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Mayor and Council Transit Task Force

AGENDA

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: 201 N. Stone, 4th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

TOPICS

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTTED

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| 1. Call to Order | |
| 2. Introductions / Roll Call | 2 Minutes |
| 3. Approval of July 23, 2018 Minutes | 3 Minutes |
| 4. Call to the Audience | 5 Minutes |
| 5. Update on Transit/Announcements/Chair's Report | 15 Minutes |
| 6. No Smoking Policy Update | 15 Minutes |
| 7. Sun Tran/Sun Van Monthly Operations Report | 30 Minutes |
| 8. Call to the Audience | 5 Minutes |
| 9. Next meeting Date | 3 Minutes |
| • Monday, September 10 | |
| 10. Future Meeting Agenda Items | 2 Minutes |
| 11. Adjourn | |

Action may be taken on any item.

(Material, if available, can be provided by contacting Karen Rahn at 520-837-6584)

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Mayor and Council Transit Task Force MINUTES

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1. Loyalty Oath

Bambi Flores from the City Clerk's Office administered the Loyalty Oath to all members of the Task Force who were present.

2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. with six (6) of the eleven (11) members present which established a quorum.

3. Introductions / Roll Call

Members Present: Margot Garcia, Chair (Ward 6)
Suzanne Schafer, Vice Chair (Ward 3)
Robert Medler (Ward 4)
Brian Flagg (Ward 2) (Was not present for the Loyalty Oath)
Eric Hahn (Ward 5)
Robin Steinberg (City Manager)
Dale R. Calvert (City Manager)
Gene Caywood (Advisory Member)
James McGinnis, (RTA Advisory Member)

Members Absent: Lisa Shipek, (Mayor)
David Heineking (City Manager)
Vacant (CTAC or City Manager)
Vacant (Ward 1)

Staff Present: Sam Credio, Transit Administrator
John Zukas, Transit Services Coordinator
Steve Spade, Interim General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
John Wilson, Assistant General Manager of Sun Tran/Sun Van
Pat Richter, Director of Marketing and Communication
Bob McGee, Sun Tran Scheduling Manager
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran Planning Analyst

4. Approval of June 4, 2018 Minutes

Suzanne Schafer suggested that the Minutes be changed to include “Extensive discussion about the Ride Guide and that several members of the Transit Task Force strongly suggested that the Ride Guide be continued as it is presently printed.” Robert Medler moved to approve the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz stated that on Wednesday, June 20 on the #8 East bus route, the driver ignored an elderly man in a wheelchair at the Ronstadt Center. Then on Friday, July 13, the ticket vending machine was down with an “Out of Order” sign on it. On Saturday, July 14 the Sun Tran App was down and gave a message that it was having technical problems. Mr. Benz said that the Ride Guide is helpful in that situation. On the same day, the #8 West passed him and another person at a stop on Beverly without stopping. Mr. Benz stated that he called in a complaint.

Robin Steinberg passed out a written statement to members of the Transit Task Force. She asked that the statement be included in the meeting minutes. Please see attachment to these minutes for a copy of the statement.

6. Election of Officers

Suzanne Schafer was nominated for Chair; the nomination was seconded and unanimously approved. Robin Steinberg was nominated for Vice-Chair; the nomination was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. TTF Member Availability

Suzanne Schafer mentioned that there are two open positions on the Task Force and suggested that maybe if the day and/or time for the meetings were changed, we could fill those positions. She passed a short survey around for the Task Force members to fill out. Some surveys were filled out and returned to Suzanne Schafer

8. Update on Transit/Announcements/Chair’s Report

Approval of the Fare Ordinance Change will go to the Mayor and Council on August 8, 2018. This will make the 25 for \$20 and the Three-Day Pass permanent.

The City is evaluating proposals for the Transit Management Contract. The RFP documents and Scope of Work were included online.

Sam Credio stated that staff is moving forward with filling the vacancy left by Nicholas in the Transit Division. The recruitment process for the Director of Transportation is still ongoing. Robin Steinberg moved that the Transit Task Force request the City Manager hold a public forum as part of the process of interviewing candidates for the position of Director of Transportation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Steve Spade stated that the new No Smoking policy will be effective July 30. He stated that the media has been getting the word out to the public. Customer Service Clerks

will be at the Transit Centers on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shelters for the No Smoking areas will be in by early Fall.

