

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 15, 2018

Presiding: Vice Chair Carol Luce

Committee Present: Todd Aune, Don Smeback, and Matt Olsen

Committee Absent: Walt Daniels, Elizabeth Burrows Chapin, and Arlene Dana

Staff Present: Julie Wehling and Nancy Muller

Others Present: Enoch (Spanish interpreter)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City of Canby Council Chambers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The minutes from the September 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Committee Member Smeback made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Committee Member Aune and passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Operations Report: Julie Wehling gave the ridership report. Since April when the service hours on the fixed route were increased, ridership had gone up 8.91%. In the first quarter of FY 2018/19 fixed route ridership was up 11%; ADA Dial-A-Ride had also increased and General Public Dial-A-Ride had gone down due to lack of capacity and drivers.

Committee Member Olsen asked if other transportation districts were having problems finding drivers. Ms. Wehling said yes, they were. MV had hired two new drivers recently.

There was discussion regarding driver recruitment.

Ms. Wehling noted that a total of 7,848 rides were given in October.

- B. Bi Monthly Report: Ms. Wehling announced the Rider of the Month for September was Lynneta Spurling and for October the person did not want to be identified. There were three accidents in September; one on September 7 when a side mirror scraped the tunnel in Oregon City, one on September 14 when a Tri-

Met bus hit the bike rack of a CAT bus at the Oregon City Transit Center, and one on September 28 when Bus 29 hit Bus 27 in the bus yard. There were two accidents in October, one on October 17 when a bus hit a post and one on October 24 when a bus hit a parked car. No one was hurt in any of these accidents, and only minor damage had occurred. She discussed why she thought the accidents had happened and how they were monitoring the situation. These were not reportable accidents according to the federal government due to the low damage level. Clackamas County completed the STIF application and gave it to TriMet. TriMet had submitted it to ODOT on November 1. The funds would be received in July. Ted Stonecliffe of Cherriots (Salem Transit) had told her that Woodburn Transit would begin Saturday service possibly in September 2019. Ms. Wehling hoped to start Saturday service in Canby in July. She would make sure that the schedules would match on Saturdays. She had not received the Cherriots survey results, however there had not been much response. She was also working on bi-annual grant funding applications. One was STIF discretionary funding, and she proposed to apply for architecture and engineering to build the CAT offices. She was also considering applying for a technology grant for all the small systems to do the fares together. She explained the state and federal money that they had to apply for as well.

Committee Member Olsen left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- C. Transit Facilities Plan and ADA Plan Update: Ms. Wehling stated these two documents would go to the Council on December 5. They also had to be submitted to ODOT. The Facilities Plan detailed the federally funded assets owned by the City including the buses and transit center. The ADA Plan had to be updated to show the new service that was implemented in April. She would also relabel the services in the ADA Plan and on the CAT website.

Nancy Muller gave an update on the new buses. They might be ready by Christmas.

There was discussion regarding the different types of buses and use of the bus ramps.

Ms. Wehling said the annual Holiday Light Tour and Open House was tentatively scheduled for December 18th.

D. OTA Conference: Ms. Wehling reported on the OTA Conference. There was not good accessibility at the venue, but she thought the speakers were good and people were excited and encouraged that there were new funds.

Vice Chair Luce had also attended the conference and thought it was well run. She discussed the autonomous cars, leadership, and automatic fare and passenger counting sessions she attended. She then discussed the need for sidewalks and crosswalks on S Ivy.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood