

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on March 25, 2013

Members present:

Deb Nelson
Jean Crowe
Erik Gaikowski
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Jim Madsen
Megan Myers
Greg Johnson

Public in attendance:

Charles Santee
Joe Dvorak

Members absent:

None

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

Greg Johnson, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of February 25, 2013, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Deb Nelson made a motion to accept the February 25th, 2013, PTAB meeting minutes. Jean Crowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public input on non-agenda items:

Charles Santee asked the following questions.

- a. The two clocks on the Bus Stop need to both have the correct time (neither does now).
- b. The bus ramps on some of the busses are sometimes hard to deploy.
- c. At bus stops where two routes overlap, both busses still need to make their stops.
- d. Some feet and knees of passengers are not getting out of the way of some wheel chairs.
- e. On route #3 at Shirley and Louise, the bus driver needs to look in the bus shelters before proceeding. Some riders are getting left.

3. Old Business

a. Transit Fare and Operation Analysis

Sam Trebilcock provided the Board with an update of the Transit Fare and Operations Analysis. A draft survey was handed out and suggestions from the Board were made. A survey will be provided to stakeholders and stakeholder

meetings will be scheduled before the next PTAB meeting. This item was informational.

4. New Business

a. Paratransit Peak-Period Service Issues

Sam Trebilcock and Tierza Lanham provided information to PTAB on the constraints on capacity to the current paratransit service. Because growth has been near 5% per year for the paratransit system and no vehicles and personnel have been added, the system capacity available within the paratransit system has been exceeded especially at peak hours. Sioux Area Metro will need to focus its paratransit service on serving ADA certified individuals who are traveling to and from locations that are within the required $\frac{3}{4}$ mile fixed-route service area. A public hearing for a reduction of some services outside the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile service area will be scheduled at the next PTAB meeting to request a recommendation from PTAB. This item was informational.

5. Reports:

a. January Operations Report

Eric Meyerson provided a report on the ridership statistics of Sioux Area Metro for February. Overall, ridership was down for both fixed-route and paratransit over the same month in 2012. However, there was one less day of service this year which would explain most of the drop. This item was informational.

b. Transit Marketing Committee

Randy Hartman told the Board that the Marketing Committee approved expanded radio ads for the bus system. The contract for the radio ads were handed out to PTAB. This item was informational.

6. Other Business:

No other business was offered.

7. Adjournment

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to adjourn and Megan Meyers seconded the motion. Greg Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.