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, June 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Location 201 N. Stone, 6th Floor, Public Works Building
Tucson, AZ 85701

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1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. with seven (7) 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)* *Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)* *Sami Hamed (CTAC)* *Brian Flagg (Ward 2)* *Michael Wall (Mayor)* *David Heineking, U of A Advisory Member*
Members Absent:	*Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)* *Vacant (Ward 4)* *Vacant (CTAC)* *Vacant (CTAC)*
Staff Present:	*Jeremy Papuga, Transit Administrator* *Kate Riley, General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van* *Jared Forte, Assistant General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van* *Rhonda Lugo, Sun Tran Finance Director* *Davita Mueller, Sun Tran Planning Analyst* *Bob McGee, Scheduling Manager*

3. **Approval of May 4, 2015 Minutes**

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

Seconded

Motion Passed: *Unanimously*

4. **Call to the Audience**

Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner wanted to address some of the proposed changes to bus service. Reducing costs by attrition is not efficiency and neither is 12 hours to work an 8 $^{1/2}$ hour day. Ms. Kirshner also addressed the proposal to extend the 3 split to Udall but noted that there is still not a Park and Ride. There is nowhere to park. She also commented on adjusting early morning frequencies and how that affects her ride to work If she has to wait longer, she will miss the connection. She expressed her frustration with getting to work on time and noted that at night, she can stop on the way home, but in the morning, she needs to get to work on time. No one should wait longer for the bus than actually traveling in it.

Richard Mayers – Mr. Mayers noted that the Task Force consists of four CTAC positions; two of which are not filled. He suggested that this was the reason it is so difficult to have a quorum.

Maria Cadaxa – Ms. Cadaxa had a comment to people who run the buses. Her comment was regarding in-facing seats. There has been a recent trend to have forward facing seats in place of these seats, and on a recent ride there were two wheel chairs, two strollers, and a folding cart, making it very difficult with the new configuration. Ms. Cadaxa requested that the in-ward seats not be replaced with forward facing seats. She noted that they are also good for conversation and therefore good for community.

5. Update on Transit/Announcements

Kate Riley gave the following updates:

If you ride the bus, you've probably noticed the "Safe Place" stickers. These are primarily for teenagers who need to find a safe place. Over the last few years it's been slow going. Recently, Our Family Services has taken over and partnered with Quick Trip for funding. If a teenager gets on the bus and indicates that they need a safe place, the operator will contact dispatch and get them connected with the right people.

Wednesday, June 18 is National Dump the Pump Day so you will be seeing a news release and some additional information coming out on the website.

On May 30, 2015, the Marketing Group had a Go Team Service Dog training session on service dogs and how to get them on and off buses and where to sit.

Jeremy Papuga announced that Jerrett Walker is doing his elected official workshop at PAG on June 19, 2015.

Mr. Papuga stated that Suntran has put together a "Why Commute by Transit?" Campaign which is an example of how they are working with the "Get Onboard" Program.

Mr. Papuga also mentioned that at the last meeting, during the Call to the Audience, there was a question concerning bicycle parking at Sun Link stops. Mr. Papuga passed

out a memo written by Carlos de Leon, Deputy Director of Transportation, to Council Member Kozachik concerning this problem and what steps are being taken to resolve it.

Margot Garcia shared the equivalent of the SunGo card from Istanbul, Turkey. She explained that it worked very well on the trolley, buses, subway, and ferries. She also said that if you were traveling with another person, you just tapped the card twice.

The Annual Pass and Day Passes will be available on August 2, 2015. The 30 day pass being changed to 31 days will take a little longer because it changes the value of the pass and needs to go through the Title VI process.

Kate Riley announced that they are doing a soft launch of the Mobile Ticket App on Sunday.

The Bus Riders Union urged everyone to attend the Mayor and Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

6. Update: Mass Transit Tentatively Adopted Budget

Jeremy Papuga gave a presentation on the Mass Transit Tentatively Adopted Budget. He gave an overview of the Mass Transit forecast which included the IAPC recommendations and a $2.4M increase in Sun Tran General Fund expenditures over the FY 2015 budget. The City Manager recommended the same budget for 2016 as 2015. Mr. Papuga continued to explain some internal cost savings, and proposed service changes that could be implemented and also some major service changes and delays in Capital Projects later in the year.

Discussion took place.

7. Proposed Minor Service Changes

Jeremy Papuga gave a presentation on the proposed minor service changes. The three primary goals were to meet the City Manager's recommended budget amounts, identify reoccurring cost savings and to maintain system health, minimize negative impact and improve service where possible.

Motion: *A motion was made to tell the Mayor and Council that the Transit Task Force does not think that bus service is the place to make this budget cut and they should leave the Operating Budget as it is, and we should continue to look at these changes as potential ways that we can reallocate our resources to make our service better.*

Seconded

Passed: *Unanimously*

Each of the service changes was presented and discussed.

Jeremy Papuga stated that there will be a public comment period during June in order for constituents to voice their opinion on the proposed changes. Jarrett Walker will also be looking at both the minor and major service changes.

8. Bus Stop Signage Presentation

Kate Riley stated that at the last meeting the Task Force discussed words that could be eliminated from the signs such as Rider Tools. People were asked to send in their suggestions. The consensus of the Task Force was that the route number and connecting routes were the most important information and all other text should be kept to a minimum.

9. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz - Mr. Benz commented on the Route 4 and 8 extensions out to Houghton Road. He stated that the signs on the bus all say Houghton but in the verbal announcement they say Harrison.

Jim Thomas – Mr. Thomas suggested putting communications in more places inside the buses. He also stated that on a recent visit to the Transit Services Center there were no schedules or other communications displayed whatsoever.

Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner stated that on the streetcar they have information about how to ride the streetcar but there is no information about the bus. She recently saw an ad on how to use the SunGo card and it was presented as a system, mentioning Sun Tran, Sun Van and Sun Link.

Barbie Urias – Ms. Urias commented on Route 27, 28 and 10 and stated that she disagreed with extending the wait time because those areas are out where there is nothing else around and it is uncomfortable to wait in the sun with no shade. If you are waiting at the Transit Center, there are water and facilities available.

10. Next meeting date and time/Meeting schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Agenda items upcoming meeting

Some items suggested for future Agendas were an update on the SunGo Summer Pass and an update on the Sun Link Streetcar.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.