



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, July 13, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. with eight (8) 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)
Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)
Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)
Sami Hamed (CTAC)
Brian Flagg (Ward 2)
David Heineking, U of A Advisory Member

Members Absent: Margot Garcia, (Ward 6)
Michael Wall (Mayor)
Vacant (Ward 4)
Vacant (CTAC)
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Staff Present: Jeremy Papuga, Transit Administrator
Kandi Young, Marketing & Communications Director for Sun Tran/Sun Van
Jared Forte, Assistant General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Bob McGee, Scheduling Manager

3. Approval of June 23, 2015 Minutes

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

Seconded

Motion Passed: *Unanimously*

4. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz stated that an article in the Arizona Daily Star reported that Pima Community College is canceling its shuttle service. The cost of the shuttle was \$150,000 for two years.

Jim Thomas – Mr. Thomas shared his experience riding the Route 25 and Route 6 bus to the airport. He said it now adds 25 to 35 minutes to that trip.

Richard Mayers – Mr. Mayers questioned why there was never anyone representing Sun Link at the meetings. He also mentioned that the information which tells riders when the next street car is coming is inaccurate.

Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner urged the Transit Task Force to take into consideration the Jarret Walker recommendations.

5. Update on Transit/Announcements

Jeremy Papuga stated that two proposals have been received for the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment and will be shared with the public on Wednesday, July 22 from 5-8:30 p.m. at the TCC.

Mr. Papuga said that the 2045 PAG RTP Process has an online survey on Transportation that can be filled out. Gene Caywood urged everyone to fill out the survey before the deadline this Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

The Mobile payment app had a soft launch and is now available to purchase your bus fare.

RTA Transit Working Group meets tomorrow to discuss sun shuttle routes and an item related to the street car budget.

6. FY2016 Bus Service Change Implementation Plan

Mr. Papuga gave a presentation on the Bus Service Changes. The changes will be done in two phases. Some minor service changes will take effect on August 9, 2015 and major service changes will take effect in February 2016.

The changes on August 9 will implement all the Transit Task Force approved changes as well as the frequency adjustments supported by Jarret Walker Associates (JWA) that standardize headways to 15 minute intervals.

The Phase 2 changes will require conducting a Title VI service equity analysis, public input process and public hearing on staff proposed major service changes as well as a selection of recommended priority 1 frequent network improvements identified in the JWA transit visioning process.

Discussion followed.

7. Next Steps: JWA Transit Choices Report Recommendations

Jeremy Papuga stated that he wanted to bring the recommendations before the committee and ask the committee to support the recommendations and priorities in the JWA Transit Choices Report.

Discussion took place.

Motion – *A motion was made to continue this discussion at the next meeting in August.*

Seconded

Motion Passed - *Unanimously*

8. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz commented that the ridership seems to be up by 10% but he has also observed more people who do not tap their SunGo card when they board the street car, so even though ridership may be up by 10%, revenues are probably down by 10%.

9. Next meeting date and time/Meeting schedule

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

10. Agenda items upcoming meeting

Items suggested for the next Agenda included a continuation of the discussion of the planned service changes in February and the Title VI process, more discussion on the JWA Transit Choices Report Recommendations, Economy Fare and administration of the system, and the creation of by-laws for the TTF.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.