



MINUTES

Transit Advisory Board Meeting

5:30 PM - Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Andi Howell, Berenice Tynan, Caren Topliff, Christy Park, Heather Michet, Joseph Lowe, Khris Alexander, Muna Rustam, Nancy Payne, Roxy Tolva, Stan Pulliam, Teresa Christopherson.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2021 MINUTES AND JUNE 2021 AGENDA

Motion by Khris Alexander and second by Roxy Tolva

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS CHANGES TO THE CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS STAFF WERE NOTED.

4.1. Grant Updates

4.1.1 STF

Funding for FY20-21 biennium was \$257,435 and for FY22-23 biennium is \$265,158. This will be all operations and no capital.

4.1.2 STIF

State payroll tax saw a 25% reduction in 2021. SAM will maintain added service and a reserve for lost revenue.

4.1.3 Cares Act

Federal money awarded for Covid relief. There is more funding coming along with funds from the American Recovery Program Act. We were awarded a needs-based grant to cover the loss of fare.

4.2. Current Projects

4.2.1 Rebuilding Bus

Sandy Area Metro will be sending over a bus to Complete Coachworks to be rebuilt. We are using our retired Gillig (#14) to offset the cost. The new bus will have ports to connect mobile devices.

4.2.2 Upgrading Dispatch Software

Updated and upgraded the Synchromatics software for dispatch. IT is rebuilding the transit tax software.

4.2.3 Customer APP/Data Collection

Currently using Doublemap, contract renewed for one year. Will issue RFQ soon and include other Clackamas County providers for possible cost savings.

4.2.4 Surplus Vehicles

Sandy Area Metro has sold a few of our surplus vehicles to a local farm. There is also a transitional organization who help victims of sex trafficking that is interested in purchasing retired buses to use as mobile shelters.

4.2.5 WIFI on buses

Added WIFI to three SAM buses & Shopper Shuttle vehicle. This was one of the City Council's long- term goals.

4.2.6 Driver appreciation/business partnership program

Partnered with local businesses to give our drivers incentives to show them how much they are appreciated throughout the community. Nancy oversees this program. Thank you to Goodwill, Sandy Cinema, Ace Hardware, Brady's Brats and Burgers, Lemon and Paisley, Verizon, Scoop and Swirl, and Thompson Farms for their generous contributions.

4.2.7 Next meeting will be hybrid, in person and virtual.

4.2.8 Need one more board member

Currently we have five board members. Seeking one more member to join our board.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Covid

Oregon hits its 70% percent vaccination mark.

5.1.1. Ridership and fares conversation

MHX will start collecting fares on August 1, 2021. SAM is planning on October 1, 2021. Agencies are working to remove capacity restrictions. While all services experienced a reduction, ridership is on the rise.

6. NEIGHBOR UPDATES

Transit development plan has been approved. The agency has 3 new vehicles and the last mile shuttles are set to launch in June. Efares should be implemented in the year.

7. ADJOURN

7.1. Next Meeting

5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Transit Operations Building (Possible Virtual)



Chair, Heather Michet

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