



**Transit Advisory Board**

Thursday, March 10, 2022

4:00-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at

Alvarado Transportation Center

100 1<sup>st</sup> St SW

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Santa Fe Training/Conference Room

Albuquerque, NM 87102

OR

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 871 2841 5872

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 (ZOOM), Hodgins Serrullo (ABSENT); Jacqueline Smith, PTAB (ABSENT)

**Staff Members Present**

Carrie Barkhurst, Senior Planner (ZOOM); Stephanie Dominguez, Interim Director (ZOOM); Andrew DeGarmo, Principal Planner (ZOOM); Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM); Director (ZOOM); Bobby Sisneros, Deputy Director (ZOOM)

**Visitors Present**

Peter Rice, Downtown Albuquerque News (ZOOM), Aaron Moore, Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition (ZOOM); Aaron Sussman, Toole Design (ZOOM); Althea Atherton (ZOOM); Gavin Pritchard, Jarrett Walker & Associates (ZOOM); Debbie Johnson, Tender Love Community Center (ZOOM); Shreya Jain, Jarrett Walker & Associates (ZOOM); Alvaro Caviedes Jarrett Walker & Associates (ZOOM); Numair Latif (ZOOM); Michelle Poyourow, Jarrett Walker & Associates; Alejandro Villezcas, Together for Brothers (ZOOM), Dan Fay (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 4:02 pm.

**Approval of Agenda or Additions**

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Lee Haack motioned to approve the agenda, Don McIver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, Steve Pilon and Patricia Salisbury. *Harris Balkin was having audio issues.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the February 10 minutes. Ryan Lee Haack motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Don McIver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, Steve Pilon and Patricia Salisbury. *Harris Balkin was having audio issues*

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

Jenny Jackson: Rapid transit buses are not synced with the Rail Runner? Can we get the buses to wait a bit for the Rail Runner passengers?

Althea Atherton: I was on an ART bus about 2 weeks ago, another passenger boarded playing music. The driver pulled over because of the music being played. I asked the passenger to turn it off. Driver said we still had to wait for security or passenger had to leave. This was never asked of the passenger, so I feel like this issue could have been avoided.

Patricia Salisbury: Agrees with Jenny about syncing bus times with Rail Runner.

Steve Pilon: I'm hoping the redesign will address the issue of higher frequency along the important routes.

Harris Balkin: About 10 years ago buses were synced with Rail Runner.

Patricia Salisbury: Can we see ART stop on Rio Grande?

**TAB Chairperson's Report – Christopher Ramirez, Chair**

Christopher Ramirez: Bus stop infrastructure bill was vetoed by the Governor. Month of April is National Poetry month Together for Brothers is looking at opportunities to encourage, write and share how zero fares impact them. We'd like to share those poems with Transit and City Council. I want to remind TAB to visit link shared in chat. I've been working with other community partners and sent a letter to Mayor Keller highly encouraging him to continue the zero fares pilot program.

**Director's Report-Stephanie Dominguez, Interim Transit Director**

Stephanie Dominguez: There will be a two month delay in ridership reporting. Mask mandate has been extended to April 18. FTA Triennial review has been wrapped up

Bobby Sisneros: Transit App is being upgraded. You can track your bus in real time, will also determine time to and from stop. Google play App store, no charge. You can still use texting service. Text to ride feature.

Stephanie Dominguez: Lorena Sanchez sent an invite for San Pedro ART station ribbon cutting ceremony.  
*Responds to Don's question in chat:* We do purchase fuel on a contract basis. We may not see the impact right away, but certainly will on next contract phase.

Harris Balkin: EDO station looks great. I prefer not to see as many buses in the traffic lanes.

*Stephanie shared screen on January Zero Fares Monthly report and was emailed to all TAB members*  
Ridership Monthly comparison between Dec 2021 to Jan 2022 9.4% increase overall, Security Monthly Comparison 54.5% increase on calls involving intoxicated individuals, Customer Service Monthly Comparison 11.69% increase on total call volume, Maintenance Monthly Comparison 83.06% (\$15,882.56) cost increase in repairs from vandalism. Monthly Cost Date

Steve Pilon: Suggesting a year comparison on ridership. Is there a way we can estimate loss of fare box revenue and include in the report?

Rikk Murphy: Is call center short staffed and how many positions are open?

Stephanie Dominguez: We have two or three vacancies.

