



Transit Advisory Board

Thursday, February 10, 2022

4:00-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at

Alvarado Transportation Center

100 1st St SW

2nd Floor, Santa Fe Training/Conference Room

Albuquerque, NM 87102

OR

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 886 3531 6717

Phone#: 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782

Members Present

Christopher Ramirez, Chair (ZOOM); Patricia Salisbury, Vice-Chair (PHONE); Harris Balkin (ZOOM); Ryan Lee Haack (ZOOM); Jennifer Jackson (ZOOM); Don McIver (ZOOM); Rikk Murphy (ZOOM); Steve Pilon (ABSENT), Hodgkin Serrullo (ABSENT); Jacqueline Smith, PTAB (ABSENT)

Staff Members Present

Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM); Director (ZOOM); Bobby Sisneros, Deputy Director (ATC/ZOOM);

Visitors Present

Julian Dodge (ZOOM); Sayid Mahdi Hossaini, Together for Brothers (ZOOM); Luis Colunga, Together for Brothers (ZOOM); Diana Marquez (ZOOM); Duc Pham (ZOOM); Peter Rice, Downtown Albuquerque News (ZOOM); Nicole Tenny, Family Specialist, University of New Mexico Center for Develop and Disability (ZOOM); Lyn Wilson-King, University of New Mexico Center for Develop and Disability (ZOOM)

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Ramirez would like to start off the meeting with a land acknowledgement. The City of Albuquerque is on indigenous land and referred to as Tiwa land. That is currently represented by Sandia and Isleta pueblos. We ask for permission and blessing for us to be here and serve the community.

Call to Order

Christopher Ramirez, Chair, began the meeting at 4:01 pm.

Approval of Agenda or Additions

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia Salisbury motioned to approve the agenda, Ryan Lee Haack 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy and Patricia Salisbury.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the January 13 minutes. Ryan Lee Haack motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Jennifer Jackson 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Harris Balkin, Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy and Patricia Salisbury.

Public Comment – *Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s).*

Diana Marquez: Bus stop pucks on Eubank, between Comanche and Montgomery, numbers are scratched off and they are hard to read.

Bobby Sisneros: You can contact 243-RIDE to report any concerns. Download our new Transit App and it will give you real time where your bus is.

Luis Colunga: Is safety during Zero Fares on the agenda today?

Christopher Ramirez: Yes

Patricia Salisbury: I was disappointed that my Sun Van driver was not vaccinated.

Sayid Mahdi Hossaini: We've been collecting surveys with city engagement cohort with Together for Brothers. We're asking drivers and riders how Zero Fares are impacting them. We had amazing participation at Town hall last week presenting on Zero Fares and Transit Equity.

Luis Colunga: Shared a story of a survey they did on the bus of an individual who has a niece that is disabled. They are not allowed to ride Sun Van with her niece, so with zero fares they are able to ride the bus and get her to her appointments.

CDD Autism & Transit Presentation

Lyn Wilson-King shared screen during the Autism + Program/CDD presentation. Presentation was also distributed to all TAB members

Objectives: Identify characteristics of ASD, Describe two environmental strategies to support a person with a disability in their environment, Increase their understanding about creating inclusive culture, Increase their awareness of family and self-advocate perspectives.

Creating Inclusive Communities. Perspectives on Disability: We tend to look at disabilities through deficits, differences. Reflection: Fitting In vs Belonging

Autism Overview: Autism is very diverse and unique to each individual. Although we do see commonalities, such as communications, social interactions, highly focused interests.

Incidence Rates of Autism 1 in 44 children have been identified as having a diagnoses of ASD.

Characteristics of ASD: Persistent deficits on social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts. Learning Differences, Embrace Diversity, Parent Perspective, Best Practices, Supporting Individuals During Unexpected Behavior, Autism Awareness and Acceptance.

Harris Balkin: I teach skiing to special needs athletes. Thank you for bringing Autism Awareness to the community.

Don McIver: *question in chat*

Nicole Tenny: I will put my contact information the chat box and we can talk to you more about some strategies.

Christopher Ramirez: Perhaps this presentation can be presented to staff that deal with the Transit riders and attend our de-escalation trainings.

TAB Chairperson's Report – Christopher Ramirez, Chair

Christopher Ramirez: Transit Equity Day was February 4. Thank you Lorena Sanchez and Mayor's office for dedicating a seat on the bus for Rosa Parks Day. I will share a link of the Transit Equity Day Town Hall.

Bobby Sisneros shared a photo of the dedicated seat

Christopher Ramirez: Infrastructure Bill of 336 Million is coming to State of New Mexico and want follow up with Transit about promoting how to bring more resources for Transit. Senator Jaramillo has proposed a bill to create the first public operations funding stream. We are working to have Bernalillo County Commission award some COVID funds that they have allocated to supports Zero Fares.

