



Transit Advisory Board

Thursday, October 14, 2021

4:00 pm to 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: 862 6502 3320

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

Members Present

Christopher Ramirez, Chair (ZOOM); Patricia Salisbury, Vice-Chair (ZOOM); Markie Anderle (ABSENT); Harris Balkin (ZOOM @ 5:15)pm; Ryan Lee Haack (ZOOM); Jennifer Jackson (ZOOM); Don McIver (ZOOM); Rikk Murphy (ATC/ZOOM); Steve Pilon (ZOOM), Hodgins Serrullo (ABSENT); Jacqueline Smith, PTAB (ABSENT)

Staff Members Present

Carrie Barkhurst, Senior Planner (ZOOM); Doreen De la Cruz, Facility Office Manager (ATC/ZOOM @ 4:15), Andrew De Garmo, Principal Planner (ZOOM); Stephanie Dominguez, Deputy Director (ZOOM); Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM)

Visitors Present

Andrea Calderon, Race & Equity Data Analyst (ZOOM); Peter Rice, Downtown Albuquerque News (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. Don McIver 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, Steve Pilon and Patricia Salisbury.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes. Ryan Lee Haack motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Don McIver 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, Steve Pilon and Patricia Salisbury.

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

Rikk Murphy: San Pedro ART station update?

Stephanie Dominguez: This will be addressed in Andrew De Garmo's presentation today.

TAB Chairperson's Report – Christopher Ramirez, Chair

Christopher Ramirez: Councilor Sena introduced some ordinance or legislation this past year to incorporate equity into the infrastructure. I've asked her to share some of that language so TAB and the Transit Department can work together to see how we can best adopt that language. Together For Brothers is moving forward with a community lead effort to look at Transit equity and safety. We will be meeting on Thursday, October 21 2:00pm to 3:30pm. We want to look deeper into the data around safety incidents and have community leading those community led solutions so buses and stops are safer for everyone. I invited Andrea from the Office of Equity and Inclusion to the meeting to do a short presentation.

Director's Report-Danny Holcomb, Director

Stephanie Dominguez: ART Ridership; 106,188 passengers for September, increase of 23.40%. Fixed Route Ridership; 389,426 passengers for September, increase of 11.57%. We will have zero fares for the local election on November 2. There is a new contract pay for our drivers. MCO probationary rate \$14.71, 6 months \$16.81, 3 years continuous driving \$20.72. Sun Van probationary rate is a four grade pay \$13:34, \$1450, \$ 16.01 and \$18.77.

Ryan Lee Haack: How does this new compensation with the new contract compare to similar jobs in the city?

Stephanie Dominguez: We were losing drivers to Solid Waste but now with the 3 year mark they would be making more and we're hoping they stay.

Don McIver: Has ART ridership increased?

Stephanie Dominguez: Yes, 23.4% increase.

Steve Pilon: How much are we down on over all ridership compared to pre-pandemic?

Stephanie Dominguez: Down 50%

Patricia Salisbury: Are drivers vaccinated?

Stephanie Dominguez: *Responded, but inaudible.*

Christopher Ramirez: What's the current capacity and frequency of routes pre-covid?

Andrew De Garmo: Based on our total hours and service we're under 80% of normal service. Routes down are 5, 8, 10, 11, 157, 66 and other routes are running about half their normal service.

Christopher Ramirez: Are all commuters' routes back?

Andrew De Garmo: 5-51 is not running and others we're running scheduled trips on demand. ART and 790 is running a Saturday schedule on weekdays.

Christopher Ramirez: Are we following FTA or Governor's mask mandate? Does FTA have a mandate for drivers to be vaccinated? How can we support driver's having extra masks on buses?

Stephanie Dominguez: We're following both, but all signage on buses refer to FTA. No, mandate for drivers to be vaccinated. We have plenty of masks so a driver can call into dispatch and a road supervisor can take more out to the driver. I will also let Operations know as well that they can request that.

Unfinished Business

Stephanie Dominguez: Jarret Walker and Associates was awarded the RFP study. Next step will be seeking approval from City Council to move forward with the contact.

New Business

Christopher Ramirez: Our next meeting November 11 is on a City Holiday and the office will be closed. I want to make a suggestion that we cancel the November Meeting? Can I get a move to cancel the meeting?

Ryan Lee Haack move that the meeting is cancelled, Jenny 2nd. A roll call vote approved by Ryan Lee Haack, Jennifer Jackson, Don McIver, Rikk Murphy, Steve Pilon and Patricia Salisbury.

Andrew De Garmo: *Transit Advisory Board Projects Briefing presentation slide*

ART station, San Pedro station, construction started 10/11/21, same design as Bio Park and Nob Hill, estimated completion mid- December. Canopies in downtown, EDO, west downtown and Old Town, construction started 10/14. Estimated completion late December. Bus stop improvements in Coors and Eagle Ranch area. ADA improvements. Estimated construction to start November. Bus shelter installations Broadway at Santa Fe and Dennis Chavez at 118th. Estimated construction to start in December. Pilot project on bus stop signs on routes 36/37. Signs designed for visibility from both directions. Yale roofing, remove and replace Maintenance building. Estimated start mid-November. Bus washes replacement at Daytona Facility. Yale Long Tem Plan critical and efficient location for our operations.