The Ride Guide is being printed, but there will be a separate document for Express routes and the “How to Ride Guide.”

Mr. Spade stated that Sun Tran’s marketing plan will focus on three areas:

- *Increasing ridership*
- *Improving the customer experience*
- *Building and improving the image of transit in the community*

Mr. Spade passed out a sample survey developed by ETC that will be used for non-riders. The Transit Task Force was asked to submit their comments by Friday.

Sun Link Fall Semester hours starting on August 16 will change on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to 2 a.m. There will also be a celebration of Sun Link’s fourth Anniversary on Saturday, July 28th with free rides and concerts on the streetcar.

James McGinnis stated that the RTA is working with Jarret Walker on draft choices. A stakeholder workshop is scheduled for mid-October. The final report will be published in August. Mr. McGinnis said the Transit Working Group had not met and will resume next month.

Robin Steinberg stated that the Transit Connections Focus Group is working on a document and organizing everything under goals.

9. Proposed Minor Service Changes – Route 15

Steve Spade stated that Geico is moving all of its employees to a new location next summer and has asked for bus service. Proposed changes to Route 15 would provide service to Geico’s new location beginning in February 2019. This route is currently productive, but ridership falls off in the Eastland neighborhood, therefore, there will be split service at Winslett and Kino Parkway. If the recommended changes move forward Public Meetings will be held to get feedback. Discussion occurred and the Transit Task Force requested that Sun Tran provide additional information at a future meeting before proceeding with the proposed service changes.

10. El Rio Route Changes

The El Rio Community Health Center will build a new campus at the southeast corner of Kino and 22nd Street and is scheduled to open in December 2018. The Department of Transportation has requested that Sun Tran staff provide recommendations for the location of a bus stop at the Campus. An analysis of the two impact routes and Sun Tran recommendations were discussed. The service changes to the impacted routes will begin in August 2018.

11. 5-Year Strategic Transit Plan Update

San Credio stated that they were working on the Goals and Objectives and will bring this item back to the Transit Task Force

12. Call to the Audience

Allen Benz – Mr. Benz pointed out an error on the survey that left out the age group of age 65 to 75.

Barbara Brookhart. – Barbara commented on the Sun Tran survey. She said that by the sixth or seventh question she would be telling a caller that she had to go to a meeting. She stated that shorter surveys are better. She also mentioned that Kansas City has an excellent streetcar and she hoped that people see what is going on with it. She stated that they are extending the streetcar and have a good way of financing it.

Jonathan Gibson – Mr. Gibson stated that he was sure ETC knows what they're doing on the survey and that they know how people feel.

13. Next meeting Date

Margot moved that the next Transit Task Force be held on Monday, August 13. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

14. Future Meeting Agenda Items

- *No Smoking Policy*

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

On the Required Signing of the Arizona Oath submitted by Robin Steinberg

In order to continue to serve on the Transit Task Force, I have been asked to and will sign a Loyalty Oath. However, it should be understood that I consider the document meaningless and my signature non-binding; and I do not believe this means I lack integrity. On the contrary, my personal integrity requires that I not abide by any such oath. I hope this body will accept my taking a few minutes to make my position clear.

Firstly, no one should ever agree to declare "faith and allegiance" to the laws of any government. Constitutions and laws are human creations. As such, they sometimes do and sometimes do not advance the cause of justice and ease human suffering. It is to these goals we should declare our allegiance, not some set of codified rules and regulations.

After many years of quietly signing this loyalty oath, as a public employee or as a member of this and other public boards, commissions or committees, the crisis that we now face in our country requires me to speak to this issue.

The history of our country reveals serious flaws in our pursuit of democracy and justice. However, many of us took comfort in believing that progress was being made. Today, that progress is steadily being undermined and the situation points to terrifying possibilities for the future.

