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**Transit Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 14, 2014**

**Board Members:**

In attendance: Lucy Birbiglia, David Kesner, Willie Richardson, David Schott, Warren Smith, Bob Tilley

**ACTMI Liaison:**

Jayne Frandsen

**Public:**

Brendan Miller, Dr. Susan Richardson, Stephanie Kean, Julie Luna

**Transit:**

In Attendance: Dayna Crawford, Deputy Director; Phyllis Santillanes, Administrative Assistant.

**Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by David Kesner at 11:50am

**Public Comment:**

Moment of Silence was observed for Marietta Miller, grandmother of Brendan Miller.

Mr. Miller, noticed more new buses running, he states they are very nice and would be nice to get all buses replaced with these, they are easy to get on and have more comfortable seat.

Dr. Richardson, was pleased to ride in on the new bus and states, she has never been on a better bus, in all the times she has used the system, referring to the 600 series. Dr. Richardson states, one thing, about the configuration of the disabled section, the seating is great and everyone she has talked with, also loves it. Dr. Richardson would like the board to formally make a motion to the City, to revise the policy, regarding the fares for Honored Citizens. To bring the cost of the fare, equal to the other citizens, who had a 100% increase, from, 35 cents to 70 cents. Instead of the increase from 35 cents to $2.00. Mr. Tilley, stated that the Honored Citizens day pass is $1.00, according to the Website. Mr. Miller stated that he has the fair structure in front of him. Mr. Kesner asked Ms. Crawford if there a senior citizen pass. Ms. Crawford states she is looking at the App and it appears to have different information. Mr. Kesner states, that may be the source of confusion and suggests that the honored ID be better publicized. Mr. Kesner states, he doesn’t know exactly how to go about proposing a motion to change the rate structure. Mr. Schotz wants to kick this idea around for about a month, to include Mr. Rizzieri and it will be in the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Kesner asked if there were specific locations to purchase the passes. He suggested that the Honored ID information, be publicized more. Ms. Crawford reads information from the App. Dr. Richardson suggests going to customer service to ask these questions. Ms. Crawford stated, they will speak to Vanessa Baca for more advertisement. Mr. Kesner acknowledges Julie Luna arriving, and then proceeds to introduce Ms. Stephanie Kean, who works in the office of Senator Michelle Lujan-Grisham, who works on infrastructures issues. If there are any questions that the board has please contact her at 505-346-6781.

Mr. Kesner announces that Cristen Conley has arrived.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

Mr. Kesner moved that the Agenda be approved. Mr. Schott seconded the motion. The Board Members agreed to approve the Agenda.

**Meeting Minutes from July:**

Accepted and approved by the Board.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Kesner introduces Julie Luna who speaks about walkability. She has a handout, in which she begins to explain her mapping. Question asked by Ms. Conley, “How did they pick the intersections”. Mr. Miller states the intersection that is not on the map is the Coors by Pass and 7 Bar Loop. With the mall there and the school and the skate park, he states it should be mapped to make it safer. Ms. Luna further explains her mapping and speaks about the roads with bike paths. Mr. Schott states he has had experiences with the non-bike path roads. Ms. Frandsen, states people in dark clothing, at night, who J-walk, have a responsibility. Ms. Frandsen asks, if they have a safety campaign. Ms. Luna states they had a program five years ago. Ms. Frandsen wants to know if there are plans for continuing. Ms. Luna states government is slow. Mr. Tilley states, people are responsible to read the signs, both drivers and pedestrians. Mr. Smith states, even if there is a walk sign, the cars still feel they have the right away. Mr. Schott states a “smart button” is needed. Ms. Conley wants to track pedestrian, bike and automobile accidents happening on turn lanes. Ms. Luna found analysis that is only based on officer reports. Mr. Miller states, turning lanes and yield lanes only accommodate drivers and not pedestrians. He states they should get rid of pork chop islands. Ms. Luna states, in terms of further work, the allocation of federal funds to transportation projects is needed, which is a process. She appreciates the comments brought to the table today, especially at Coors By-pass and Seven Bar Loop, the need for having a parallel path system, programs for educating not only pedestrians but also motorist and she likes the idea of stopping traffic in both directions for pedestrians to cross, which is called a “barn dance”. We do have the diagonal crossing at 4th and Marquette. Mr. Kesner points out on page 13 the bike paths that are associated with the Beer Pubs are there any education associated with that. Ms. Luna concludes her presentation.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

