



Transit Advisory Board

Alvarado Transportation Center – 2nd Floor

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017

Board Members

In Attendance:

Lucy Birbiglia, Cristen Conley, Brendan Miller, Willie Richardson, Bob Tilley, Harris Balkin, Patricia Salisbury, Rachel Hertzman, Dave Kesner, Orville Pratt

Members of the Public

In Attendance:

Cheryl Hunt, Christopher Ramirez, Baruch Campos, Coby Livingston, Beverly Hill, Roman Bojorquez, Dan Majewski

ABQ Ride

In Attendance:

Bruce Rizzieri, Director; 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: Lucy Birbiglia-Other, Cristen Conley-Other, Brendan Miller- ABQ Ride, Willie Richardson-Car, Bob Tilley-Walk, Harris Balkin-Car, Patricia Salisbury-ABQ Ride, Rachel

Hertzman-Bike, Dave Kesner- Car, Orville Pratt- Car, Bruce Rizzieri- ABQ Ride, Su Medina-Baca- Car, Dan Majewski- Bike, Coby Livingston- ABQ Ride, Beverly Hill- Other, Cheryl Hunt- Car, Christopher Ramirez –Bike,Walk, Baruch Campos- Car, Roman Bojorquez-Bike,Walk

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

Approval of Minutes from August:

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

Public Comment

Ms. Hill has concerns with safety and crossing on Central Ave. with the new ART stations and she wanted to know if HAWK signals will be audible and have an independent stanchion. Mr. Rizzieri responded by saying that the pedestrian signals will have push buttons, and he believes that all will have audible and vibration. He is waiting for a crossing device to arrive and he will then arrange for a demonstration.

Ms. Birbiglia wanted to point out that there are two issues with the audible signals. Some have an audible signal or a vibration when you push the button. The true audible signals activate when the light changes to indicate that the person can cross the street.

Ms. Hill asked about railing on the ART platforms. Mr. Rizzieri stated that the stations will have railings on the ramps.

Ms. Livingston was wondering about the news report that said the ART stations will have cameras and a telephone call system that will be accessible. Mr. Rizzieri stated that there will be two separate buttons: one for emergency situations, this will be connected to 911; the other button is for bus schedule information, this is connected to Transit customer service and dispatch.

Mr. Miller stated that he believes that more park-and-rides are needed to attract ridership to the ART system.

Mr. Kesner noted his concern for when he is riding a bike near Central and Girard. The new road signage is confusing and it changes back and forth. He is unsure of the location of the bike lane: Is it against the curb or is the bike lane in the road. He thinks there needs to be better communication as far as where cars can park and where the bike lanes are located.

Presentation from Dan Majewski, Reviewing the Transportation chapter of the TOD Report

Mr. Majewski is working on a project funded through a grant received by the City of Albuquerque. The purpose of the project is to look at opportunities for development investment, reinvestment, and economic opportunities along the Central Avenue corridor. The scope of the project is to look beyond the curb to curb area. What are the opportunities and what are the barriers. Mr. Majewski encouraged board members to go to the project website for more information and as a mechanism to provide feedback: www.Greatercentralave.org.

Ms. Conley provided feedback. She was very impressed to see the information about the bike station and support for bicyclist and liked the ideas for having repair areas. She was intrigued about the changing stations. Most of all she liked that they are contemplating in-door locations for people to park their bikes.

Ms. Conley would like to encourage the Department to have multilingual signage on the stations since our populations has a very high percentage of Hispanics.

Ms. Conley asked about the pedestrian-automobile crash statistics in the International District. Mr. Majewski states that they are very high.

Ms. Conley says she works at UNM and that she uses the circulator bus on Redondo a lot and she's concerned that there is talk about closing Redondo to traffic. Mr. Majewski stated that the recommendation emerged from the UNM Master Plan. The plan is to close the road to single use traffic, but it will still be used for shuttle service, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Conley wants to know if there is a way to download Chapter 2 of the TOD report. Mr. Majewski states that he will send an updated link and the report is now in a PDF format.

Ms. Salisbury asked what a circulator bus is. Ms. Conley responded by saying the buses that just run a short distance around a short area. Mr. Majewski said for example the D-Ride route.

Mr. Ramirez would like to make a suggestion that here being a citywide policy to be bike friendly in city facilities. He wants the area west of the river to have a lot more services and other opportunities available to area residents so they do not have to cross the bridges.

Chairperson's report

None

Director's report

Mr. Rizzieri stated that the Paratransit Advisory Board during its previous meeting had voted on the Meeting Notification Resolution and the Fiscal Year Meeting Date Resolution.

He reported that consultant services are being utilized to conduct training, follow-up on methods of record keeping, and drafting of notification letters.

Ridership is down.

The ART project will have a series of public service announcements to provide information on various aspects of the service. The filming is

being done on Monday, September 18. If anyone is interested, show-up at the Daytona Facility at 8:30 am. The filming should end about 10:30 am.

The ART project is about 75% complete. The construction at Rio Grande and Central by the end of this month will be about 95% completed. The new traffic pattern just east of Rio Grande Blvd. will go to the left to get onto Lomas. Motorist will turn to the right to get onto Central.

All the frame work for the canopy stations should be up by the end of October. The kiosks and ticketing machines should be up by the end of November. Pedestrian stands and lights are going in and we will start testing some signals in late October. The landscaping strips are being put in, and a new traffic light has been installed at Gate 1 at the State Fair, which is on the north side of Central, just east of Florida St.

The Pilot bus arrived several weeks ago. During the second week of October buses should begin arriving.

Mr. Balkin wanted to know if it would be possible for the ART bus to be available to view during the next meeting. Mr. Rizzieri said that should not be a problem.

Mr. Miller asked when the new ART schedule will be available. Mr. Rizzieri stated that the new ART schedule may be available in early November.

Unfinished business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 13:05