PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues
Meeting Minutes
for the meeting on November 24, 2014

Members present:  Members absent:
Minnie Bell         Erik Gaikowski
Jean Crowe         Greg Johnson
Philip Jacobson   Megan Myers
Deb Nelson

Public in attendance:  Staff present:
Charlene Hay       Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Mark B. Johnson    Amber Gibson, Planner II, SECOG
Mark Lee           Randy Hartman, Assistant GM
                   Eric Meyerson, General Manager
                   Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

Call to order
Deb Nelson, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of October 27, 2014, PTAB Meeting Minutes
   Jean Crowe made a motion to accept the October 27, 2014, 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. 2015 PTAB Calendar
      Amber Gibson reviewed the 2015 PTAB meeting dates that were included in the agenda packets. This was informational only.
   b. Fixed Routes Bus Accessibility Demonstration
      Sam Trebilcock introduced the Fixed Route Bus Accessibility Demonstration. He stated that all fixed route buses are accessible to persons with physical limitations. Sam invited the Board and public in attendance to go outside to a fixed route bus that had been brought to City Hall for the demonstration. A demonstration by Sioux Area Metro staff of the various features of the fixed routes buses, including the bicycle racks, the bus kneeling down, the ramp extending to the sidewalk, the wheelchair tie-downs, and the lap-belts was provided. Information was also provided on the various fare options. This was informational only.
4. Old Business:
   a. Update on Resolution Limiting Paratransit Service Outside the ADA Service Area
   Sam Trebilcock provided an update on the Resolution Limiting Paratransit Service Outside the ADA Service Area. The resolution was moved to the December 2nd City Council agenda due to low City Council attendance at the originally scheduled City Council date. If approved, the changes would go into effect in the beginning of next year. This item was informational only.

5. Reports:
   a. October Operations Report
   Eric Meyerson provided a report on the ridership statistics of Sioux Area Metro for October. Fixed-route ridership was down 9%, school tripper route ridership was up 13%, and paratransit ridership was down 11%, compared to October 2013. Eric noted that fare-box revenue is up 38% compared to October 2013, however, year to date fare-box revenue is nearly equal to what it was in 2013. This item was informational only.

6. Other Business:
   a. Future Agenda Item Ideas
   Sam Trebilcock asked the Board to brainstorm ideas for future agenda items. Minnie Bell suggested a demonstration of riding the fixed route bus. Philip Jacobson suggested developing a program to have an ambassador at larger companies such as Citibank for employees to contact to ask questions about riding the bus. Sam stated that there may be an update in January on the Augustana College pilot project and using that partnership as an example for similar projects with other organizations. Deb Nelson suggested that a review of the progress of the Transit Task Force recommendations be presented to the Board. This item was informational only.

7. Adjournment
   Jean Crowe made a motion to adjourn and Minnie Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Deb Nelson adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.