri Reed made a motion to elect Megan Meyers as Vice-Chair and Erik Gaikowski seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Complete Streets Policy

Sam Trebilcock stated that a Complete Streets resolution to include all modes of transportation when planning, designing, and constructing all new transportation improvement projects in the City will be presented to the Land Use Committee in mid-May and then to the City Council in June. A draft letter of support for the Complete Street Policy was included in the agenda packets. Brett Glirbas made a motion to replace "I am" with "we are" in the first line of the letter. Jeri Reed seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Philip Jacobson made a

motion to approve the amended letter and Jeri Reed seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Go Sioux Falls 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Amber Gibson presented an update on the Go Sioux Falls 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. A public open house was held on April 16th. Amber encouraged the Board to visit the project website www.gosiouxfalls.org to learn more and take the interactive online survey.

4. Old Business:

a. Electronic Approval of the February 23, 2015 PTAB Meeting Minutes and Earth Day Partnership

Amber Gibson explained that since there was not a quorum at the April meeting, the February 23, 2015 minutes and Earth Day Partnership were emailed to the Board for approval. Unanimous approval of these two items was received via email.

5. Reports:

a. Transit Coordination Activities

Amber Gibson updated the Board on Transit Coordination Activities including the Drive To Help Program, FTA Section 5310 funding, and various City agreements for transit services. This item was informational only.

b. March Operations Reports

Eric Meyerson provided a report on the ridership statistics of Sioux Area Metro for March. Fixed-route ridership was down 3.75% and paratransit ridership was down 13.8%, compared to March 2014. Eric noted that the ongoing coordination activities have contributed to the decrease in paratransit ridership and the Ridership Committee will be working to increase fixed route ridership. Philip Jacobson inquired about the status of getting name plates installed in the buses for the new fixed route buses. This item was informational only.

6. Adjournment

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeri Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Erik Gaikowski adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.