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**Transit Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2014**

**Board Members:**

In Attendance: Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, David Kesner, William Richardson, David Schott, Warren Smith.

**Public:**

Dr. Susan Richardson, Brendan Miller

**ABQ RIDE:**

Bruce Rizzieri, Director; Andrew De Garmo, Principal Planner; Phyllis Santillanes, Administrative Assistant

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Miller suggested, considering interlining Route 10/ 4th Street and Route 11/ Lomas on weekends. If this was done more service would be provided with the same amount of vehicles. The Route 11 gets higher ridership on Saturdays, and would be more efficient. On Sunday, there would be no change to the Route 11/Lomas schedule. This proposal was detailed in his handout that was distributed to the Board.

**Acceptance of the Revised Agenda:**

Mr. Smith moved that the agenda be approved with the following amendments; include “Meeting Notification” resolution and “Meeting Date” resolution. Ms. Conley seconded the motion. The Board approved the revised Agenda. Mr. Smith asked if there was any objection, to tallying how people arrive to the Board Meetings.

**Meeting Minutes from September:**

Two changes were made to the September minutes; one was a request from Dr. Susan Richardson to incorporate the e-mail concerning an all-day pass for students that she sent to ABQ RIDE incorporated into the meeting minutes. The e-mail is as follows: “The customary and generalized use of the term Honored Citizens includes school-age youth ages 10 through high school, senior citizens ages 62 and over, and disabled citizens riding regular, fixed bus routes. In the 2008 ordinance, this general term is trifurcated, with the first category being defined as a “Student Fare,” the second as an “Honored Citizen Fare,” and the third as a “Fixed-Route Honored Citizen Disabled Pass.” All three qualify for the pre-2009 35¢ one-way-trip discounted fare that included a two-hour transfer; however, only the third category is singled out as qualifying for a new [as of 2009], special $1.00 all-day pass fare (discounted from the new, 2009 standard adult fare structure providing for a $2.00 all-day pass in lieu of the pre-2009 two-hour transfer included in the one-way $1.00 fare). Seniors and students who are not disabled are excluded from this special discount.”

Also, on page four it was stated that Mr. Schott discussed the upcoming Wall of Fame event for Mr. Rudolfo Anaya; it was actually Mr. Kesner. The Minutes with these changes were approved by the Board.

**Visitor Presentation:**

Mr. Andrew de Garmo presented a proposal for the re-routing of Route 16/18; these changes will serve to simplify the route. A map was given to the Board showing the proposed changes. Since the Route 5 already serves Mountain Road and 3rd Street, Route 16/18 will be taken off of those streets, and will instead provide two way service on Broadway, Indian School and University Blvd.

Additionally, Route 16/18 will go into the ATC on its northbound trip. At the south end of the route, due to low ridership since the closing of the GE plant, the route will not go to Woodward, instead it will go to San Jose. There will be a short layover near the San Jose Community Center, where there are rest room facilities The San Jose Neighborhood Association will be notified and asked for input before these changes are made.

Mr. Schott stated that this is one way of connecting CNM, the University area, the hospital and facilities along this route. He doesn’t understand why this route has a 45 minute headway. The headway should be 30 minutes.

Ms. Birbiglia stated that this route change is an incremental change and does a disservice to riders going to CNM; there is no transit service in the evening to CNM.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

The Chair asked about the status of the driver partitions.

**Director’s Report**

Mr. Rizzieri responded that most of the drivers don’t like the floor to roof partitions. The “mid-size” partition has generated fewer complaints. Mr. Rizzieri dilemma is that while there are few violent incidents against drivers, he needs to consider the possibilities of such an occurrence when determining whether driver partitions should be purchased and installed. Mr. Rizzieri stated that he will be attending the American Public Transportation Association Bus Expo in Houston. At the Expo he will look at new products for buses.