Director's Report-Bobby Sisneros, Deputy Director

Bobby Sisneros: ART Ridership; 121,890 passengers for January, increase of 50.3%. Fixed Route Ridership; 422,724 passengers for January, increase of 53.56%.

Screen was shared to view Ridership by route for Oct and Nov 2021 and was also sent to TAB members prior to meeting.

Don McIver: What's your publicity strategy around Zero Fares?

Bobby Sisneros: We're waiting for all that data to come in and will have a robust report. We will also start doing more press releases, television/ radio print.

Christopher Ramirez: We need more frequent routes in communities that are more transit depend.

Don McIver: Can you put the name of the street next to the route name?

Jenny Jackson: This is very helpful to see, can we see this every 3 months?

Christopher Ramirez: Can we see cost for ridership by route annually?

Bobby Sisneros: Yes, you will see that in our quarterly report

Christopher Ramirez: Does Transit have data for Students, Seniors and Veterans from 2021 when fares were made free?

Bobby Sisneros shared screen with Student data and data will be sent to TAB members.

Bobby Sisneros: I can find out about the Senior and Veterans data. Zero Fares marketing material was translating into 7 languages recommended by OEI and will be sending an email out to the City and Community Partners next week.

Christopher Ramirez: Is there a FTA survey happening and San Pedro ART station update?

Bobby Sisneros: yes, they began first weekend in February and there is a tentative hold on Mayor's calendar for March 15 for an event for San Pedro ART station. I'm thinking it will be operational before then.

Christopher Ramirez: How long is the process survey and can we get someone to share those questions at our March meeting?

Bobby Sisneros: End of February into beginning of March. Yes I can share those questions with TAB at the next meeting.

Christopher Ramirez: Can we also get an update on Old Town EDO canopy stations at the next meeting?

Unfinished Business

Christopher Ramirez: Can we get Jarrett Walker to present to TAB in March and see the budget request that was submitted for FY23?

Bobby Sisneros: Yes, there was a scheduling conflict with Jarrett Walker and Associates for February so we will try to have them here next month. I will ask Chris Payton about the budget request.

New Business

Christopher Ramirez: Is there any reporting on safety incidents on bus routes/stops?

Bobby Sisneros: The report that Megan is working on will have all of that information. We're just wrapping up last minute data points.

Second Round of Public Comment *(Reminder there is a 2 minute limit on Public Comment(s)).*

Diana Marquez: Can they color the curbs where the bus stops are and numbers on poles are faded.

Bobby Sisneros: We've started replacing the bus stop signs on the 36 and 37.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 5:32 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2022; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

16:03:23 From Don McIver : I got the ridership numbers, but I don't seem to have an agenda.
16:08:30 From Margaret Lucero : Don Bobby is emailing you the agenda
16:09:38 From Rikk Murphy : i just sent my copy to you as well.
16:10:22 From Margaret Lucero : Thank you!
16:12:59 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Eubank and Comanche/Montgomery (bus stop numbers)
16:13:49 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : 243-RIDE to report bus stops with needed repairs
16:14:45 From Margaret Lucero : 311 will also help get it routed to the correct Transit Department.
16:21:49 From Margaret Lucero to Nicole Tenny(Direct Message) : Do you share screen access
16:23:06 From Margaret Lucero to Lyn S Wilson-King(Direct Message) : You have share screen access
16:44:59 From Don McIver : How do you work with individuals who may not be as receptive to social cues, appropriate language, etc. and inadvertently offend a person or group as a result of that difference?
16:47:38 From rikk : thanks for the presentation.
16:51:02 From Lyn S Wilson-King : lwilson-king@salud.unm.edu
16:51:10 From Nicole Tenny : Nicole Tenny ntenny@salud.unm.edu
16:53:51 From Lyn S Wilson-King : Thank you so much for having us!
16:54:10 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque :
<https://www.facebook.com/753968811381199/videos/609509366879789>
16:54:30 From Julian : Julián Dodge
16:56:56 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Albuquerque Transit Equity and Community Safety Working Group Meeting on Wednesday, February 16 from 2-3pm - <https://bit.ly/abqtransitequity>
17:03:29 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : That's great news about 50% increase!

17:13:59 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : Good suggestion about the “name” of the routes

17:20:44 From Don McIver : Thank you!

17:20:51 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands - Albuquerque : That’s awesome. That was one of my questions. We would really be willing to help share that information too.

17:27:28 From rikk : yes, edo is having canopy work done

17:31:38 From Luis : Lu here logging off, Thank you for listening and for your time today!