

## **TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 1, 2019**

**Presiding:** Vice Chair : Elizabeth Chapin

**Committee Present:** Walt Daniels, Arlene Dana, Carol Luce, Don Smeback and Matt Olsen

**Committee Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Wehling, Nancy Muller and David Thorndike

**Others Present:** Spencer Chapin, Tom Rushton and Julie Rushton

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Chapin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Willamette Room, 220 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Committee Member Luce made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Committee Member Olsen and passed 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

David Thorndike, MV General Manager reported that fixed route ridership for end of fiscal year 2018/19 was up 14.22% in comparison with for end of fiscal year 2017/18. For paratransit and General Public rides for the same time periods ridership dropped by 5.93%. Overall, ridership for fiscal year 2018/19 was up 9.62% over fiscal year 2017/18. Complaints received by Mr. Thorndike were:

- a. Bus passed by a person at the marina stop. Video showed the person was at the wrong location.
- b. Bus passed by a person at Territorial Rd. Video showed that this person was not at the bus stop.

Incidents received by CAT staff were:

- c. Bus made contact with Armored Company vehicle; no damage to either vehicle
- d. A female had her long hair (which was very fine) get caught in the driver fan. (The girl assured the driver that this “wasn’t the first time”.

**Bi Monthly Report:** Julie Wehling, Transit Director explained to the Committee that a different report will begin with July 2019. Ms. Wehling reported that STF funding (which is for elderly and disabled transportation) receives \$120,000 per year. STIF

(House Bill 2017 which was passed last year) did not take into consideration funding for elderly and disabled transportation. Ms. Wehling expected that STF would be allocated in the same amount as past years. She will update the Committee at the next meeting.

Rider of the Month for May did not identify themselves; in June Leo Gomez was the lucky rider.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> David Thorndike took over the General Manager position for MV Transit. We welcome David and his enthusiasm.

Chair/Vice Chair position: Todd Aune resigned from the Committee in July. Liz Chapin, the current Vice Chair does not wish to be the Chairperson.

Carol Luce nominated Don Smeback to serve as the Committee Chairperson. The Vice Chair position will still be held by Ms Chapin. Ms. Wehling noted that the current resolution is silent about what should happen when the Chair or Vice Chair resign during their term. The resolution needs to be revisited.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** Tom Rushton, a resident of the Hope Village Garden Homes asked how many Committee members ride CAT. There are three riders out of the six currently serving. There was discussion about how CAT publishes/networks their public transit system. Ms Wehling assured all in attendance that we do the best we can to get the word out. The Committee seemed willing to help with getting public input/outreach into our community.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ADJOURN:**

Ms Luce made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice-Chair Chapin. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Nancy Muller