



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor and Council Transit Task Force and to the general public that the Mayor and Council Transit Task Force will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public.

## Mayor and Council Transit Task Force MINUTES

**Monday, May 4, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**

Location 201 N. Stone, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Public Works Building  
Tucson, AZ 85701

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### 1. Call to Order

*Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. with six (6) of the eleven (11) members present which established a quorum.*

### 2. Introductions / Roll Call

*Members Present: Eugene Caywood, Chair (Ward 5)  
Suzanne Schafer, Vice Chair (Ward 3)  
Margot Garcia, (Ward 6)  
Sami Hamed (CTAC)  
Brian Flagg (Ward 2)  
Michael Wall (Mayor)  
David Heineking, U of A Advisory Member*

*Members Absent: Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)  
Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)  
Vacant (Ward 4)  
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*Staff Present: Jeremy Papuga, Transit Administrator  
Jared Forte, Assistant General Manager of Sun  
Tran/Sun Van  
Kandi Young, Marketing & Communications Director for  
Sun Tran/Sun Van  
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran Planning Analyst  
Bob McGee, Scheduling Manager*

### 3. Approval of March 2, 2015 and April 6, 2015 Minutes

**Motion:** *A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted.*

**Seconded**

**Motion Passed:** *Unanimously*

#### **4. Call to the Audience**

*Richard Mayers – Mr. Mayers congratulated Gene Caywood on the award he received from the Tucson Historical Preservation Foundation. Mr. Mayers also asked staff why the value he puts on a SunGo card at Sky Bar does not show when he checks online. Mr. Mayers also stated that the street car is still trying to beat out bicycles on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, creating a safety hazard. The drivers are using their horn to warn bicycles to get out of the way. Mr. Mayers says he can hear the horns from his house and would encourage staff to train the street car drivers to yield to bicycles.*

*Jim Thomas – Mr. Thomas wanted to talk about some of the changes he has observed, especially the Routh 6 being cut down. Some things have happened to make him feel better about this change, especially the interconnect between the Route 6 and Route 25. The problem seems to be that the drivers do not know that people are getting off one bus and getting on the next one because they don't wait. Mr. Thomas also pointed out that Sunday riders are finding that the two-hour transfer is not enough time because of the reduced routes on Sunday.*

*Les Pierce – Expressed her concern about signage at the airport. She stated that there should be better signage directing people to the bus stop. Ms. Pierce also asked staff if anything had been done about the bicycle racks at the street car stops.*

*Camille Kershner – Stated that she waited a half hour for the Route 8 on Broadway and then there was standing room only all the way to Kolb and then to Pantano. Ms. Kershner stated that it would be nice to have information at the Park and Ride about what time the buses will be arriving.*

#### **5. Update on Transit/Announcements**

*Jeremy Papuga reported on transit updates. There will be an Elected Official Workshop in June. Other workshops will be May 13, 19 and 21. The complete schedule can be found on PAG's web site.*

*The new mobile payment app will roll out in June. Summer Youth Passes are already out there and being sold. There are five high schools selling them to students.*

*A discussion took place on the February service changes and how they have affected ridership. This item will be kept on the updates and all the routes will be re-examined in August.*

*Mr. Papuga stated that ADOT has conducted an Inter City rail study. Mr. Caywood said they have selected an alignment and are moving forward.*

#### **6. Pass Product discussion: Potential Changes to Transfer Policy**

*Jeremy Papuga reported that staff recommends eliminating paper transfers. Riders would load a transfer onto their SunGo cards. Discussion took place*

**Motion:** *A motion was made to send this back to the staff for reconsideration.*

**There was no Second**

**Motion Failed**

**Motion:** *A motion was made to table this discussion until the next meeting.*

**There was no Second**

**Motion Failed**

*More discussion took place.*

**Motion:** *A motion was made to continue this discussion at the next meeting.*

**Seconded**

**Passed:** *Unanimously*

## **7. Transit Overview: City Manager's Recommended Budget**

*Staff updated the Task Force on the City Manager's recommended budget for Mass Transit. The Budget will be discussed at the Mayor and Council Meeting on May 5, 2015.*

## **8. Broadway-Houghton Park and Ride**

*Kate Riley gave an update on the Broadway-Houghton Park and Ride. There may be some temporary signs and there will be port-a-potties, but the Park and Ride will be operational starting May 24. Operational costs will be picked up by the RTA.*

## **9. Bus Stop Signage Presentation**

*Jared Forte gave a presentation on the bus stop signage and passed sample signs around. Gene Caywood asked who was paying for the signage and suggested that since the RTA changed the branding, they should pay for the new signs.*

**Motion:** *A motion was made to request that the Mayor ask the RTA to pay for the signage.*

**Seconded**

**Motion Passed:** *Unanimously*

*Staff will send the digital copies of the signs to Task Force members for comments. Comments should be sent to Karen Rahn and she will send them to Kate Riley.*

**10. Call to the Audience**

*Jim Thomas – Mr. Thomas has been asking staff to put the bus routes on the signs. He also expressed his concern about the 20% of people who do not have the SunGo cards or a Smartphone.*

*Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner stated that she doesn't have a Smartphone so she is glad to see the bus routes on the sign. She also stated that she does use the SunGo card because she doesn't carry cash. Ms. Kershner also asked whether there is a way to keep track of bikes on the buses. She also mentioned the over-crowding at the Park and Ride because all the buses arrive at the same time.*

*Allen Benz – Mr. Benz noted that the shuttle schedule is not included in the Ride Guide and suggested that it could be added in.*

**11. Next meeting date and time/Meeting schedule**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.*

**12. Agenda items upcoming meeting**

*Gene Caywood stated that he would work with staff on the agenda items before the next meeting.*

**13. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.*