



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, January 11, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Location: 201 N. Stone, 6th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 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)
Brian Flagg (Ward 2)
Margot Garcia, (Ward 6)
Sami Hamed (CTAC)
Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)
David Heineking, U of A Advisory Member*

*Members Absent: Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)
Michael Wall (Mayor)
Vacant (Ward 4)
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*Staff Present: Jeremy Papuga, Transit Administrator
Nicholas Scherer, Transit Services Coordinator
Kate Riley, General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Jared Forte, Assistant General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Kandi Young, Marketing & Communications Director for Sun Tran/Sun Van
Bob McGee, Scheduling Manager
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran Planning Analyst*

3. Approval of November 9, 2015 Minutes

Motion: *Margot Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.*

Seconded

Motion Passed: *Unanimously*

4. Call to the Audience

Richard Mayers – Mr. Mayers stated that while he was recovering from knee surgery and using a walker, he encountered some obstacles at the bus stop on Country Club and 6th Street. Mr. Mayers asked whether staff considers these things when looking at bus stop placement. He also thanked staff for following up on the questions that are asked during the Call to the Audience.

5. Update on Transit/Announcements

Jeremy Papuga gave an update on the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment. The Mayor and Council selected Peach Properties as the contractor at its November 17 meeting. Final approval will come from Mayor and Council and the Federal Transit Administration in the Spring.

2045 RTP Process – Open Houses concluded in November. Details are available on PAG's website.

FY 2017 Budget Process – Mr. Papuga said that he will report on the budget in February. He stated that he had not received any special directive from the Manager's Office.

Mayor and Council – No update.

High Capacity Transit – PAG sent out an RFQ and received two responses and have selected a firm to do an update to the High Capacity Transit Plan. The consultant will develop a new plan to include strategy and prioritization.

SunGo Program – Kate Riley reported that their staff reached out to organizations and asked them how the SunGo Program was working out for them. The responses were positive. She also said that Supervisors do "ride checks" with the operators to make sure that the operators are driving safely, etc. Suzanne suggested that signs could be put on the buses encouraging people to call Sun Tran and report any concerns they may have.

Mr. Papuga reported that the RTA Transit Working Group met on December 8 and has been looking at:

Performance measures for the express system

Options to improve Sun shuttle route 413

PAG brought four categories back to the committee for discussion:

Establishing a frequent transit service network grid by increasing frequency in the urban core

Expanding High Capacity Transit Service in high demand corridors

Maintaining the geographical coverage of existing transit services

Exploring innovative transit services for seniors and persons with disabilities

Peggy Hutchison asked whether there was any additional information on the security officers on buses. Kate Riley replied that Fare Enforcement Officers will replace two officers already on the buses. They will receive training and will be able to answer questions on how to use TVM's and provide security at Transit Centers. They will travel through the system at different times of the day. Off duty Police Officers will still be stationed at the Transit Centers.

6. Next Steps: JWA Transit Workshop Report Policy Ideas

Jeremy Papuga stated that the Task Force should follow up on their discussions from the last meeting. The first goal should be to define what the Frequent Transportation Network means to us. Staff was asked to provide a matrix for the next meeting. Suzanne passed out a document that she and Gene Caywood worked on. The document covered notes toward developing a draft Network Planning Policy.

7. Transit Management Contract Performance Incentives

Jeremy Papuga discussed the memo from John Zukas which outlined the four standards by which Transdev is rated. The ratings can have a direct impact on the amount of monthly revenue Transdev receives. Mr. Papuga asked members of the Task Force for suggestions of other standards they would like to see evaluated. Discussion took place. This item will be continued for the next meeting.

8. SummerGO Youth Pass: Year One

Nicholas Scherer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the first year of the SummerGO Youth Pass. The pass was sold to High School students with a valid student ID. The goal for next year is to have a longer marketing period and to include a wider age group.

9. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz inquired about the security screens between the driver and passengers which were mentioned as a possible addition to improve safety on buses. Staff will report back on this item.

Richard Mayers – Mr. Mayers stated that he appreciated the PowerPoint and discussion on the Frequent Transit Network. He also asked that when a member of the Task Force asks staff a question, other members refrain from answering before a member of the staff does.

Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner also asked about driver security measures. Ms. Kershner said she was curious to know how the Frequent Transit Network would interact with other plans such as PAG's high capacity plan.

10. Next meeting date and time/Meeting schedule

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Agenda items upcoming meeting

Next Steps: JWA Transit Workshop Report Policy Ideas and Transit Management Contract Performance Incentives will be Agenda items for the next meeting.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.