

**Transit Advisory Board**

**Alvarado Transportation Center – 2nd Floor**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2017**

**Board Members**

In Attendance:

Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, Nancy JonesFrancis, David Schott , David Kesner, Brendan Miller, Willie Richardson, , Warren Smith, Bob Tilley, Patricia Salisbury, Harris Balkin, Orville Pratt

**Members of the Public**

In Attendance:

Katherine Arndt, Judy Hatfield, Evelyn Kuhn, John Messier, Daniel Strones, Councilor Diane Gibson, Chris Sylvan

**ABQ Ride**

In Attendance:

Bruce Rizzieri, Director; Amanda Trujillo, Customer Service Supervisor; Yvette Garcia, Administrative Assistant; Suhein Medina-Baca, Administrative Assistant

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Ms. Conley called the meeting to order at 11:51 AM. She then took roll and asked everyone that was in attendance what their mode of transportation to the meeting was.

**Acceptance of Agenda:** All members of the board approved agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from March:**

All members of the board approved the Minutes for March.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Strones asked why the City of Albuquerque is wasting so much money on the ART project when it might be turned down. Ms. Conley responded by saying she appreciates his concern but in her opinion it’s not a waste of money. Mr. Tilley states that traffic is caused by cars not by transit. Most of the money is going towards safety and is not a waste of money, it’s an investment.

Ms. Kuhn asked what the ART funding was being used for. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying project funding is being used for buses ($1.2 million per bus); sidewalk improvements, including correcting any ADA accessibility deficiencies; pedestrian/street lights; landscaping; additional traffic and pedestrian signals.

Ms. Kuhn wanted to apologize about saying the sidewalks were difficult to maneuver. When she looked at the sidewalks it was in the evening and now that she has seen it in the day it looks more accessible. Ms. Conley stated that the sidewalks did look challenging for wheelchairs but they are accessible. Mr. Rizzieri stated that after ART construction is done there will be improved lighting for pedestrians; from Coors to Louisiana there will be more signalized locations for crossing Central, on average every quarter mile.

Mr. Miller says that he likes the new stops from Central and Girard going to the west side.

Mr. Rizzieri announced that there will be two presentation today. One from Chris Payton and another from Lawrence Kline.

**Presentation from Chris Payton**

Mr. Payton briefly talked about the operations budget and the process for developing a new Fiscal Year budget. The Budget Office prepares a five-year forecast and this information is used to determine the revenues for the coming fiscal year. There are two public meetings about the budget and the final decision is made by May 31st.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that the City Council Committee of the Whole hears presentations for two groups of City departments: “Social” departments, and “Physical” departments.

Ms. Conley asked Mr. Rizzieri what is the most effective way to ask questions about the budget. Mr. Rizzieri says it’s best to show up and speak at city council meetings. Mr. Tilley reminded the Board that there are plenty options to get your concerns addressed, such as email, mail and telephone.

**Presentation from Lawrence Kline**

Mr. Kline gave a presentation on the ART platforms. He went over station styles, what styles are at different stops, parking, signals, ticketing, what stations will have the canopy, safety, landscape, how to get on the platforms safely, and accessibility.

**Chair persons report**

Cristen would like to discuss four issues, Safety on the bus, second shift service, improved service for the 50 route which includes, more service to the airport and the Encino House, and increased frequency for route 36.

**Director’s report**

Mr. Rizzieri spoke about the North Valley Service improvement requests on service concepts and cost estimates. The requests were for increased service to routes 36 and for route 8. He said the request also indicated more additional stops for the 790 route.

**Unfinished business**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 13:16**