



Transit Advisory Board
Alvarado Transportation Center – 2nd Floor
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2017

Board Members

In Attendance:

Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, Nancy JonesFrancis, Brendan Miller, Willie Richardson, Warren Smith, Bob Tilley, Harris Balkin, Patricia Salisbury

Members of the Public

In Attendance:

Ed Pothoff, Kevin Kofchur, Will Gleason, Cheryl Hunt, Merrit Peterson, Christopher Ramirez, Baruch Campos, Estefany Gonzalez Mendoza

ABQ Ride

In Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Conley called the meeting to order at 11:49 AM. She then took roll and asked everyone that was in attendance what their mode of transportation to the meeting was. Harris Balkin- D, Lucy Birbiglia - Sun Van, Cristen Conley- D, Nancy JonesFrancis- W, Brendan Miller- W, Willie Richardson- D, Warren Smith- Bus, Bob Tilley- Bike, Patricia Salisbury- Bus, Bruce Rizzieri- D, Amanda Trujillo- D, Su Medina- Baca- D, Ed Potthoff- D, Kevin Kofchur- Carpool, Will Gleason- D, Cheryl Hunt- Bus, Christopher Ramirez -W, Baruch Campos- D, Estefany Gonzalez Mendoza- D

Acceptance of Agenda: All members of the Board voted to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from June:

All members of the Board voted to approve the June Minutes, as amended.

Public Comment

Ms. Hunt asked about the veteran in a wheelchair that was unable to get from the sidewalk to the bus stop. She also wanted to make a positive comment about the drivers being very attentive to bike lanes. Mr. Rizzieri responded to Ms. Hunt by saying that the Transit Department has notified the NMDOT about the situation. The Transit department is not able to make modifications without the authorization from the NMDOT because Coors Blvd. is maintained by the state. Mr. Rizzieri also wanted to mention that there is a misconception about every stop needing to be ADA accessible. There are different types of accessibility needs. If a bus stop is not accessible by an individual, that individual may be eligible for Sun Van services. If the landscape material can't be removed and the individual is unable to use the bus stop then the

individual could be eligible for Sun Van service from that location to another destination.

Ms. Conley asked if the NMDOT is going to address the situation since ABQ Ride does not have the right to take out the landscaping. She also wanted to know how long it would take to get it taken care of. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying that if it's approved it will take two to three weeks to modify the landscaped area.

Ms. JonesFrancis said that she would like to see all bus stops accessible to everyone. Mr. Rizzieri commented by saying there is two hundred and fifty square miles of service area and required changes are done when the department is aware of the situation; usually funds are available. Ms. Conley stated that she has lived here for 20 years and says she's satisfied that Transit is getting better and with more accessibility.

Mr. Tilley asked if there is a waiting list to get approved for Sun Van. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying that the individual needs to go through a certification process and it can take up to 21 days after a complete application is received by the department for the person to receive notice of the decision. Mr. Tilley also stated that if the location of the bus stop is on state right-away, then the state needs to recognize where the bus stops are and not put landscaping there. He said we shouldn't expect for ABQ Ride to be funding the county and state roads. It should be addressed by whose jurisdiction it falls under and perhaps ABQ Ride needs to be the coordinator. Ms. Conley suggested that they expand their meeting reports to include someone from the NMDOT.

Election and Resolutions

Ms. Conley and Mr. Miller will be co-chairs and Mr. Tilley will continue to serve as Vice-chair for the Transit Advisory Board.

Ms. Conley wants to amend the Resolution from last year to include the City Code Requirements of having the minutes posted following the

approval of the Board Members. The only Minutes that are on the website are the draft Minutes. She said we have not had corrected Minutes posted and that is required within 10 calendar days of approval. She proposed that this language be incorporated into the Resolution. She stated that we have draft Minutes posted first then after approval from the Board Members at the next TAB meeting we should post the corrected Minutes.

The Board Members approved the resolution of Public Notice Procedure for the Transit Advisory Board.

The Board Members approved for the dates for the Fiscal Year 2018 meeting schedule.

Presentation from HDR Engineering- ADA Compliance for ART

Ed Potthoff, Engineer of Record for the ART project, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the ADA accessibility of the ART platforms. He showed slides of four types of station platforms that are being used for the ART and explained how to access the stations. He also indicated that there will be five audible settings on the pedestrian cross walk to choose from. He is still taking suggestions from the community as to which one should be use.

Kevin Kofchur, the architect for the ART project, explained the designs of the platforms and that barriers will be on either end of the platforms. He also talked about the lighting for each station that has a canopy and how it will be lit with LED lighting. There are three stations that will not have a canopy because of historical setting concerns. Those stations will have light poles to light the area. He said that there will be security cameras at each station and four monitors at each station that show bus route and local area information.

Chairperson's report

None

Director's report

Mr. Rizzieri said that if anyone wants to take a look at the canopy framework the one at Central and Coors is up.

Ridership report not changed too much for the past year.

Mr. Rizzieri stated that ART is about 55% completed and is on schedule.

Nob Hill Stroll will be Saturday, July 22, 2017, so some of our routes will be on detour. He said to check out the sidewalk and landscaping improvements to see the differences from last year to this year.

Mr. Ramirez asked if signage and language will be available for the non-English speaking community. Ms. Conley asked Mr. Rizzieri if he was able to answer Mr. Ramirez's question. Mr. Rizzieri responded that he believes the ticket vending machine will have multi-language capabilities. Platform signage is still be developed.

Unfinished business

AT the next meeting Mr. Ramirez will talk about how Juntos Together for Brothers can provide information to Transit about the South Valley. Ms. Conley wants to look at what areas Transit serves in the South Valley. Mr. Tilley wants to invite someone from the county to hear the presentation from Mr. Ramirez.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Rizzieri why there are no stops between Rio Grande and Sunset. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying it depends on the construction activity.

New Business

Ms. Birbiglia is concerned about using Sun Van drivers and vehicles to transport people, - most of whom do not have disabilities - for July 4 and Christmas Eve events. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying that the department has a Special Events fund. Ms. Birbiglia also said that Sun

Van drivers get drafted and she has heard repeatedly that they do not get home until after midnight from these events, then some of them have to start working again at five in the morning. She says that doesn't give them the required eight hours rest between shifts. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying for our type of operation there is not a required eight hours off between shifts. We do our best to give the drivers eight hours off, some drivers may get eight hours and some may get less. He also indicated that everyone with the Transit Department is required to work and are not exempt from participating in Special Events.

Meeting adjourned at 13:15

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