Rikk Murphy: When ART stations are under constructions where will buses stop?

Andrew De Garmo: At the closest 66 stops and we may have to put up temporary stops.

Steve Pilon: Do the new constructed bus stops incorporate bicycle parking and lighting? Where's the money coming from for all the construction?

Andrew De Garmo: We have not planned anything for bicycles. Councilor Borrego received funds for Coors and Eagle Rach from State Legislator and the other improvements are coming from Grant funding and T.I.P. (Transportation Improvement Program)

Patricia Salisbury: 36/37 routes are using Sun Vans and the lifts aren't lowered for walkers and carts you have to drag them up the steps.

Christopher Ramirez: Is it possible to include on the signage how to access resources in different languages? Will Transit be willing to put together some information around some potential projects, like service every 15 minutes, specifically around along Gibson corridor? I will follow up with you on that and will connect you with Commissioner Barboa.

Andrew De Garmo: We don't have lots of space, but the other relative thing we have done is signs on the bus in multiple languages.

Patricia Salisbury: Was #8 on the same route as 36/37?

Andrew De Garmo: We're waiting for the #8 sign to come in.

Christopher Ramirez: I asked Andrew if TAB can be included in notices for any public engagement meetings.

Steve Pilon: 40% is coming from one of the Councilors and the rest is from FTA, is that correct?

Andrew De Garmo: 40% of the funding for the stop on Eagle Ranch.

Steve Pilon: *inaudible*

Andrea Calderon: *Presentation on: Social Vulnerability Index*

Different tools City uses: Opportunity Atlas; each track gives you a score of each area. Center Disease Control Social Vulnerability Index, uses 15 social factors and divides them in 4 different fields. Each field is given a score. Albuquerque Overall Social Vulnerability Index Map. Maps are publicly available. Housing and Transportation Theme SVI Index, Albuquerque Minority and Language SVI Theme. This allows you to take an inter-sectional analysis and look at different factors and help support decision making factors.

Link was noted in chat

Christopher Ramirez: I'm hoping the vendor of the new RFP will consider including Indexes to better plan.

Andrea Calderon: *Responding to Don McIver's questions in chat*

We're not quite there yet, this is the CDC's model, but that is a great question.

Harris Balkin: If 67% of riders identified of color and low income then there's a possibility that the other 33% of riders are not. What is being done to increase that percentage of riders that don't fall into that category?

Christopher Ramirez: One concern that I have is the vision the Transit Department has right now is focused on choice riders and does not focus on the most impacted people, people of color and low income. Those are folks that are using the bus already. We need to have that conversation of not sacrificing the transit system to people that absolutely need it.

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

No public comment

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 5:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

16:07:53 From Don McIver : Stephanie was breaking up on my end, maybe she can turn off her video?
16:18:01 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : Yes, thanks Margaret for sending ridership information
16:34:21 From Ryan Haack : Stephanie, who was the vendor that was awarded? I couldn't quite hear.
16:34:38 From Jenny Jackson : that's fine with me!
16:35:05 From Stephanie Dominguez : Jarret Walker and Associates
16:38:26 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : This is great news! Thanks for sharing the photo Andrew!
16:41:06 From Margaret Lucero : Rikk has question

16:42:15 From Margaret Lucero : Question from Rikk: When the ART stations are closed where do the buses stop?

16:44:44 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : See your hand Steve and I will put you in the question list with Rikk

16:46:12 From Patricia salisbury : The stop at La Luz on Coors needs sidewalk. It gets muddy when it rains or snows

16:47:52 From Patricia salisbury : New smaller buses or vans needed for 36 and 37

16:58:57 From Margaret Lucero to Andrea Calderon, ABQ OEI (she/her/ella)(Direct Message) : Wil you need share screen access?

16:59:05 From Andrea Calderon, ABQ OEI (she/her/ella) to Margaret Lucero(Direct Message) : Yes please!

16:59:37 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : Thanks for joining us Andrea!

16:59:56 From Andrea Calderon, ABQ OEI (she/her/ella) : Hi Chris! Happy to be here, thanks for having me!

17:01:16 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : We are just wrapping up with questions and you will be next.

17:19:16 From Don McIver : Question: As more dense housing is created and more access to the city that doesn't require vehicles, how can that be looked at as not a deficit that needs to be factored in?

17:24:42 From Andrea Calderon, ABQ OEI (she/her/ella) :
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e4d732f225fe457d83df11fe9bf71daf>

17:27:24 From Andrew de Garmo : About 67% of riders in our last on-board survey (2017) identified as people of color.

17:27:36 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : Since we might not have time for questions. Please include them in the chat or email me.

17:27:39 From Christopher (he or they) Tiwa Lands/T4B : Thanks Andrew

17:28:25 From Don McIver : Great presentation, looking forward to playing around with ABQ maps.

17:29:29 From Andrea Calderon, ABQ OEI (she/her/ella) : Thank you, Don.

17:30:08 From Jenny Jackson : Thanks Andrea! These indices are really great.

17:30:26 From Don McIver : Thank you.