



## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

*Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues*

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on March 28, 2016

### **Members present:**

Erik Gaikowski  
Brett Glirbas  
Philip Jacobson  
Greg Johnson  
Megan Myers  
Jeri Reed

### **Public in attendance:**

Melanie Bliss  
Joe Dvorak  
Tina Lemieux  
Brooke Pape  
Joe Sneve  
Stacey Tieszen

### **Members absent:**

Cherie Gerry

### **Staff present:**

Dennis Erckfritz, Operations Manager  
Amber Gibson, Planner II, SECOG  
Randy Hartman, Assistant GM  
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager  
Eric Meyerson, General Manager  
Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner  
Ryan Weisenbach, Maintenance Manager

### **Call to order**

With a quorum present, Erik Gaikowski, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. and made introductory comments.

### **1. Approval of February 22, 2016, PTAB Meeting Minutes**

Jeri Reed made a motion to amend the February 22, 2016, PTAB meeting minutes to include a conversation that she recalls occurring at the end of the last meeting where she stated "that it appears that riders are deliberately being discouraged from using paratransit to reduce ridership and reduce costs and Sam Trebilcock and Eric Meyerson agreed." Brett Glirbas seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and two no votes.

### **2. Public input on non-agenda items:**

There was no public input.

### **3. New Business:**

#### **a. Title VI Program**

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the Title VI Program. Brett Glirbas suggested that riders should be reached out to more. Megan Myers suggested that the City's Human Rights Coordinator be asked to become involved in assisting with increasing diversity on the Board. This item was informational only.

#### **b. Pass-It-On Program Annual Report**

Stacey Tieszen reviewed the Pass-It-On Program Annual Report. Megan Myers asked that the impact of the free rides for veterans on the fixed route system be provided at the next meeting. This item was informational only.

#### **4. Old Business:**

##### **a. Paratransit Rate Update**

Sam Trebilcock stated that the paratransit rate increase had been pushed back to May 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the value of previously purchased unused ticket books can be used toward the purchase of new ticket books. This item was informational only.

##### **b. Comparing SAM to other Transit Systems**

Sam Trebilcock reviewed a comparison of 2014 revenues and expenses of 20 communities in 11 states that had been compiled as part of the update to the Transit Development Plan. Greg Johnson suggested that Lincoln, NE be looked at more closely to determine what other transportation options they have as they are a comparable city with 100,000 less paratransit rides. This item was informational only.

##### **c. Transit Management Contract**

Sam Trebilcock stated that the request for proposal for the transit management contract was released on March 25<sup>th</sup> and a review committee will meet in the next couple of months to review the proposals. This item was informational only.

#### **5. Reports:**

##### **a. February Operations Report**

Eric Meyerson reviewed the February Operations Report. Eric stated that fixed-route ridership was down 2.87% and paratransit ridership was up 2.29%, compared to February 2015. This item was informational only.

##### **b. Ridership Committee Report**

Sam Trebilcock stated that the Ridership Committee met a couple of weeks ago and continues to work on travel training and the buddy system. Philip Jacobson also updated the Board on his progress on becoming a SAMbassador for Citibank. This item was informational only.

#### **6. Adjournment:**

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Megan Myers seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.