

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022
3:30 PM

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Public Transit Advisory Board Member Participants: Allen Svennes, Erik Nelson, Brett Glirbas, Manny Gutierrez, Bailey Abbott, Mike Lynch, Sean Garney

Public Transit Advisory Board Members absent: None

Staff Participants: Sam Trebilcock, Jim Feeney, Robert Speeks, Karla Resendiz, Pam Jump, Bren Schweitzer, Glenn Wright, Kevin Hanson

Public Participants: Cathy B, Karla Rainford, Joni Tschetter, Pattie Mayrose

Minutes

Facilitator: Erik Nelson, Chair

Call to Order and Quorum Determination: Erik Nelson, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31pm and welcomed all participants. Member participants represented a quorum.

- 1. Meeting Procedures:** Sam Trebilcock read the meeting procedures for the PTAB informational meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Allen Svennes and a second by Brett Glirbas to approve the July 2022 PTAB Agenda. Motion passed.*
- 3. PTAB Meeting Minutes:** *A motion was made by Mike Lynch and a second by Allen Svennes to approve the June 2022 PTAB Minutes. The motion passed.*
- 4. Public input on non-agenda items:** None.

Unfinished Business

5. Free Transit Rides for Youth

First reading of the ordinance was last Tuesday, July 19th, with the 2nd reading to be held August 2nd. The ordinance will likely be in place by the start of the 2022 school year. Brett questioned how drivers are anticipated to determine if a ride can be given free of charge. Sam T. clarified that ages ten and under accompanied with an adult will be free with children over 10 will need to show either a School ID or Freedom Pass. Conversation and consideration for those students who were 21 or under that qualified through special education services will also be included.

6. Transit Development Plan – Survey and Stakeholder Meetings

There will be four stakeholder meetings that will take place on August 1st and August 3rd. Surveys have been available on-line, at the SAM Depot, and on SAM buses. There are three separate surveys. One survey is targeted for paratransit, one for fixed-route transit riders, and the last survey for the general public that may not currently use transit. The survey is aimed to engage the public about the future of transit. Bren summarized the survey responses that have already been received. Currently there are here are a total of 94 people who have taken the FR survey, 33 Para and 100 General Public survey responding. Route and schedule expansion are the greatest concerns. So far 42% of the surveyors said that they rank the quality of the transit system as fair. Additionally, 95% of surveyors consider buses as needed infrastructure. And finally, 58% of para transit riders that were surveyed request rides about 5+ times a week.

7. Mobile Ticketing RFP – Updates: Robert announced that Token Transit will be the mobile ticketing vendor for Sioux Area Metro. Mobile ticketing allows for efficiency, convenience and opportunities for purchasing, gifting and fare-capping. The goal of these efforts is to provide equitable transit to residents regardless of their resources. This technology should be deployed October of this year.

8. Driver Recruitment Update (Informational) Four new drivers have been hired in the past month. However, overall driver numbers remain the same with four other drivers leaving during the same time period. Bailey Abbott wondered if exit interviews were being conducted with the folks leaving SAM. Robert Speaks said that drivers are mostly seeking new opportunities or choosing retirement.

9. June 2022 Operations Report (Informational) June's fixed-route ridership is down 4% compared to 2021 and 99% of rides were completed on time. Fixed route transit received one complaint.

New Business

10. 2023 Transit Budget (Informational) Sam reviewed that the factors that play into the budgeting process and the purpose of updating the Transit Development Plan to assist in this ongoing budgeting process. This year's budget will reflect the direction of redesigning the transit model to include Fixed Route, Paratransit, On-Demand, and the opportunity to blend these modes. There is a strong commitment of support from the City of Sioux Falls in

the additional funding of \$2.5M to invest in the transit system through this redesign of system, routes and adding technology.

11. Expiring PTAB member terms

- Glirbas – August
- Lynch – November

Bren told the public, board members, and staff to considering spreading the word about the open board seats colleagues, friends, and family members. Application process must start with the online application through siouxfalls.org.

12. Announcements: Next PTAB meeting: August 29, 2022 with both in-person and virtual options. This is one week later than the regular schedule.

Adjournment at 4:34

Minutes prepared by Karla Resendiz