Mr. Kesner has a request, does ABQ Ride have an organization chart, that they can look? Ms. Crawford states that one should be available by tomorrow; perhaps it can be on the agenda for next meeting. Mr. Kesner read an e-mail, written to Ms. Jones Francis. “No way to move, east/west”, would be nice to TAB to look at the need. Ms. Crawford states that they will get the guys in planning to look at that, in the advent of the changes in September 2017 we may have opportunity to re-allocate the Rapid Ride and others services and look at the whole system, she will ask Andrew De Garmo to run potential ridership numbers for this area, but that as always it is about funding and providing the best services possible. Mr. Miller suggests extending route 31, and makes it a combination Wyoming, Alameda Route. Ms. Crawford states she will meet with the Planning Dept to evaluate the suggestion. Mr. Schott wants to know why there is not a Paseo del Norte bus. Ms. Luna is asked to speak about the Paseo del Norte and it would be helpful to Rio Rancho also remarking, that there is a goal, by 2025 to have 10% of people crossing the river by transit and 20% by 2035. The struggle is, in order to provide premium transit, there has to be a supporting density of people living along those areas. When managing a budget strapped transit system, transit options are limited. Dr. Richardson speaks about the problem at Paseo and Alameda. There is nothing for these families going west. Mr. Tilley suggested that Rio Rancho and pay some cost, Ms. Crawford replied that, Rio Metro provides service to Rio Rancho and contracts with ABQ Ride.

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Crawford went over the ridership report for July. From August 2013 through July 2014, ridership is to one million, seventy thousand; and year to date, has topped 13 million, compared to the same time period for fiscal Year 2013.

Ms. Crawford stated some of the growth is partly due to the VA Hospital access program.

Ms. Crawford needs to update resumes for those TAB members, who are going to continue service. Ms. Crawford instructed them on procedures. Mr. Kesner asked, it those members, who have been re-appointed, do they still need a new resume. Ms. Crawford stated, the Mayor’s Office would appreciate having current resumes. Mr. Richardson stated, many of the board members are already on their 2nd term. Mr. Kesner wanted to know if they can be brought to the next meeting. Ms. Birbiglia asked if they can serve two terms. Ms. Crawford remarked that Board members may email or submit their resumes at the next meeting. Any recommendations for new board members are welcomed.

Ms. Crawford reported that the resolution was still at city council, and that the sample resolution wasn’t necessary. Ms. Crawford will meet the city council transportation, policy analyst next week. End of report.

**Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired:**

Ms. Frandesen reported that a record was broken. It was the shortest meeting. Called to order at 10:31am and Adjourned at 10:42am, no public there. The city had Amy and Amanda and Bruce present. The Title VI report had two additional meetings. It was asked how many people attended. It was stated proper notice was given for the people who needed to attend. Ms. Frandesen stated, Bruce may have that information. Ms. Birbiglia hopes the issues with the editing and amending, of the “Sun Van and You” is continuing. Ms. Frandesen stated, they are making significant progress, Ms. Paez is “working on it” and once it gets to final form with input from the Board members and the public, the draft will be on the City Web site for 30 days for final comment, and to be sent to the City Council. Ms. Crawford states the FTA is involved, for language and approval but should be out to the board very soon.

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

Mr. Kesner stated the 16-18, is at the bottom of the app, live tracking is not correct, needs to show 16-18, one is fixed, but not the other.

Mr. Kesner stated route 98 is changed; PDF/schedule is old one. Change in stop to accommodate the Carlisle gate closure is too far to walk for base users. Ms. Crawford states, we are happy to provide service to the base and will ensure the schedule is updated. Ms. Kean states her office, will look into this. Ms. Birbiglia would like to know if the 16/18 could be more users friendly. Mr. Kesner stated it was discussed at the last meeting, when Mr. de Garmo remarked he would evaluate the situation. Ms. Crawford suggested the issues be put in next month’s agenda; the 16/18, the Alameda Route, and the Carlisle Gate.

Mr. Kesner asked Mr. Tilley to comment on the recent Jeff Speck presentation on walkability for downtown Albuquerque. He remarked that the full report is on the city’s website. Mr. Tilley stated that the good news is that making downtown more walkable wouldn’t have to come at a great cost to the city. Mr. Tilley recommended everyone take time to look at the report on-line and see the slide show.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAB meeting is September 11, 2014 at 11:45am

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm