



**Transit Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2016**

**Called to Order:**

Ms. Cristen Conley called the meeting to order at 11:45 am

**Board Members:**

In Attendance: Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, Annie JonesFrancis, David Kesner, Willie Richardson, David Schott, Warren Smith, Bob Tilley, Brendan Miller.

**Public:**

In Attendance: Cheryl Hunt, Chris Ramirez.

**ABQ Ride:**

In Attendance: Annette Paez, Associate Director; Jim Carrillo, Maintenance Division Manager; Nick Cordova, Maintenance Supervisor; Phyllis Santillanes, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Conley took roll and polled the Board as well as others in attendance as to what was their mode of transportation to the meeting.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

Ms. JonesFrancis asked for approval of the agenda. Ms. Birbiglia moved to accept the Agenda. Mr. Smith seconded and the Agenda was approved.

**Minutes from July 14, 2016:**

Corrections to the minutes;

The spelling of Ms. Saiz name, changed from Ms. Sikes to Ms. Saiz.

Acceptance of the agenda instead of acceptance of the minutes.

With the changes that needed correcting Mr. Smith moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Richardson seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Hunt thanked the staff of ABQ RIDE for providing schedules that she was requesting. Ms. Hunt stated that she has been requesting for someone from ABQ RIDE to come to their facility for bus training and trip planning but she has not heard from anyone. Mr. Hunt stated that with all the construction in the area of their living facility, Encino House at 609 Encino Pl NE, the residents are not being fully notified about where the temporary stops are or how long the construction will be taking place. Ms. Hunt feels there should be signage with that information near the stop as many of the residents rely on bus transportation to doctor appointments and the grocery stores.

Mr. Ramirez who is a Program Director for Juntos, (Our Air Our Water) recently worked with leaders consisting of mothers and youth leaders regarding their number one environmental issue; air-pollution. The people who he works with in the International District and well as the South Valley are very interested in bus and bike travel because they

currently are under-served and they would like to get involved. Ms. Conley asked if he knew in which City Council Districts these areas were located. Mr. Ramirez stated that he knew the council districts. Mr. Tilley asked that if they only work with Hispanics in those areas and Mr. Ramirez stated that these are the areas where there is greater need for service, but it is not limited to them.

Ms. Conley asked if Mr. Ramirez is in contact with any of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Conley commented about the district areas that are currently represented by the Board.

Mr. Miller commented about construction on Central that are causing stops to be closed and suggested that more signage be provided.

**Visitor Presentation:**

Ms. Paez introduce Mr. Jim Carrillo and Mr. Nick Cordova. Mr. Carrillo is the Maintenance Division manager, and Mr. Cordova is the Maintenance Supervisor for the bus stop maintenance crew. Ms. Paez went on to praise these two gentlemen for doing a prenominal job with all the work they do.

Mr. Carrillo gave the board a handout that explained how they managed the bus stop maintenance. As Mr. Carrillo and Mr. Cordova explained, the board asked questions.

Mr. Kesner asked if high volume stop locations get top priority for maintenance. Mr. Carrillo answered that received bus stop cleanliness concerns are addressed the same day.

Mr. Cordova stated that Transit is working with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Solid Waste Department to coordinate the efforts to service these areas.

Mr. Schott asked who takes care of the areas when crew members are off or on vacation. Mr. Cordova stated that the work load is assumed

by other bus stop maintenance crew member, Mr. Cordero and Mr. Cordova.

Mr. Kesner asked if all the bus stop maintenance vehicles have the capability to power wash and empty trash. Mr. Carrillo responded with, "Yes". Mr. Cordova added that the crews know their hotspots, if more help is needed, the whole crew will go out or assistance will be requested from the other departments.

Mr. Ramirez wanted to know if 311 is the appropriate number to call when there are needles at the intersection of Central and Atrisco. Mr. Cordova answered that this was the correct number to call.

Members of the board wanted to know if Maintenance Division staff clean the interiors of the buses and how often this cleaning is done.

Mr. Carrillo stated that the buses are swept out every night and the buses are detailed once a month. It was discussed that the seats of the bus should be plastic, so that cleaning would be easier than upholstery. Ms. Paez stated that they have purchased an upholstery machine to do the cleaning and this process takes more than two hours.

Mr. Conley asked what are the biggest challenges faced by the Maintenance Division. The response was cleaning the buses, and the bus stops.

Ms. Hunt wanted to know if that included the engines because she has noticed buses with black soot coming out. Mr. Carrillo stated that they are also cleaned and Ms. Paez added that if Ms. Hunt sees that to call 311 with the bus number as it needs to be addressed.

### **Director's Report:**

Ridership report will be available next month.

Mr. Schott asked about the vehicles for the ART project, the location of interior bike storage and for how many bikes.

Ms. Paez stated that the storage positions will be placed before the accordion spot.

Mr. Schott asked what the backup plan is if there is a shortfall of money.

Ms. Paez stated she is not aware of that part of the ART.

**Announcements/Chairpersons' report:**

- ART lawsuit
- Format for report to Transit, Mayor and City Council

Ms. Conley reported that the appeal of a federal district court judge to not grant a temporary restraining order to block construction of ART was appealed to the Federal 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. This Court placed a hold on construction until it reviewed the appeal.

The plaintiffs believe that there was not sufficient environmental review by the Federal Transit Administration.

Ms. Conley stated that the ART Myth Busters information is very helpful.

In regards to the report to the mayor and city council, Ms. Conley stated that providing this information in the Agenda seventy-two hours in advance of the TAB meeting did not happen. this time but the idea is to send a letter regarding the TAB meeting to Mr. Rizzieri, the Mayor and City Councilors.

Ms. Conley would like to spend time during each meeting to discuss the talking points: This will make it easier to develop the report.

Ms. Birbiglia stated that it should be done in a timely manner and should be brief.

**Para Transit Advisory Board:**

No one from this Board was present.

**New Business:**

Ms. Conley asked if Ms. Paez had any information on the Central Business Advisory Board. Ms. Paez did not.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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