



## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

*Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues*

Meeting Minutes

for the meeting on August 22, 2016

### **Members present:**

Brett Glirbas  
Philip Jacobson  
Greg Johnson  
Megan Myers

### **Members absent:**

Erik Gaikowski  
Cherie Gerry  
Jerri Reed

### **Public in attendance:**

Joe Dvorak  
Kay Gollesch  
Chad Powell  
Steven Siano

### **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, Megan Myers, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. and made introductory comments.

### **1. Meeting Procedures**

Megan Myers reviewed the meeting procedures.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Brett Glirbas made a motion to approve the August 22, 2016, PTAB agenda. Greg Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Approval of July 25, 2016, PTAB Meeting Minutes**

Greg Johnson made a motion to approve the July 25, 2016, PTAB meeting minutes. Brett Glirbas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Steven Siano suggested that a loop be added to connect routes 9, 4, and 7 to avoid having to go downtown to make the connection and that other ways to implement paratransit be explored to make it more efficient. Steve also stated that he was refused a ride due to not having a destination, that he did not feel the driver's response was appropriate, and that a clarification of the rules is needed. Steve also stated that he missed a connection on route 6 due to the driver waiting for another rider who did not have the bus fare and suggested that riders be notified by the drivers if the buses are going to be late.

**5. New Business:**

There was no new business.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Transit Development Plan Update**

Sam Trebilcock stated that staff is continuing to work on the updated Transit Development Plan. Sam stated that one to two more stakeholder meetings will be held in addition to one to two open houses. This item was informational only.

**b. CCTS Pilot Project Update**

Sam Trebilcock stated that the CCTS pilot project is in its fourth week of providing rides for DakotAilities. It provides approximately 173 rides per week and is expected to begin providing 140-160 additional rides for LifeScape beginning next week. Joe Dvorak stated that it is generally going well, that CCTS has been good to work with, and that more people are interested in using the service. This item was informational only.

**c. 2017 Transit Budget Update**

Sam Trebilcock reviewed the proposed 2017 Transit Budget which includes a continued focus on improving fixed route service and increasing efficiencies for paratransit service. This item was informational only.

**7. Reports:**

**a. July Operations Report**

Eric Meyerson reviewed the July Operations Reports. Randy stated that fixed-route ridership was down 7.39% and paratransit ridership was down 13.67%, compared to June 2015. Eric also stated that the decrease in ridership is partially due to July 2016 being a shorter month than July 2015 and that service was more productive despite having fewer rides. This item was informational only.

**8. Other Business:**

**a.** Megan Myers noted the cardiac event recently experienced by a SAM driver and the quick response of the Minnehaha County deputy sheriff who provided life saving measures.

**b.** Sam Trebilcock noted that Phil Jacobson and Brett Glirbas were approved by City Council to serve an additional term on PTAB; and that Mike Lynch has been identified to replace Greg Johnson on the Board. Sam presented Greg Johnson with a plaque and thanked him for his service on PTAB.

**9. Adjournment:**

Brett Glirbas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Phil Jacobson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.