



Transit Advisory Board

Thursday, April 13, 2023

4:00pm-5:30 pm

In Person Meeting at
Alvarado Transportation Center
100 1st St SW

2nd Floor, Santa Fe Conference Room Albuquerque, NM
87102

Virtual Meeting (Online) Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 875 6869 0728

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

Members Present

Samuel Jensen, Chair (ATC/ZOOM); Steve Pilon, Vice-Chair (ZOOM); Jennifer Layne Frederick (ABSENT); Ben Garland (ZOOM); Jennifer Jackson (ZOOM); Michael Patrick Martin (ZOOM); Jett Metcalf (ATC/ZOOM); Don McIver (ZOOM); Rikk Murphy (ABSENT); Joseph Perez (ABSENT); Hal Simons (ABSENT); Katherine Sullivan (ZOOM)

Staff Members Present

Mike Davis, Deputy Director (ZOOM); Leslie Keener, Director (ZOOM); Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (ATC/ZOOM), Chris Payton, Associate Director (ZOOM); Bobby Sisneros, Deputy Director (ZOOM @ 4:50pm)

Visitors Present

Peter Rice (ZOOM); Theresa, TAS (ZOOM); Jesus Hernandez (ZOOM); Diverse IT (ZOOM); Albert Lee (ZOOM); Baruch Campos (ZOOM); Luis Colunga (ZOOM); Rex Colorado (ZOOM); mobile (740)816-7056

Land Acknowledgement

Samuel started meeting with a land acknowledgement reflecting on the fact that Albuquerque and New Mexico sits on unseeded, indigenous land and indigenous people still comprise over 14% of the population of our State. That population faces many disparities that are disproportionate compared to other populations of New Mexico. Through this committee, I'd like to work towards equity for all people in the State, including indigenous people and honor their stewardship of this land.

Call to Order

Samuel Jensen, Chair, began the meeting at 4:04pm.

Approval of Agenda or Additions

Chair Jensen asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Pilon motioned to approve the agenda, Jett Metcalf 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ben Garland, Jennifer Jackson, Samuel Jensen, Michael Patrick Martin, Don McIver, Jett Metcalf, Steve Pilon and Katherine Sullivan.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Jensen asked for a motion to approve the March 9 meeting minutes. Patrick Martin motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Don McIver 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Ben Garland, Jennifer Jackson, Samuel Jensen, Michael Patrick Martin, Don McIver, Jett Metcalf, Steve Pilon and Katherine Sullivan.

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

Albert Lee: Sustainability office is hosting a climate action plan community engagement meeting, focused around electric vehicles, electric buses and transit system, Wednesday, April 19 5pm-6pm on Zoom.

Steve Pilon: Rio Bravo reconstruction of bridge, no consideration given to public transportation, bicyclist or pedestrians. Did Transit Department voice any interests for those extra lanes?

Leslie Keener: Not a lot of frequency in area, not a need for an additional lane.

Samuel Jensen: Steve, if you'd like to do some research we can put it on the agenda in the future.

TAB Chairperson's Report – Samuel Jensen, Chair

Samuel Jensen: Encourage everyone to get involved in city budget process, there's a lot to learn and it has big effect on Transit. Please reach out to your councilor and ask for their support for Transit. Since schedule change, there are a lot of ghost buses, can we get an update from Director on issues with buses not showing up?

Information Items:

Chris Payton: *shared screen on FY24 Budget Highlights, FY24 Proposed Appropriations; Revenue Changes and Appropriation Changes*

Total City Budget decreases \$53 Million from last year, Transit reduction \$4.9 million

Director's Report: Leslie Keener, Director

Leslie Keener: Service reduction in effect March 25. We're still missing some service, about 150-250 hours/week. Department has a 34% vacancy rate. Suspensions did decrease service by 30%. We are wrapping up our employee survey and will look at where our issues are to make some strides. Ridership was stuck on our servers that were being switched out. Fixed Route 2023 Ridership January 547,662 and February 523,320, Paratransit 2023 Ridership 15,359. We are submitting a Low-No Grant today for 20 electric buses and charging infrastructures at ATC and UTC. Legislation O-23-71 was passed for zero fares for ART and Sun van. Turned in our Short-term TAC Security Plan to council two weeks ago. Retraining our drivers on passenger removal process. Starting RFP process for long range security plan. Self-Certification process is due May 15.

