



Transit Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2015

Board Members:

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

Poll was conducted to see how each person arrived to the meeting.

Public:

Charles Montoya, Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Raquel Rivera, Russell Brito.

ABQ Ride:

In Attendance: Bruce Rizzieri, Director; Phyllis Santillanes, Administrative Assistance.

Acceptance Agenda:

Ms. JonesFrancis asked for approval of the minutes. Mr. Smith moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Richardson seconded and the minutes were approved.

Minutes from June 11, 2015

Ms. JonesFrancis asked for approval of minutes. Mr. Tilley moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Richardson seconded and the minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Mr. Charles Montoya stated he has been dealing with an ongoing situation. He feels there are not enough seats for wheel chair riders. In particular Route 140-141. He has been turned down, by the bus driver, because there are not enough spots for another wheel chair rider and asks him to wait for the next bus. This has been causing him to be late to his VA appointments, and the VA does not consider this to be good reason to miss his appointments, as well as the VA does not give him travel pay.

Mr. Kesner asked Mr. Montoya if the issue was that there was no lift, in which Mr. Rizzieri stated the buses do have lifts.

Ms. Frandsen wanted to know if ABQ Ride has a liaison with the VA. She knows that if an individual is late for 3 appointments the individual will be penalized. She feels that would not be fair. Mr. Rizzieri stated that Mr. Roger Newell in the Mayor's Office is the Liaison for the VA.

Ms. Birbilglia wanted to know if the bus driver asks people to move, is the bus really full or just in front where it is designated for elderly and disabled. Mr. Rizzieri stated that if these seats are occupied, the driver can request people to move but can't force them to move.

Mr. Brendan Miller suggested that the San Mateo Route stop using 300 series buses. Mr. Rizzieri explained that the department tries to place 300 series buses on routes that have a lower wheelchair usage. Mr. Rizzieri stated he will look into this situation.

Mr. Montoya asked if the wheelchair could be placed on the bike racks, in which Mr. Rizzieri said the racks are designed for bikes.

Mr. Miller stated that the recording announcements conflict with the stops on Route 5 near Lomas and University going west bound. Mr. Rizzieri will have someone review these announcements.

Visitor Presentation:

Ms. Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Raquel Rivera and Russell Brito from the City of Albuquerque Planning Department, were at the meeting for a presentation.

Ms. Renz-Whitmore, spoke for the group and had a power point presentation for the Board.

The presentation concerned the on-going project to update the comprehensive plan and zoning code. Quoted from the handout that Ms. Rivera handed out, "The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have embarked on an ambitious two-year project to update the **A**lbuquerque / **B**ernalillo **C**ounty Comprehensive Plan. Updates will apply to both the City and Unincorporated Areas of Bernalillo County." Ms. Renz-Whitmore state they are hoping to send updates of the ABC Comp Plan into the review/approval process by the end of this year.

As Ms. Renz-Whitmore explained, this will set the tone for key priorities in the community. It is a powerful tool and the City or County will implement what is important, which may require changing the zoning code.

The key goals are for quality of life, compact substantial development, and transportation options.

Mr. Smith asked who is going to pay.

July is full of opportunities to provide input before the project team proposes updated language in a draft this fall.

Public Meetings for General Input: (As of this writing have already taken place.)

Focus Groups: (As of this writing have already taken place.)

Mr. Schott inquired about changes to San Pedro north of Lomas. Ms. Renz-Whitmore stated the City Council paid for the pilot project and DMD will evaluate the success of the project.

Directors Report:

Mr. Rizzieri stated that ridership is down 5 percent across the board, as compared to the same time period for FY 14.

Mr. Rizzieri reported that there are 40 new Sun Vans ordered.

Mr. Rizzieri spoke about the agenda actions items.

One of the Resolutions is the Public Notice Procedure for the Transit Advisory Board, which basically states where we going to have the meetings; that a notice of the agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the board meeting; an agenda change will be posted at least seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled meeting; a draft of TAB meeting minutes shall be posted.

The Second Resolution regards the meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2016.

Both resolutions will be posted on the City Transit Website once they are approved and signed.

Mr. Kesner moved for approval of the First Resolution and the Board approved it.

Mr. Schott wanted to know if the Transit Department sends out meeting information. Mr. Rizzieri stated that we have in the past.

Mr. Kesner moved for approval of the Second Resolution and the Board approved it.

The next business was regarding who will be running for Chairperson.

A motion for the approval of Ms. Annie JonesFrancis and Mr. David Kesner to remain Co-Chair Persons was moved by Ms. Birbiglia and seconded by Mr. Richardson and the Board approved.

Paratransit Advisory Board Report:

Ms. Frandsen stated there was nothing special going on.

Meeting Adjourned:

The next meeting will be on August 13, 2015 at 11:45 am at the ATC.

The Board approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.

