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MEETING NOTICE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TRANSIT TASK FORCE MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at the local, state, and federal levels, this meeting will be conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting will be held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

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Members of the public may attend the meeting in the following ways:

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- Please call **213-293-2303** and, when prompted, enter the Conference ID: **303 972 532#**.

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TOPICS	ESTIMATED DURATION
1. Call to Order/Roll Call.....	5 min.
2. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2020.....	3 min.
3. Update on Transit/Announcements/Chair’s Report..... <i>This is a standing agenda item to inform committee members of relevant transit information within the City of Tucson and around the region.</i>	20 min.
4. Call to the Audience (First).....	5 min.
5. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Support for Public Transportation	20 min.
6. Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget.....	20 min.
7. Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot	20 min.
8. Proposed Route 22 Service Changes	20 min.
9. Next Meeting Date – August 3, 2020	2 min.
10. Call to the Audience (Second)	5 min.
11. Future Agenda Items.....	5 min.
12. Adjournment	

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL TRANSIT TASK FORCE
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.
4th FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
201 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, AZ 85701**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – 3:09 p.m.

Chair Henley called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Members

Colby Henley (Chair), Ward 3
Eric Hahn (Vice Chair), Ward 5
Margot Garcia, Ward 6
Brian Flagg, Ward 2
Alexandra Jimenez, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek, Mayor's Office
Marie-Pierre Hasne, City Manager's Office
Nicole Feldt, City Manager's Office
Gene Caywood, City Manager's Office
James McGinnis (Advisory Member), PAG/RTA

Staff and Others

Rhett Crowninshield, DTM
Chris Blue, DTM
Francisco Leyva, DTM
Patrick Hartley, DTM
Sam Credio, DTM
Steve Spade, Sun Tran/Sun Van/Sun Link
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran
Misty Ingram, Sun Tran Bus Driver/Teamsters
Allen Benz, Tucson Bus Riders Union

2. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2020

A motion made by Margot Garcia to approve the meeting minutes of February 3, 2020, duly seconded, was passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0.

3. Call to the Audience (First)

Comments were made by:

Misty Ingram

4. Update on Transit/Announcements/Chair's Report

Chris Blue gave an update on the formation of the SunGo Subcommittee.

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Steve Spade provided the timeline for the electric bus pilot and five electric buses.

Chair Henley provided information on the March Cyclovia event.

Chair Henley also updated the group on the RTA Next transit subcommittee and its recent meeting. Margot Garcia, who attended the meeting, provided additional details about the meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Garcia provided an update on behalf of the Broadway Coalition regarding the Broadway Improvement Project.

Discussion ensued.

5. Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) Challenge: Sun Link Streetcar Presentation

Francisco Leyva provided an overview of the SPaT Challenge.

Discussion ensued.

6. Draft Complete Streets Design Guidelines

Patrick Hartley provided an overview of the Complete Streets Guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

7. Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget Discussion

Rhett Crowninshield provided an overview of the FY21 Mass Transit Budget and a cost comparison of compressed natural gas (CNG) versus electric buses.

Discussion ensued.

A motion made by Eric Hahn to increase the FY2021 Mass Transit Budget by \$5 million was duly seconded.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was amended to increase the FY2021 Mass Transit Budget by \$5 million, the details of which will be discussed and developed by a TTF Subcommittee, and shared via a memorandum to Mayor and Council.

The amended motion passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0.

8. Call to the Audience (Second)

None.

9. Next Meeting Date – April 6, 2020

10. Future Agenda Items

Continuation of FY2021 Mass Transit Budget Discussion
Update on the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment Project
TTF Transition from Task Force to Committee

11. Adjournment – 5:08 p.m.

DRAFT



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

July 6, 2020

Item 4: Update on Transit/Announcements/Chair's Report

Issue – This is a standing agenda item to inform committee members of relevant transit information within the City of Tucson and around the region.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – There are several city departments, interest groups, and committees that are discussing various aspects of public transportation. Committee members, as well as staff, will have the opportunity to share information with the group and give updates on relevant projects.

Present Consideration – A list of projects, committees, and stakeholders is provided below for a possible update to task force members.

City of Tucson Updates:

Transit Task Force Renewal

John Zukas Retirement

FY 2019 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant

FY 2020 Low or No Emission Bus Program Grant

Sun Tran, Sun Link, and Sun Van Updates – None at this time.

Regional Updates – None at this time.

Committee Updates – None at this time.

Stakeholder Group Updates:

Broadway Coalition

Bus Riders Union

Bus Friends Forever

Friends of the Streetcar

Living Streets Alliance

Old Pueblo Trolley

Southern Arizona Transit Advocates

Transit Connections Focus Group

PAG/RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Attachments – None at this time.



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

July 6, 2020

Item 5: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Support for Public Transportation

Issue – Staff will provide an overview of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for support of public transportation.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – The CARES Act provides \$25 billion to transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total available amount for each program is based on funding appropriated under the Act. The City of Tucson, as the designated recipient of FTA 5307 – Urbanized Formula Funds for the Tucson metropolitan region, is eligible to receive \$44,245,722 in CARES Act funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Funding is provided at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and is available to support operating, capital, and other expenses. Beginning January 20, 2020, expenses were eligible to be incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Present Consideration – Staff will provide information on CARES Act funding for review, discussion, and comment.

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Attachments – None at this time.



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July 6, 2020

Item 6: Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget Discussion

Issue – Staff will provide an update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Mass Transit Budget for discussion.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – The City Manager has recommended a budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and presented this recommendation on May 5, 2020. A public hearing on the City Manager’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 was held during the Regular Session on Jun 9, 2020 and is scheduled to be continued for discussion July 7, 2020.

The tentative adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget occurred during the Regular Session on June 30, 2020. The public hearing for public comment on the budget as tentatively adopted will be held during Regular Session on July 21, 2020.

Present Consideration – Staff will be presenting an update on the FY 2021 Mass Transit Budget for discussion.

Financial Considerations – Details of the FY 2021 Mass Transit Budget will be provided at the meeting.

Attachments – None at this time.



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Item 7: Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot

Issue – Staff will be presenting on a six-month microtransit pilot project that explores new ways to provide transit service. The pilot would offer on-demand, shared-ride service to connect people in targeted neighborhoods.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – On-demand service uses a small vehicle in neighborhoods to provide rides to a bus route or destinations close to home. Advantages to on-demand service include:

- Less invasive in a neighborhood on residential streets;
- More flexible - can go more places closer to home or destinations;
- Picks residents up and drops them off in front of their home (designated neighborhoods only); and
- More convenient for elderly and disabled riders.

Present Consideration – Staff will provide information on the on-demand service pilot (microtransit).

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Attachments – None at this time.



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July 6, 2020

Item 8: Proposed Route 22 Service Changes

Issue – Staff will present on proposed service changes to Route 22.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – To ensure that resources are being used in ways that provide the best value to taxpayers, staff continually evaluate the performance of the transit system and look for opportunities to optimize service delivery for its customers.

The proposed service change to Route 22 will result in a streamlined route removed from residential neighborhood streets (Alameda St., Melwood Ave., Lester St., and Dragoon Ave.)

Present Consideration – Staff would like feedback from the Transit Task Force on the proposed service changes.

Financial Considerations – Estimated savings for the proposed service changes will be discussed during the meeting.

Attachments – None at this time.