

AGENDA

Transit Advisory Board Meeting

5:30 PM - Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MINUTES Transit Advisory Board Meeting

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: Andi Howell, Berenice Tynan, Caren Topliff, Heather Michet, Jan Lee, Joseph Lowe, Khrys Alexander, Muna Rustam, Nancy Payne, Roxy Tolva, Teresa Christopherson.

2. APPROVAL OF June 2020 Minutes and September 2020 Agenda

Moved by Berenice Tynan & seconded by Caren Topliff.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. COVID/CARES ACT Funding

City buildings continue to be closed to the public. Employees have been working from home if they are able. Management has put COVID safety measures in place with plastic barriers where they are needed. Essential employees continue to wear masks and social distance. Our bus drivers disinfect buses every night and wipe them down at the end of each run. Germ guards are up in all buses.

The Cares Act passed, providing COVID relief funding.

4.2 New Trolley and Buses

The new trolley was sent back for a few things to be fixed. New cutaways will be coming in soon.

4.3. 2022-2023 STIF Plan

The RFQ for WIFI on the SAM Gresham buses is out.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Bus Barns

The bus barns will be completed next month. We updated our bus wash area. It was much less expensive to work on improving the bus wash instead of rebuilding it from scratch.

6. NEIGHBOR UPDATES

The fires temporarily reduced bus service.

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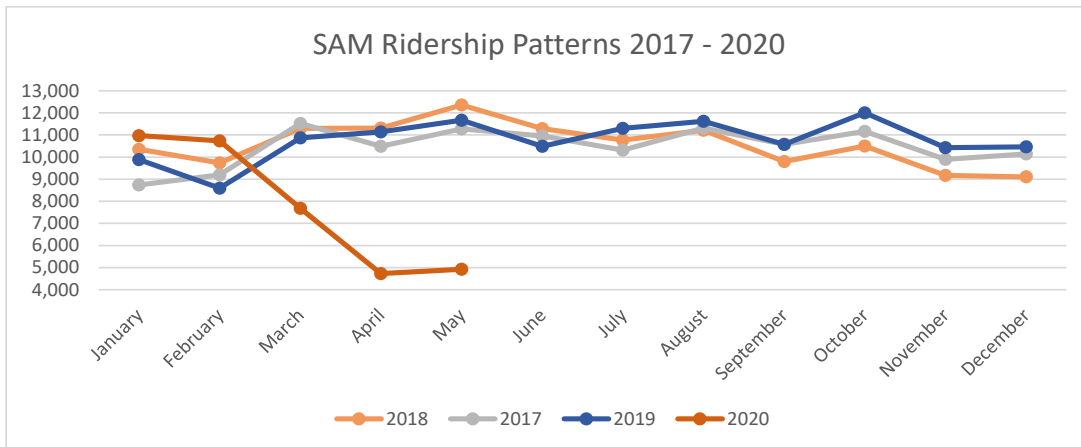
During May, MV Transportation Inc. was issued an Intent to Award the Sandy operations contract and many on-site changes took place. Drivers were retrained, a new operations manager and assistant operations manager moved into their office in the Sandy Operations Center, buses were inspected by MV staff to assess the fleet and were fitted with dash cameras and mobile eye systems (detection systems to assist drivers with blind spots). All Sandy drivers were rolled off the Sandy payroll May 29 and onto MV's payroll May 30.

While change is always difficult and there have been some bumps in the road of transition, the benefits of choosing a contractor and returning Transit administration staff to our "typical" workloads is welcome and timely. Muna Rustam and Nancy Payne have worked many hours and were an incredible team for the past six months.

Construction on the bus barns continues at the Operations Center. This has been a larger and more expensive project than expected due to misinformation and incorrect topography in the original as-built documents from many years ago. The architectural and construction teams have been able to problem solve and move forward, with much more excavation than anticipated. The completion date has been moved to July 31 to accommodate the modifications that have occurred. The repair and rebuild of the bus wash (also pictured) was down sized considerably to off set the added cost of the bus barn construction.



Transit ridership had been increasing in 2019 and was very strong in January and February of 2020. This chart illustrates the COVID-19 impacts to Sandy Transit's overall ridership.



The SAM Gresham route returned to full service May 1, running every half hour. The Elderly and Disabled Medical Rides driver continued to provide medical rides but with most appointments cancelled, Transit was able to assist the Senior Center for meal delivery (Meals on Wheels) Monday through Friday throughout the month.

While ridership is down, it is important to remember that in April and May there were still over 150 people per day using this transit system to get to work, family and goods and services.

Mt Hood Express continued to significantly reduce service. The Express route was combined with the Village Shuttle route, providing only 5 runs per day, down from 11. Service may be increased in June as the recreation areas reopen.

All services, SAM and MHX, remained fareless during this time as well as all Clackamas County Transit (CAT, SCTD and SMART).

In June, the Transit Director (in her capacity as Oregon Transit Association President) testified to the Joint Committee on Transportation on LC 43, a measure that would allow Transit agencies across the State to use Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) to maintain existing service and consolidate the STIF and STF funding. As agencies across the State struggle with increased costs and decreased revenue, it is vital that agencies have flexibility in funding use. During times of COVID, it will be more important to maintain existing service and shift service modes to meet the needs of the community (like delivering Meals on Wheels) rather than expand. The measure became Senate Bill 1601 and the Sandy Director again testified in front of the First Special Session of 2020 in support of the bill. The bill passed the Senate and the House Friday, June 26.

In June, ridership increased to 6250, a 27% growth from April. However, this is approximately 40% of our ridership numbers compared to June 2019. The loss in ridership can be partially attributed to the social distancing requirements that limit the number of passenger's onboard transit vehicles. This has been especially impactful to the Shopper Shuttle as only 5 riders can board at one time.

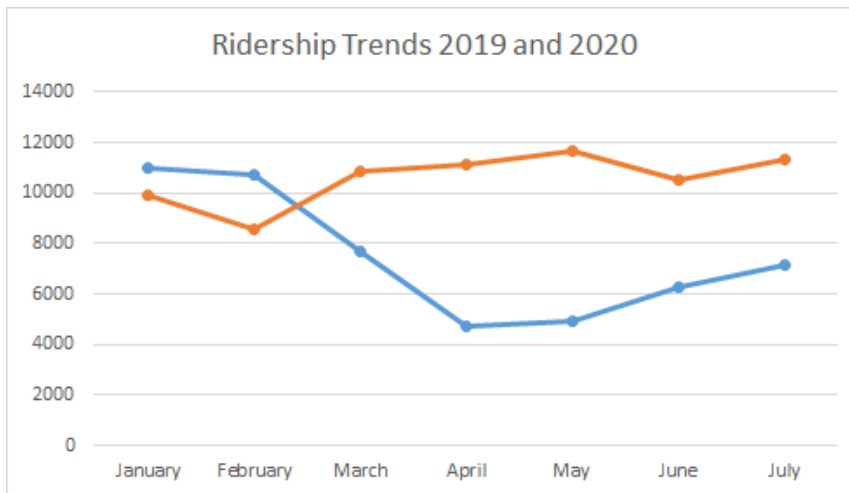
SAM-Gresham provided 4,667 rides in June 2020 compared to 8,035 rides in 2019, a 41.91% decrease. SAM-Estacada saw a decrease of 40.43%. The Shopper Shuttle carried 375 passengers in June 2020 while June 2019 saw 662 passengers, a decrease of 43.35%.

Sam rides provided 759 rides in June of 2020 compared to 1,045 in June 2019. Although down from last year's ridership, dial-a ride service ridership is climbing with only a 27.37% decrease from last June. Ed Ridership decreased by 39.66%, with 35 rides in June 2020 compared to 58 rides in June 2019. This is likely to many medical facilities providing Zoom consultations rather than in-person appointments.

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In July, ridership continued to rebound although not to previous ridership levels. Overall ridership was down 36.8%. SAM Gresham ridership was down 36.7%. Estacada ridership was down 31.7%, SAM rides is down 30%, the Shopper Shuttle is down 50%, Elderly and Disabled rides is down by 37.5%. These ridership trends are comparable to other transit systems, especially considering that the many continue to work from home, schools are not open and people are attempting to avoid public spaces if possible.



Service levels remain at pre-COVID levels. With increasing ridership and social distancing in place, Sandy will likely begin to launch a second vehicle at peak times to ensure no person is left behind. The funding for extra drivers will be covered with the CARES ACT funds that were awarded to Sandy. Those funds will also be used to replace the loss of fares and for capital costs for things such as germ guards as well.