Ms. Conley asked what complaints have been received from drivers.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that for the floor to roof partition drivers feel closed-in, for some drivers it is difficult for them to get in and out of the driver’s seat, some wheelchairs hit the partition as the individuals enter the bus, and some drivers have difficulty viewing the right hand side mirror.

Mr. Kesner asked about the driver retention, are drivers moving to other departments.

Mr. Rizzieri stated there is no change.

Mr. Rizzieri will bring the driver hourly wage scale to the next meeting.

Mr. Kesner asked about the union recognition notices posted at the ATC.

Mr. Rizzieri responded that another union has claimed that it has sufficient support from the drivers to be the drivers’ union representative.

Ridership

Mr. Rizzieri stated that ridership is up for September. Where July and August were down a bit, 4%. September was up 1.3% which means YTD ridership is only down 1.71%.

Board Membership

Mr. Schott asked about resumes. His understanding is that to continue on the board there is no need to submit an updated resume.

Mr. Rizzieri responded that if a current board member’s term has expired, the board member should submit an updated resume to him and he would send the resume to Carmen Ortiz is now the contact person for the city’s boards and commissions.

**Action Items**

A. Meeting Notice Resolution

This Resolution establishes the public notification requirements for TAB meetings; similar wording to the resolutions passed during the past three years.

Ms. Conley moves to accept as amended; on page two, line 1 the letter “y” is left off of “Advisor”; add a “y” so that the word is not “Advisory”.

Approved by the Board

B. Honored Citizen Fare Resolution

The Board discussed the following resolution:

“The Transit Advisory Board formally request that the City of Albuquerque implement an adjustment to the price of the all-day bus pass for Honored Citizens (which term includes out, senior citizens, and disabled citizens riding regular, fixed bus routes) to the discounted amount of 70 cents for a one-day pass, $1.40 for a two-day pass, and $2.10 for a three-day pass, in order to achieve an equitable alignment with the standard adult fare for such passes and to be enacted in memory of Marietta Miller to honor her years of contribution to the board as a civic attendee”.

 Mr. Kesner asked for a motion to accept.

Ms. Conley asked Dr. Richardson if there was a language problem in the current ordinance, and if there is, does Dr. Richardson believe that this resolution should propose to fix that glitch.

Dr. Richardson stated that if the Fare Ordinance was going to be rewritten, fixing the glitch could occur when the ordinance was rewritten.

Ms. Conley moved and Mr. Richardson seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Mr. Smith asked Dr. Richardson, how the public would know that the Honored Citizen fare change was in honor of Mrs. Miller.

Dr. Richardson answered that that decision would have to be made by the City Council.

Ms. Birbiglia responded that it is good to honor Mrs. Miller, however, Ms. Birbiglia thinks Mrs. Miller would not want her name used in the Ordinance; Mrs. Miller would be pleased that the Board is honoring her.

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

Ms. Frandsen stated, there were no meaningful complaints. There were several compliments regarding drivers who are going out of way to assist riders.

Ms. Bribiglia states the Sun Vans are running late, due to more riders. More vans are needed and the drivers feel that complaining gets them nowhere.

Ms. Frandsen stated that the ACTMI is losing its chair and a member of the board.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that Mr. Mullen has resigned, because he no longer works for ARCA, and that Ms. Trapp resigned due to her work duties.

Ms. Birbiglia asked if these individuals were going to be replaced. She stated that CNM has never been asked to suggest a member, and it might be appropriate.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that anyone from CNM who is eligible for membership on the ACTMI should apply.

Albuquerque Rapid Transit

Mr. Rizzieri provided information concerning the upcoming ART Open Houses.

Mr. Smith asked if using the ART service would be priced the same as the current service, would there be staff on the platform, would the fare passes be usable between ART service and regular service, and would a scanning machine be used to read the fare passes

Mr. Rizzieri responded that these questions would be answerable later in the project.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45, the next meeting will be on November 13, at the ATC.

Meeting Adjourned