

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 2, 2022

Presiding: Chair Carol Luce

Committee Present: Carol Luce, Nancy Muller, Brian Peterson and Warren Holzem.

Staff Present: Todd Wood, Transit Director; Heidi Muller, Transit Coordinator; and Scott Hess, General Manager

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Carol Luce called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Introductions of all members and staff followed.

CONSENT AGENDA: Committee Member Peterson moved to approve the March 24th, 2022 minutes as presented, Member Holzem seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Operations Report: Scott Hess

Mr. Hess reported the new driver schedule bid implemented in May has helped with the uptick in Dial-A-Ride requests but challenges remain for service during peak times. He noted no turnover since the CAT contract began, but starting next month bus driver job postings will be posted on www.indeed.com and www.workatfirst.com.

B. Canby Loop Service Updates: Heidi Muller

Ms. Muller reviewed reports provided in the packet for passenger counts and route time changes. Since approved in May, statistics confirm the evening and late morning runs are popular. An increase in ridership since the change has been noted with Transit Center, Fred Meyer, Township and Canby High School as the most frequent stops. Mr. Wood noted a shift from the high school to general ridership improving.

C. STIF update: Todd Wood

Mr. Wood reported the 2024-2025 STIF projects need to be presented to Clackamas County in the next few weeks. He noted per previous committee consensus, project requests will remain the same. Preliminary estimates for CAT's STIF funding show an increase however fuel and maintenance cost increases may offset the amount. Mr. Wood asked for possible project ideas if funding materializes. Adding a Sunday Dial-A-Ride service 9-6pm or 12-6 or Saturday Canby Loop service were discussed. Mr. Wood anticipating City Council approval for the bus stop shelter project by end of June.

Project timing depends on ODOT intersection work. Nine shelters and one stop with a light are in the project. The target for completion is in the summer of 2023.

D. Committee Openings: Todd Wood

Paul Waterman resigned to take a position with the City of Canby creating another TAC vacancy. Mr. Wood noted filling committee vacancies city-wide has been a challenge. Ms. Muller will be at the Clackamas County Fair booth and spread the word there.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dial-A-Ride Service 20 Minute Window: Todd Wood

Mr. Wood reported that an increase in the ridership has caused scheduling and service problems. To address the problem, a mailer will go out soon advising that reminder calls to clients will begin after 5:30 pm through 7pm. Clients pickup will be within a 20 minute block of time. It was noted transit services around us schedule this way also.

B. 99X Service Updates: Heidi Muller

Ms. Muller reported that in looking at GPS data, driver idle time was found. A potential schedule option to increase service based on the extra time is in the works. The goal is to keep drivers moving, increase frequency and therefore increase ridership. The current schedule has been in place for more than 10 years. Route changes are coordinated with bus driver shift bids therefore changes will be proposed in August or December.

C. 2022 Fourth of July Parade: Ms. Muller invited the committee to join the CAT float for the event. Names will be needed ahead of time.

D. 99X Service Expansion: Todd Wood

Mr. Wood reported Salem and Clackamas County transit systems have approached CAT regarding route increases to benefit out of area connections. Destinations discussed are Chemeketa Community College and Clackamas Town Center. Mr. Wood noted Park Street on McLoughlin, and cities of Barlow and Gervais have also been suggested. These ideas represent potential growth opportunities and potential funding has from the other agencies seems likely. He noted the CAT master plan prioritizes service outside of our borders to connect cities as more valuable than within the city loop.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Luce brought up the safety issue discussed in the last meeting as ongoing. Mr. Wood will address it with the contractor again. Member Muller noted a lack of CAT update reports in City Council meetings and liaison representation at TAC meetings. Mr. Wood noted this is up to individual councilors and CAT continues to provide information and dates to any City liaisons.

ADJOURN: Member Muller moved to adjourn, Member Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-0. Chair Luce adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Melody Thompson