



**Transit Advisory Board**  
**Alvarado Transportation Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2017**

**Board Members**

In Attendance:

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

**Members of the Public**

In Attendance:

Katherine Arndt, Evelyn Kuhn, Cheryl Hunt, Jeff Hertz, Tom Menicucci

**ABQ Ride**

In Attendance:

Bruce Rizzieri, Director; Yvette Garcia, Administrative Assistant;  
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.

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

**Approval of Minutes from April:**

All members of the board approved the Minutes for April.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Hunt asked when the Gay Pride Parade was going to be and what detour route 11 will be on. Mr. Rizzieri said the parade will take place June 10, 2017, the detour will be posted a week before the parade, and signs will go up three days prior to the detour. She also wanted to know if there is service dog program. Ms. Conley responded by saying there was a companion animal pilot project and that it had ended. Mr. Rizzieri said there are no pets allowed on the bus now, but service animals are welcome. He also said that the drivers can only ask if the animal is a pet. If they say yes, then the driver advises the rider they cannot ride with the animal. If the rider says the animal is a service animal then the driver can ask the rider what function or tasks that animal provides.

Ms. Hunt asked if there is a City program that paints the curbs in front of the bus stops, and if there is a program she would like to make a request to have a curb painted. He said that ABQ Ride does not have a program to help paint curbs in front of the bus stops, but she can put the request in and he will try and get the maintenance crew out there in the next couple of weeks. The maintenance crew's priority is to have the 2,700 bus stops maintained and cleaned.

Ms. Ardt voiced her concern about seeing dogs on the bus with no leashes or muzzles. Mr. Rizzieri stated that the service animals are not required to be on a leash or muzzle but if the service animal becomes aggressive the driver has the right to remove the animal from the bus. Mr. Tilly suggested that maybe the homeless people can help with painting the curbs and cleaning the stops. Mr. Rizzieri said it would still come out of transit funds because the individual would be paid and the department would have to have someone supervising the volunteers. He also mentioned that there is a new pilot project going in affect next month called "Adopt a stop" and that will help with maintaining and the cleaning the bus stops.

Mr. Miller stated that he was happy to route 31 with extended routing to Academy.

### **Presentation from Andrew De Garmo**

Mr. De Garmo gave a presentation on the set of activities and the main steps that it takes when setting up routes. He spoke about Trip scheduling and the tasks it takes to implement each step. He also included in his presentation that there are 1500 hours of service for weekday service and half that amount for the Saturday schedule and half of the Saturday schedule amount on Sundays.

### **Chair persons report**

None

### **Director's report**

Mr. Rizzieri spoke about the ART project he stated that the City requested \$69 million for the project and \$50 million of that amount is included in the FY2017 budget. Some questions were asked from the public about the ADA requirements for the construction. He responded by saying that the construction crews are trained in ADA sensitivity. The ART project is on schedule and is to be completed early November 2017. Ms. Conley asked about ridership and Mr. Rizzieri said that ridership has decreased but that there is not much that can be done right now due to construction and comparatively low gas prices. Transit supervisors are monitoring service on Central. Mr. Smith asked if vehicles were included in the budget and Mr. Rizzieri said yes.

### **Unfinished business**

The board members will make the screen shots about where the busses are in the apps a higher priority in the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 13:17**