



Transit Advisory Board
Alvarado Transportation Center – 2nd Floor
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017

Board Members

In Attendance:

Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, Nancy Jones Francis, Brendan Miller, David Kesner, Warren Smith, Willie Richardson, David Schott, Patricia Salisbury, Bob Tilley, Harris Schott

Members of the public

In Attendance:

Cherl Hunt, Judy Hatfield, Dan, Majewski, Christopher Ramirez, Baruch Campos, Kathryn Arndt, Chris Baca, Jacob Olaguir, Kathleen Gygi, Estefany Gonzales, Martha Favela, Victor Nevarez, Brain Reilly

ABQ Ride

In Attendance:

Bruce Rizzieri, Director; Katherine Cordova, Outreach for the ART project; Amanda Trujillo, Customer Service Supervisor; Yvette Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Conley Called the meeting to order at 11:48 AM. She then took roll and asked everyone what his or her mode of transportation to the meeting was. Lucy Birbiglia- Sun Van, Nancy Jones Francis- Biked, Bob Tilley- Biked, David Kesner- Car, Cristen Conley-Car, Warren Smith- Bus, Willie Richardson- Car, David Schott- Car, Brendan Miller- Bus, Patricia Salisbury- Son brought her, Cheryl Hunt- Bus, Harris Balkin-Car, Judy Hatfield- Bus, Katherine Cordova- Car, Dan Majewski- Biked, Christopher Ramirez- Carpool, Baruch Campos- Car, Kathryn Arndt-Walked, Chris Baca- Car, Jacob Olaguir-Car, Kathleen Gygi- Car, Estefany Gonzalez- Walked, Martha Favela- Walked, Victor Nevarez- Walked, Brain Reilly- Biked, Bruce Rizzieri- Car, Amanda Trujillo- Car, Yvette Garcia- Car

Acceptance of the Agenda:

All Members of the Board voted to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from July:

All members of the Board voted to approve the July Minutes with no changes.

Public Comment:

Ms. Hunt was concerned that not everyone knows about the Public Meetings that are held at the ATC. She wants to know how we can get the word out to let the public know about the meetings. Ms. Hunt stated that the only signs she notices up are at the ATC. She would like to have more signs put up in the city buses and maybe have it posted on city website. Ms. Hunt also wanted to say that she is very pleased that the Transit Department is accepting the Rail Runner passes, and that having a Rail Runner pass can give you a free ride. Ms. Hunt added that sometimes she does not receive a ticket from the Rail Runner and when she gets on the city buses she has to pay one or two dollars depending where she is going. Ms. Hunt wanted to know if the ART bus was still at Yale. She would like to look at the bus, so if anyone could let her know if it would still be available for viewing.

Ms. Conley wanted to address the situation regarding Ms. Hunt's concerns on the notices for public meetings. Ms. Conley responded by saying they do have posting of meetings on the City website and will ask Mr. Rizzieri if the ART bus will be able for viewing. Ms. Hunt stated that seniors do not have access to the internet to purchase the Rail Runner tickets, some cannot

afford smart phones to keep up with Transit updates, news, or any other departments in the City of Albuquerque.

Mr. Balkin reposed to Ms. Hunt's comment by saying since you are 70 years of age you don't have to pay one or two dollars, you ride the bus for thirty five cents.

Mr. Tilly replied to Ms. Hunt saying that the city does provide the public access to computer at libraries and senior centers, but maybe we need to collaborate with other public boards.

Ms. Arndt asked if transit service would be provided during holidays.

Mr. Ramirez wants to know whom he can speak with to voice his concerns regarding construction in the area of Atrisco and Central. Mr. Ramirez says that there are not accessible curbs for walkers or bike riders who ride in this area. Ms. Conley and Mr. Miller suggested that he call 311 and to get in contact with his city councilor. Mr. Rizzieri also suggested calling the ART Hotline with any concerns regarding this construction. Ms. Cordova gave out the number to the ART Hotline, (505) 398-4278.

Ms. Birbiglia asked Ms. Cordova what is the volume of the calls that the Hotline is receiving. Ms. Cordova responded by saying that the majority of the calls concern construction or traffic related questions. Ms. Cordova stated that last week Bradbury Stamm reported 40 calls, but she was unable to provide specific statistics on the concerns or questions.

Presentation from Together for Brothers and Juntos

Presentation provided by Mr. Ramirez Co- Director of Together for Brothers.

This summer Together for Brothers and Juntos, collaborated with 10 young men from the Westgate and International District neighborhoods. The young men were paid to do research and take surveys around their community. The surveys gathered information regarding where these individuals work, play and learn.

The surveys asked people about their means of transportation and how they access fixed route bus service in their area. Mr. Ramirez noted that most of the individuals that live in these areas do not speak English, so that made it

very difficult for them to get information about bus routes or even where a bus stop is located.

Ms. Gonzalez, Outreach Coordinator, also helps with surveys on transportation. Jacob Olaguir- Health Impact Assessment Crew, Chris Baca- Youth Coordinator, Bruch Campos- Youth Coordinator, Victor Nevarez- Youth organizer, and Martha Favela-mother and organizer provided some information about daily challenges that they face trying to get to and from a bus stop, how buying a bus pass on one person's income was a challenge, and how the bus frequency was inadequate for the times they needed to get to either school or work.

Mr. Campos stated that when he/they started going to CNM or UNM the "free" bus passes saved them from having to buy a vehicle.

Mr. Nevarez stated that 71.9% of people in his community would ride the city bus if they felt safe. Mr. Olaguir said that giving young people in his community free bus passes would really help these individuals make something of themselves.

Mr. Baca said that 80% of youth would take the bus if they could ride for free.

Mr. Ramirez would like to have some resources to help train the community on how to ride the city busses and to make it less stressful and scary for them.

Chairperson's report

None

Director's report

Mr. Rizzieri said that ridership is down and that ridership is hindered by construction.

Mr. Rizzieri Stated that the ART is about 65% completed and is on schedule.

Ms. Jones Francis asked Mr. Rizzieri when the ART Project would be completed. Mr. Rizzieri said that most construction should be done by the end of November.

Mr. Rizzieri informed everyone that the department is holding two public meetings next week to discuss some route and schedule changes. The public meetings will be held in the Training room at the Alvarado Transit Center at 1st and Central SW on August 17, 2017. The meeting times are 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

The proposal is to reallocated operating hours from the D-Ride and use them on other routes for improvements. The effected routes are #40-D-RIDE, #36-12 ST. /Rio Grande Blvd, #1-JuanTabo, #50-Airport/Downtown, #141-San Mateo, #5- Montgomery / Carlisle/ #11-Lomas, #155- Coors, #8-Menaul.

If approved, the changes to the routes will began in November 2017.

Mr. Rizzieri also mentioned that inbound routes to the ATC within a Downtown modified free fare zone would be free.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that there will be 60- 70-minute service on Sundays to the Sunport from Downtown.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Rizzieri when the Route #50 addition would go into effect and what would the times be. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying early November and from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Unfinished business

None

New business

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.