Christopher Ramirez: Can we see safety incident data from July to December and where safety incident occurred? Is there a number for vandalism that is normal for similar systems that we can see? Can we see the interpretations for zero fares?

Bobby Sisneros: Yes, this has been done. I sent an email out over two weeks ago with the direct link to over 250 different organizations. I will resend it to Christopher.

Christopher Ramirez: Together for Brothers have been collecting surveys on riders and how zero fares is impacting them. We'd like to share that with Transit.

**Jarrett Walker & Associates Presentation:**

Michelle Poyourow: We're still very early in the study and still learning your system.

*Shared screen JWA TAB Presentation*

Introduction: JWA, Bohannon Huston, TOOLE Design, Who are we? Why are we here? Team Introduction, Sequence: Collect Data, Public engagement, Drafting of proposes improvements and changes, Public review of those proposals, Likely issues and choices in any network plan, Questions for TAB

Christopher Ramirez: How long is data collection and when does the community engagement piece start?

Michelle Poyourow: Late August or September

Rikk Murphy: What kinds routes are you looking for? There are not many routes that go north and south.

Michelle Poyourow: A grid system is with an infrequent routes is different a grid system with frequent routes. Grid and frequency go well together. We will be thinking critically about in your system. How much frequency you can afford.

Steve Pilon: I hope you will review the process in which ART was implemented and not repeat mistakes made. There's not a lot of emphasis on bicycles an hope that gets considered in the process.

Patricia Salisbury: What does community engagement look like?

Michelle Poyourow: Web survey, in person outreach, displays, reaching out to groups or individuals interested in transit or something adjacent, like affordable housing, justice, homelessness, climate, etc.

Christopher Ramirez: We have access to know where transit dependent people live and still don't map that out for routes and service. There's some other data we can look at that will help tell the story about who needs transit. I also want to emphasize we really do authentic community engagement with the most transit dependent communities.

*Presentation was emailed to all TAB members*

**TAB Committees/Working Groups**

Christopher Ramirez: We'll put this item on the next agenda

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

Althea Atherton: Frequency and span are really important.

Numair Latif: I hope the importance of bicycles and pedestrians are incorporated in the redesign.

**Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 5:30 pm

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person**

**Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting**

16:03:22 From Alejandro Villezcas : Alejandro Villezcas  
16:10:46 From Don McIver : Harris is here now  
16:19:15 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : Thanks for bringing up the bell schedule and bus routes  
16:29:56 From Don McIver : Yes...the audio is spotty  
16:30:49 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : TSA mask mandate through April 18  
16:31:09 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : FTA tri-annual review and site visit  
16:31:25 From rikk : i still can't hear her  
16:31:50 From Aaron Moore : It's like the mic is auto adjusting up and down  
16:32:10 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : Transit App  
16:34:34 From Ryan Haack : <https://transitapp.com/>  
16:35:22 From Don McIver : My question is about the long term implications to transit budget if gas continues to rise...and how they is adjusted/prepared for?  
16:35:35 From Don McIver : \*that  
16:36:24 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : San Pedro on 03/15 at 10:30  
16:37:06 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : Althea can you please message Stephanie with your email for het to follow up  
16:37:24 From Althea : Will do, thank you!  
16:37:32 From Dan Fay : What %age of the fuel consumption is natural gas vs. diesel?  
16:37:52 From Dan Fay : thank you!  
16:38:03 From Dan Fay : [Daniel.fay@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel.fay@gmail.com)  
16:38:40 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : Margaret can you please drop your email in the chat for anyone who needs to contact Transit? Thanks!  
16:39:03 From Margaret Lucero : [margaretlucero@cabq.gov](mailto:margaretlucero@cabq.gov)  
16:44:43 From Aaron Sussman (Toole Design) : those are big year over year ridership increases  
16:50:08 From Margaret Lucero to Michelle Poyourow, JWA(Direct Message) : Hi Michelle, I made you co host so you can share your screen, if needed  
17:05:02 From Christopher (they or he) Tiwa Lands : Michelle can we please add the slides to the notes from our meeting to share with the public?  
17:11:00 From Debbie Johnson/ TenderLove Community Center : Hi Bobby, sorry I just saw this message. I was driving. We are doing okay, just busy:-)  
17:28:41 From Aaron Moore : we will definitely help connect affordable housing developers, service providers, and advocates with this process. Feel free to take our email [abqaffordablehousingcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:abqaffordablehousingcoalition@gmail.com) if you would like to connect. Thanks for the presentation  
17:28:55 From Numair Latif : thank you