



## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

*Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues*

Meeting Minutes  
for the meeting on  
June 28, 2010

**Members present:**

Kate Heligas  
Julie Johnson Dresbach  
Greg Johnson  
Jim Madsen  
Thad Mooney  
Deb Nelson  
Chris Schiltz

**Members absent:**

**Public in attendance:**

Joe Dvorak  
Chad Powell  
Charles Santee

**Staff present:**

Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner  
Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager  
Randy Hartman, Assistant General Manager  
Karen Walton, General Manager

**Call to order**

Kate Heligas, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments. She also introduced two new Board members, Greg Johnson and Jim Madsen. They each gave a brief background of their past experiences.

1. **Approval of May 24, 2010, PTAB Meeting Minutes**

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the May 24, 2010 PTAB meeting minutes as written. Chris Schiltz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public Hearing – Final Proposed Program of Projects**

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the Final Proposed Program of Projects provided there are no negative public comments received within the comment period. Thad Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Input on Non-agenda Items**

Charles Santee had comments on drivers and the tie-down methods used with the wheelchairs. Karen Walton explained that not all wheelchairs are the same and some are extremely difficult to tie down. The drivers are trained on how to tie-down a wheelchair properly.

4. **New Business:**

a. **May Monthly Report**

Karen Walton discussed the details of the May Monthly Report regarding transit ridership, revenue, costs, and general operations. The item was informational.

b. **Transportation Coordination Update**

Debra Gaikowski spoke briefly on the coordination meetings that took place earlier in the month at the AARP office with representatives from businesses, hospitals, churches, schools, and human service agencies that may have a stake in coordinating transportation services. A transportation inventory was completed by all those in attendance.

c. **Transit Marketing Committee Update**

Debra explained that a new radio ad was set to start but all ads would be done at the end of July. She also stated that her and Karen Walton, with the assistance of the Transit Marketing Committee members, continue to work on the Transit Marketing Plan.

d. **Long Range Transportation Plan**

Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner for the City of Sioux Falls, reviewed the development of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Research Study results. The members asked that they meet as a group to discuss in more detail the transit projects to include in this plan. It will be added as an item to the PTAB July Agenda.

5. **Other Business:**

Debra Gaikowski discussed the Transit Open House, the new fare options and when they will be available, and the new paratransit buses that recently arrived.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

