



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues
Meeting Minutes
For the meeting on March 25, 2019

Members Present:	Staff present:
Brett Glirbas	Randy Hartman, General Manager
Mike Lynch	Jim Feeney, SECOG
Erik Nelson	Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manger
Philip Jacobson	Robert Speeks, Assistant General Manager
Jeri Reed	Sam Trebilcock, Senior Planner
Allen Svennes	Ryan Weisenbach, Maintenance Manger
Members Absent:	Glen Wright, Operations Manger
Sean Garney	Shawna Goldammer, Planning Proj. Coor.
Citizens in attendance:	Transit Core Team
Eric Wahle	Jason Reisdorfer, Innovation & IT Director
Jeff Wilka	Allie Hartzler, Innovation Manager

Call to order

With a quorum present, Mike Lynch, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:48 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Meeting Procedures Chair

Mike Lynch reviewed the meeting procedures.

2. Approval of Agenda – A motion was made and a second by PTAB members to approve the March 25, 2019 PTAB agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of February 25, 2019 PTAB Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and a second by PTAB members to approve the February 25, 2019 PTAB minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public input on non-agenda items Chair

No public input.

5. Transit Core Team Update (Informational):

Jason Reisdorfer, Innovation & Technology Director explained that the Transit Core Team is halfway through its process. He noted that all the post-it notes and other information that are posted in the Transit War Room have been gathered through meetings with riders and transit stakeholders. He went on to say that an Ideation session will be held this week with 40 citizens engaged in a 3 hour process. Jason let the board know that the process is still in "idea mode". The Transit Core Team has identified the core problem as "How to improve the economic benefit of Public Transit system for both residents and the City." A midpoint presentation will completed at the City Center on April 4th. This item was informational.



6. Old Business:

A. Paratransit and Free Ride Days Update: Sam Trebilcock explained why free rides have been allowed on fixed route buses and not on paratransit. Sam further detailed that the free ride days were a way to get people out of the cold and not as a method to encourage new riders. Other transit systems, including Rochester, Fargo and Sioux City were contacted by staff. Most indicated that free ride days were not extended to paratransit. Shawna Goldammer explained only one system, Fargo transit had a free ride day in 2018. The free ride day was on the local Election Day, and the paratransit rides were free to and from early voting sites the week before Election Day. Brett Glirbas asked how many rides were provided on the free ride day here in Sioux Falls. Randy Hartman stated that rides were down that day do to the extreme cold. Brett Glirbas, with the help of Mike Lynch explained correspondence regarding free paratransit rides when fixed route has a free day. Brett Glirbas has reached out to Rebecca Tanrath, FTA Civil Rights Officer and will report back to the Board once she has responded. Sam explained that the FTA response could impact free ride days in the future.

7. Reports:

A. January and February Operations Report

Randy Hartman presented both operation reports. Ryan Weisenbach indicated that the timeline for replacing eight paratransit buses later this year, with delivery in early 2019. The reports were accepted without further discussion.

8. Adjournment

Jeri Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Erik Nelson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.