While the election of U.S. Presidents via the Electoral College has never been directly democratic, the anti-democratic feature of that system has become painfully clear in recent history. Two of the three most recent U.S. Presidents have been placed into office against the will of the voting majority. Because chief executives have wide powers, the results of this undemocratic way of choosing Presidents have been devastating, spreading death and destruction throughout the world and undermining the well being of our own citizens.

The current President was put into office with the significant aid of a foreign power. Certainly, this is a threat from a foreign enemy. Where is our Congress in defending us from that foreign threat? Instead, the Republican Party, the victor both times, continues to work to suppress voting rights, employing the aid of judges appointed by those two illegitimate Presidents.

The U.S. Constitution provides for the Separation of Powers. However, the Congress (all of whose members have sworn allegiance to the U.S. Constitution) failed to uphold this aspect of the Constitution when it refused to hold hearings and vote on the nomination of Judge Garland to the Supreme Court. Thus, I consider the opinions of the current Court and the judgements it makes upon decisions and laws to be illegitimate.

Given voter suppression, undemocratic elections, violations of the U.S. Constitution, I certainly cannot consider a loyalty oath binding upon me against actions like the following examples.

- While people of color are being murdered by "law enforcement" officers, expect me to interfere with said law enforcement if I have the opportunity.
- While the reproductive rights of women are being eroded, expect me to aid and abet women seeking control of their own bodies.
- Finally, as a member of a family deeply devastated by the holocaust of mid 20th century Europe, expect me to do anything possible to provide a safe harbor to those seeking refuge.

Any failure to act in circumstances like these, is a result of own my lack of courage and not of loyalty to unjust laws.

Thank you for hearing me out. I am willing to continue to serve on this body. However, if this small act of resistance precludes me from doing so, I understand and accept that decision.



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2018

Item 4: Call to the Audience

Issue – This is a standing agenda item to all members of the audience to make comment to committee members regarding transit.

Staff Recommendation – None. This is an information item.

Background – The memo accompanying this agenda item is intended to provide follow up information to the Transit Task Force regarding the public inquiries, during the call to the audience agenda items, from the previous meeting.

Present Consideration – None

Financial Considerations – None

Attachments – None



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2018

Item 5: 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. This is an information item.

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:

Karen Rahn Retirement/Introduce Amy Sherwood
Permanant Fares (\$25 for \$20, 3-day Transit Pass) Approved by Mayor & Council
Transit Management RFP Update
Otter Software Pilot Program

Sun Link, Sun Tran, and Sun Van Updates:

Route 15 Proposed Changes Update (*Sun Tran*)

Regional Updates:

Long Range Regional Transit Plan (*PAG*)

Committees Updates:

Transit Working Group (*RTA*)

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
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions Stakeholders
- Transit Connections Focus Group

Financial Considerations – None

Attachments – None



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2018

Item 6: No Smoking Policy Update

Issue – This item is to provide an update on the No Smoking Policy that was instituted on July 30, 2018 at all three transit centers.

Staff Recommendation – None. This is an informational item.

Background – In April 2018, the Transit Task Force unanimously endorsed a No Smoking Policy at the three major transit centers (Laos, Ronstadt, and Tohono-Tadai). On July 30, 2018, the policy went into affect which provided designated smoking areas for both tobacco use and e-cigarettes.

Present Consideration – Sun Tran staff will provide an update on how staff is enforcing the No Smoking Policy at the transit centers and overall feedback from the community. Additionally, staff will request any feedback from the Transit Task Force members regarding the policy.

Financial Considerations – None

Attachments – None



TRANSIT TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2018

Item 7: Sun Tran/Sun Van Monthly Operations Report (MOR)

Issue – This item is to provide an overview of the Monthly Operations Report prepared by Sun Tran/Sun Van and Sun Link.

Staff Recommendation – None. This an informational item.

Background – The Transit Task Force has requested an agenda item to review the Monthly Operations Report that are prepared by Sun Tran/Sun Van and Sun Link. These reports are created monthly to provide detailed information on performance metrics such as ridership, revenue, expenses, etc. The monthly reports are posted to the Sun Tran and Sun Link websites.

Present Consideration – Staff will provide a brief overview of the document and answer any questions from the Transit Task Force Members.

