

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, March 7, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Location: 149 N. Stone, 2nd Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 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)
Brian Flagg (Ward 2)
Margot Garcia, (Ward 6)
Sami Hamed (CTAC)
Peggy Hutchison (Ward 1)
Linda Dobbyn (CTAC)
David Heineking, U of A Advisory Member

Members Absent: Vacant (Mayor)
Vacant (Ward 4)
Vacant (CTAC)
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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 February 8, 2016 Minutes

Motion: *Peggy Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.*

Seconded

Motion Passed: *Unanimously*

4. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz expressed his concern regarding the head sign on the front of the bus saying something different from the recording heard upon entering the bus.

He also expressed his concern about posted signs that tell people to please keep your strollers and shopping carts out of the aisles and doorway. Mr. Benz stated that strollers and wire shopping carts are being put in the aisles. Strollers are getting bigger and consequently a stroller and wire shopping cart in the aisle does not leave much room for someone to get by.

5. Update on Transit/Announcements

Jeremy Papuga gave an update on the following Transit items:

Ronstadt Transit Center Improvements – Mr. Papuga said they will have a draft redevelopment agreement by Spring.

2045 RMAP Process – Still scheduled for committee meetings in April for approval of the plan.

Mayor & Council – No updates today.

High Capacity Transit – Representatives from the City of Tucson PAG and HDR will have their project kickoff meeting on Wednesday of this week.

Kate Riley gave updates on the following:

SunGo Card – Transit staff is working with Productive Services and Gen Fare to help with some issues.

Smoking at Transit Centers – Ms. Riley stated that placards are being put up at the Transit Centers advising people that smoking is not allowed. The signs are being prepared by the City's Sign Shop.

Suzanne asked for an update on the switching from a 30 day pass to a 31 day pass and the continuation of the seven-day pass. Ms. Riley answered that the seven-day pass will not be continued at this time. The switch from a 30 to a 31 day pass changes the value of the pass and for that reason it was not implemented. Staff will look at the cost impact.

Nick Scherer gave an update on the following:

Transit Working Group – The express service analysis is going to establish express service performance measures and set benchmarks for future express route comparison.

The Sun Shuttle Marana Circulator – Staff proposed combining Route 411 and 413 and some rerouting. They are currently collecting public feedback.

6. March 8 Mayor and Council Meeting

Jeremy Papuga reported that the Mayor and Council Study Session has been canceled. He mentioned that the transit budget was an item on the agenda. Jeremy was going to bring the budget item to the TTF at this meeting, but since the Mayor and Council Study Session was canceled, he did not. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be March 22nd.

Margot Garcia expressed her disappointment on seeing the budget item on the Mayor and Council Agenda when the TTF had not been apprised of it. Jeremy Papuga answered that the Five-Year-Forecast is just an estimate of “continuing to do business as usual and will only be used as a reference document in the development of the budget.” It does not have any planning for future years. Discussion followed.

7. Next Steps: JWA Transit Workshop Report Policy Ideas

Nick Scherer gave a presentation on Next Steps: Jarrett Walker & Associates Transit Choices Report – Policy Ideas. The goal is to create a new policy that will establish the minimum criteria for defining the Frequent Transit Network route. He asked for feedback from the Task Force on Objective 1: Service Requirements and a review on Objectives 2 and 3.

Objective Number 1: Service Requirements has three parts: Frequency, Hours of Service, and Days of the Week. A discussion ensued on whether extended frequent weekday hours, frequent weekend service, or additional frequent routes were more important. Staff will re-evaluate Objective 1 to include minimum service standards outside the defined Frequent Network. They will also develop a map. Mr. Papuga recommended taking the phases out and putting them at the end of the document. Objective Number 2 was discussed. It was pointed out that Objective 2 should clearly state the qualifications a route must have met in the past to be considered apart of the Frequent Transit Network. Also, it was suggested that Objective Number 3 should have a longer review period to encourage development along the route. One proposal was to include a five year review period rather than three years.

8. U of A Urban Design Studio: High Capacity Transit Practicum Project

Ryan Fagan and Dominic Martinelli, Planning Students from the University of Arizona, gave a presentation on High Capacity Transit. The basis for the project was the 2009 PAG Report on High Capacity Transit as well as the Jarrett Walker Study. The final

route recommendation was Sixth Avenue, Oracle Road and Laos Transit Center to the Airport.

9. Transit Management Contract: Performance Incentives

Jeremy Papuga stated that he would like to do some research to see what other contract performance incentives are used and he will report back to the Task Force.

10. Call to the Audience

Camille Kershner – Ms. Kershner commented on weekend service and said that service hours and frequency are both important. She also asked about the bus stop at Speedway and Campbell. She said the bench and trashcan are no longer there.

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz commented on the bus frequency at night. Coming from the U of A Library after 7:30 p.m. it's much more convenient to walk over to the Sun Link stop and take it downtown. At that time of night the #9 has switched to 1 hour frequency and the streetcar is on 20 minute frequency.

11. Next meeting date and time/Meeting schedule

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016.

12. Agenda items upcoming meeting

Some items of topic for the next meeting included:

- *Sun Tran Marketing Plan: Key Objectives*
- *Five-Year Strategic Transit Plan: Goals and Objectives*
- *Boards and Commissions Study*
- *CTAC Update*

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.