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MEETING NOTICE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TRANSIT TASK FORCE MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE WILL BE PROHIBITED.

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

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TOPICS	ESTIMATED DURATION
1. Call to Order/Roll Call.....	5 min.
2. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 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. Los Reales Biogas Presentation	30 min.
6. Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot Update	20 min.
7. Adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget Discussion	20 min.
8. Next Meeting Date – September 7, 2020.....	2 min.
9. Call to the Audience (Second)	5 min.
10. Future Agenda Items.....	5 min.
11. Adjournment	

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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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

Chair Henley called the meeting to order. Chris Blue performed roll call. Those virtually present were:

Members

Colby Henley (Chair), Ward 3
Eric Hahn (Vice Chair), Ward 5
Margot Garcia, Ward 6
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, City of Tucson
Robin Raine, City of Tucson
Erica Frazelle, City of Tucson
Chris Blue, City of Tucson
Diana Alarcon, City of Tucson
Patrick Hartley, City of Tucson
Susan Spiess, City of Tucson
John Zukas, Sun Tran/Sun Van/Sun Link
Steve Spade, Sun Tran/Sun Van/Sun Link
Allen Benz, Tucson Bus Riders Union

2. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2020

A motion by Margot Garcia to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2020, duly seconded, was passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0.

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

Chris Blue provided updates on the Transit Task Force's renewal by Mayor and Council, John Zukas's retirement from the Transit Services Division, the FY 2019 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant, and the FY 2020 Low or No Emission Bus Program Grant.

Discussion ensued.

Margot Garcia provided an update for the Broadway Coalition on the Sunshine Mile Draft Overlay District.

4. Call to the Audience (First)

None.

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

Rhett Crowninshield provided an update on the CARES Act funding received by the City of Tucson for transit.

Discussion ensued.

6. Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget

Rhett Crowninshield provided an overview of the FY 2021 Mass Transit Budget.

Discussion ensued.

7. Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot

Steve Spade gave an overview of changes to the fixed-route system and pilot projects for on-demand service.

Discussion ensued.

8. Proposed Route 22 Service Changes

Steve Spade provided an overview of proposed changes to Route 22.

Discussion ensued.

9. Next Meeting Date – August 3, 2020

10. Call to the Audience (Second)

Comments were made by (in order):

Allen Benz

Marie-Pierre Hasne

11. Future Agenda Items

Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget

Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot

FY 2019 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant

12. Adjournment – 4:52 p.m.



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2020

Item 3: 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:

FY 2019 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning 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

August 3, 2020

Item 5: Los Reales Biogas Presentation

Issue – A Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG) representative will provide an overview of an opportunity for the development, construction and operation of a new methane gas recovery and processing facility at the Los Reales landfill.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – Recently, the City of Tucson was approached by SWGC and presented an Renewable Natural Gas (RNG or biogas) partnership proposal.

Under the proposal, SWGC would construct, own, and operate the RNG cleaning and processing facility to refine the landfill gas to pipeline quality and transport the gas for use within the Arizona transportation market. With this partnership, the biogas would be utilized and remain in the state of Arizona. This renewable natural gas would fuel the City's Environmental & General Services fleet (all refuse and recycling trucks) and 25% of the SunTran fleet that currently relies on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). There is an opportunity to increase the City's utilization of the RNG if the City increases the total percentage of SunTran vehicles that use CNG.

Present Consideration – This information is provided for review, discussion, and comment.

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Attachments – None at this time.



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August 3, 2020

Item 6: Microtransit On-Demand Service Pilot Update

Issue – Staff will provide an update on the six-month microtransit pilot project discussed at the July 6, 2020 Transit Task Force meeting.

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 an update on the previously discussed on-demand service pilot (microtransit).

Financial Considerations – None at this time.

Attachments – None at this time.



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2020

Item 7: Adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Mass Transit Budget Discussion

Issue – Staff will present the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Mass Transit Budget for discussion.

Staff Recommendation – None at this time.

Background – Mayor and Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 on July 21, 2020.

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

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

Attachments – None at this time.