



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on May 18, 2015

Members present:

Brett Glirbis
Greg Johnson
Megan Myers
Jeri Reed (In at 3:50 p.m.)

Public in attendance:

Chad Powell

Members absent:

Erik Gaikowski
Philip Jacobson

Staff present:

Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager
Amber Gibson, Planner II, SECOG
Randy Hartman, Assistant GM
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Tina Lemieux, Human Relations Assistant
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

Call to order

Without a quorum present, Megan Myers, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Public input on non-agenda items:

There was no public input.

2. New Business:

a. Sioux Area Metro Audit

Sam Trebilcock stated that Eide Bailly was hired to do an audit of SAM. An update will be provided to the Board after it is completed. Jeri Reed arrived and there was a quorum at this time. This item was informational only.

3. Approval of April 27, 2015, PTAB Meeting Minutes

Brett Glirbis made a motion to accept the April 27, 2015, PTAB meeting minutes. Greg Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

a. Election of Officers

Brett Glirbis nominated Erik Gaikowski as Chair and Greg Johnson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously. Jeri Reed nominated Megan Myers as Vice Chair and Greg Johnson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Transit Fare Discussion

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the Transit Task Force recommendations for fare increases and asked for input from the Board. Discussion followed including the timeline for expanding fixed route service, keeping the Dog Tag Program fares as is and

increasing public awareness of the program, and the fare increases being needed to maintain service. The Board requested that information on projected revenues and expenses based on different fare increase scenarios be reviewed at the next PTAB meeting. This item was informational only.

c. Sioux Falls Bicycle Plan

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the Sioux Falls Bicycle Plan and how it relates to public transit. He stated that an open house that was held last week and the plan is available on City's website for review. Megan Myers complemented the Plan and stated that increasing active transportation is a priority for the American Heart Association. This item was informational only.

5. Old Business:

a. Complete Streets Policy Update

Sam Trebilcock provided an update on the progress of the Complete Streets Policy that was presented to the Board in April. It will be presented to the Land Use Committee on May 19th and to City Council for approval in July. Greg Johnson stated that Council should be encouraged balance using resources on what is need verses what is nice to have. Megan Myers added that every dollar invested into active transportation will save two to three dollars in healthcare costs. This item was informational only.

b. Google Transit Update

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the transit trip planner on the City's website. A news release will be forthcoming. This item was informational only.

6. Reports:

a. April Operations Report

Randy Hartman provided a report on the ridership statistics of Sioux Area Metro for April. Fixed-route ridership was down 4.11% and paratransit ridership was down 13.63%, compared to April 2014. Year to date, fixed-route ridership was down 5.14% and paratransit ridership was down 15.21%, compared to 2014. In April, the net expense per passenger for fixed-route was \$4.29 and the next expense per passenger for paratransit was \$27.69. Randy also noted that a correction is needed for the number of reportable accidents. There were two reportable fixed route accidents and no reportable paratransit accidents. This item was informational only.

7. Adjournment:

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeri Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Megan Myers adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.