Katherine Sullivan: Amount of time between when an individual is hired and able to operation a bus or van?

Leslie Keener: 10-12 week process with all training involved, depending if they come in with a CDL.

Patrick Martin: December ridership is off by about 90% and ATC security calls were low for January, is that a typo?

Leslie Keener: We'll double check that

Steve Pilon: Is qualification for fixed route same for Sun Van?

Leslie Keener: You don't need a CDL for Sun Van. Mechanics are just as important as drivers, without them we can't make pull out.

Samuel Jensen: Will there be public input on safety security plans?

Leslie Keener: We're at the infancy stage of developing the scope of work. It's a lengthy process, but there will be some outreach.

Action Item:

Baruch Campos, Together for Brothers: presented City of Albuquerque Transit Budget Resolution

TAB make some changes to Resolution, with changes Samuel Jensen asked for motion to pass Resolution. Don McIver motioned to pass under current changes made by TAB members, Jett Metcalf, 2nd the motion. The motion was voice voted yes to pass by Ben Garland, Jennifer Jackson, Samuel Jensen, Michael Patrick Martin, Don McIver, Jett Metcalf, Steve Pilon and Katherine Sullivan.

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

No public comment

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 5:44 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

- 00:12:35 Albert Lee (he/him), City of Albuquerque: Climate Action Plan (CAP) Community Engagement Meeting about Electric Vehicles
Wednesday, April 19th, 5pm-6pm on Zoom
Public survey and video recording available after meeting
<https://www.cabq.gov/sustainability/climate-action-plan#CAP-community-engagement>
- 00:14:34 Patrick Martin: Better use of the extra lanes and the \$61 million price tag to include transit/etc...
- 00:15:28 Ben Garland [TAB]: Apparently it's \$96 million
- 00:21:27 * Steve Pilon *: link to proposed operating budget
<https://www.cabq.gov/dfa/documents/fy24-proposed-web-version.pdf>
- 00:21:37 Patrick Martin: Seconding the issue with canceled buses over the past week
- 00:22:38 * Steve Pilon *: link to proposed Capital Improvement budget
- 00:22:46 * Steve Pilon *: <https://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/documents/2023-mayors-recommendation-to-the-city-council.pdf>
- 00:25:11 Patrick Martin: 4.9 million seems like a disproportional decrease, is that right?
- 00:30:31 Don McIver: Does that mean you won't be able to fill those positions going forward?
- 00:47:51 * Steve Pilon *: CMAQ= congestion mitigation / air quality?
- 00:48:56 Leslie Keener: yes that is correct
- 00:53:08 tas: The proposed budget cuts do really look like the service cuts will be permanent. That is rather depressing.
- 01:03:06 Ben Garland [TAB]: What is the make and model (and any additional option packages) of the e-buses?
- 01:24:34 Chris Payton: Our current battery electric buses are Proterra 35 foot ZX5. We have named Proterra in the Grant application completed today and a 40 foot bus. Technology could change by the time of the award so the model and battery capacity and options probably will change and this is allowed. So that part is To Be Determined.
- 01:26:40 Leslie Keener: I did also forget to mention in my update that we are in the process of purchasing 35 CNG buses that should be arriving early 24.
- 01:26:48 Ben Garland [TAB]: Following up to my previous comment:

Here's the property tax distribution paid by everyone in Bernalillo County, including ABQ residents. I think we should advocate for BernCo to contribute more to ABQ services. Since 82% of county residents are ABQ residents, and if CABQ is contributing X million to transit, then BernCo should contribute 82% of that amount which would be an extra X*0.82 million.

34% to Education (APS, CNM, Charters, etc.)
22% to County
21% to City and Villages (local governments)
15% to Health (UNM Hospital)
4% to Environmental
4% to the State (state bonds)

01:27:25 Ben Garland [TAB]: Reacted to "Our current battery ..." with 👍
01:27:32 Ben Garland [TAB]: Reacted to "I did also forget to..." with 👍
01:40:40 Patrick Martin: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10i3yrd-LlhpKVfvEfFmWzi6PIOzS-sBUIXUAcaAvtNQ/edit>
01:41:12 Patrick Martin: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10i3yrd-LlhpKVfvEfFmWzi6PIOzS-sBUIXUAcaAvtNQ/edit?usp=sharing>
01:44:40 Leslie Keener: I agree, thank you all for your participation and input