

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transit Task Force

FROM: Gene Caywood, Chair
Transit Task Force

SUBJECT: Upcoming Meeting Agenda and Discussion

At the May 20, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting, Mayor and Council voted to delay taking action on any bus service changes or fare policy to give the Transit Task Force additional time to evaluate the proposed bus service changes and to finalize the fare policy recommendations. Mayor and Council also asked that we provide our bus service and fare policy recommendations by October 2014. So we are able to stay on track to meet the Council's timeline, the upcoming Transit Task Force meetings will focus on these two topics.

I met with Sun Tran staff last week to clarify my review of the proposed bus service changes. Based on this meeting, I revised my bus service recommendations (see attachment). As you know, we have used my recommendations as the starting point for discussions during our meetings. For the upcoming meeting, I suggest that the Transit Task Force first recommend approval of the routes changes I concur with. Our discussion could then shift to the smaller group of routes where I have expressed concern. I've asked Sun Tran staff to be prepared to present some potential options for these routes to address my concerns and those expressed by others during the public comment period.

As you are well aware, the Task Force spent about a year discussing and recommending the proposed fare policy. I would like to start from the last Transit Task Force approved version of the fare policy and discuss potential changes to the policy document. I would also like to ask that if there are new fare policy items introduced (such as consideration for a new type of fare), these items be placed in the future considerations list. As you know, the fare policy items take time to research and discuss. There is not a lot of time between now and October, when the fare policy is due to Mayor and Council. My recommendation is to have the Transit Task Force reach approval of any revisions to the approved policy at our upcoming Transit Task Force meeting and continue discussion on the future consideration list at an upcoming meeting.