Currently staff are working to create the next STIF Plan. The Plan will be taken to the Transit Advisory Board in September, the Clackamas County Advisory Committee in October and on to TriMet's Board for approval in November.

Also in July a Request For Quotes (RFQ) was released for 2 minivan type vehicles for the Elderly and Disabled medical rides program. The results of the RFQ will be brought before Council at the next meeting for approval.

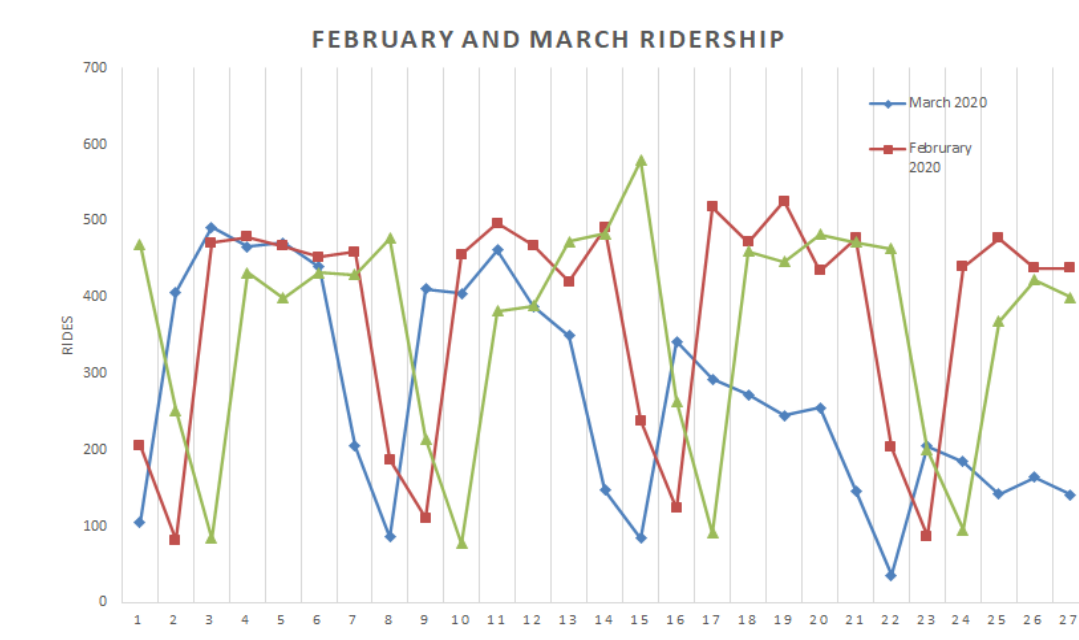
In July, Transit requested and received approval from ODOT to move the bus stop currently in front of KFC. Transit has a beautiful new shelter that we would like to install West of the Ruben/26 intersection (in front of McDonald's) to get the bus out of the right turn lane when stopping for passengers. This should create a more safe bus stop environment and improve the flow of traffic.

Transit is currently working on an RFQ for wifi on the Gresham route vehicles and has an RFQ out for new dispatch software.

And finally, we continue to oversee the construction of the bus barns. The last change order has been signed that grants an extension to September 24th for completion as the buildings were not delivered until July 26th.



March 2020



Due to the COVID-19 virus, Transit is watching ridership very closely to determine the needs of the community. As you can see from the chart, ridership has declined significantly (blue line). February 2020 is represented by red line showing that ridership was strong, stronger than March of 2019 (green), until the Covid-19 stay in place orders.

While ridership is down, it is important to remember that there are still hundreds of people per day using this system as it is essential for them to get to work, get to family and get goods and services they need. Therefore, Transit will strive to continue to provide service and be a lifeline for those who need it.

The SAM Gresham route has been changed to Saturday service, running hourly rather than every half hour. The Medical Rides driver is still giving medical rides but is also assisting the Senior Center for Meals on Wheels Monday through Friday, with the exception of Thursday. We have partnered with Sandy's Helping Hands and Fred Meyer to deliver groceries to those in need as part of the SAM *rides* program. Estacada and Shopper Shuttle routes have not been changed.

Mt Hood Express has significantly reduced service. The Express route has decreased from 8 runs daily to 3 and is no longer serving Ski Bowl or Timberline due to State restrictions. The Village Shuttle continues to operate the regular schedule.

All services, SAM and MHX, are fareless during this time as well as all Clackamas County Transit (CAT, SCTD and SMART).