The Sun Tran/Sun Van MORs are found at the following link:

https://suntran.com/Monthly_Reports.php

The Sun Link MORs are found at the following link:

<http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/rider-statistics>

It should be noted, that Sun Tran staff is working on consolidating the Sun Tran, Sun Van and Sun Link operations reports into one document for Fiscal Year 2019. Once available, this document will be shared with the Transit Task Force.

Financial Considerations – None

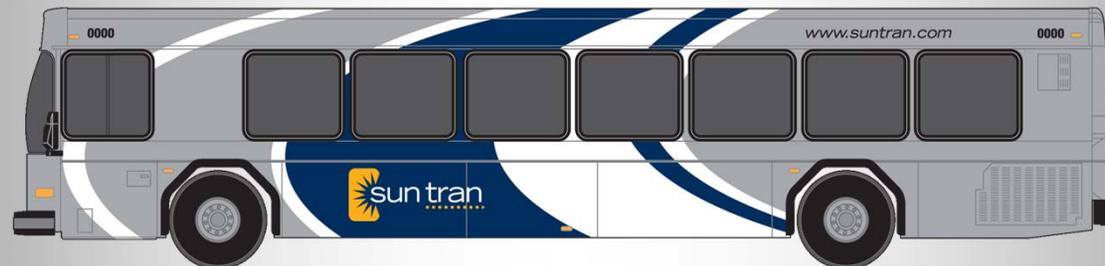
Attachments –

- A. Sun Tran/Sun Van Monthly Operations Report (MOR) Cover Sheet and Table of Contents
- B. Sun Link Monthly Operations Report (MOR) Cover Sheet and Table of Contents



MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 2018



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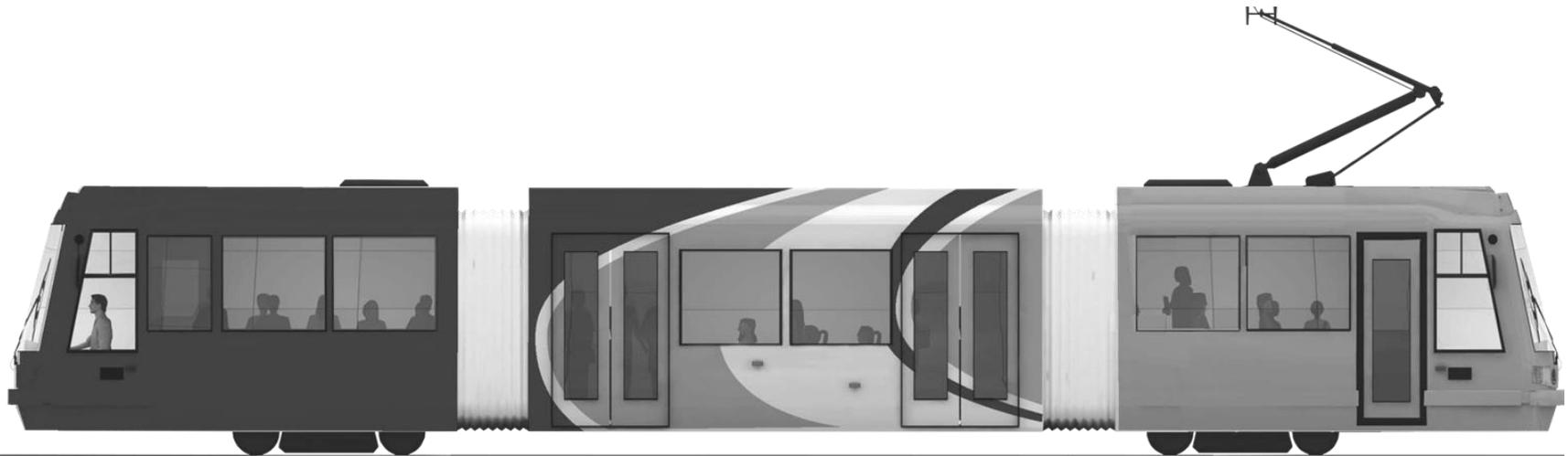


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