



MINUTES

Transit Advisory Board Meeting

5:30 PM - Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The Transit Advisory Board of the City of Sandy was called to order on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 5:30 PM, in the Virtual Meeting via Zoom, with the following members present:

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Andi Howell, David Thorndike, Heather Michet, Joseph Lowe, Khris Alexander, Muna Rustam, Nancy Payne, Robert Geisbrecht, Roxy Tolva, Teresa Christopherson.

Excused: Berenice Tynan, Caren Topliff, and Stan Pulliam

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2020 MINUTES AND MARCH 2021 AGENDA

Motion by Heather Michet and second by Khris Alexander.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Federal and State Legislation

Current Legislation: House Bill 2199 funds programs that focus on transporting veterans living in rural areas. As part of our weekly Elderly & Disabled program we transport veterans to the VA hospital. House Bill 2482 seeks to limit law enforcement on public transportation. If this bill passes law enforcement would not be able to remove unruly citizens from public transportation.

4.2. Need Based Grant Awards

Cares Act Funding has helped with our loss of fares, placing extra service on the road, extra hours for cleaning buses and shelters, and purchasing much needed covid supplies.

4.3. STIF and STF

COVID the legislature has set in place a rule that we cannot lose our STIF funding, however, there will not be an increase in funds. The allotted funds will provide coverage for current service, program administrative costs, improve bus stops for the Safe Routes to School program and we will not have to reduce any of our service.

4.4. Budget

In the previous biennium Sandy Area Metro updated the Master Plan, purchased a new trolley, built 2 bus barns, renovated our bus wash, added evening runs to three

routes, procured new bus stop signs, and fixed solar panels at the bus shelters. Current projects include adding Wi-Fi to the buses, a new shelter, computer equipment for staff and dispatch, upgrading dispatch software and obtaining new transit tax software. In addition to maintaining service during Covid, Cares Act funding has enabled SAM to install barrier shields and provide masks and sanitizer for passengers. The funding also enabled SAM to deliver food for the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels service. This biennium Sandy Transit will focus on a plan to start a new route from Sandy to Clackamas Town Center, procure three more vehicles, conduct a countywide joint study on E-Fares system, continue to improve routes and address capacity issues.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Covid Changes

To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, the Ops Center installed a doorbell minimizing contact with the general public. Each entrance has hand sanitizers and sign in sheets. We have installed touchless toilets, sinks and paper towel holders in our bathrooms. Employees regularly clean high touch surfaces throughout the building, buses, and bus shelters using an electrostatic sprayer. Along with barrier shields and socially distanced seating on buses masks and sanitizer are available to staff and riders. Signage on Covid precautions is posted throughout the building and vehicles. All vehicles have or are in the process of having a HEPA filter installed.

6. NEIGHBOR UPDATES

None

7. ADJOURN

7.1. Next Meeting

5:30 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Transit Operations Building (Possible Virtual)

16610 Champion Way

Sandy, OR 97055



Chair, Heather Michet



Chair, Joseph Lowe