

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2019

Presiding: Chair Don Smeback

Committee Present: Walt Daniels and Elizabeth Chapin

Committee Absent: Carol Luce, Arlene Dana, and Matt Olsen

Staff Present: Julie Wehling, David Thorndike, Scott McClure and Nancy Muller

Others Present: Karen Eichholz, Matt Toupin, Heidi Muller and Jeremy Tanzer

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smeback called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City of Canby Council Chambers. Mr. Smeback commended Julie Wehling on her receiving the Oregon Transit Association's 2019 Outstanding Transit Manager Award. The award was presented to Ms. Wehling during the annual conference which was held in Seaside during October.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Due to a lack of quorum the approval of September 26th meeting minutes was tabled until the January 23, 2020 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Operations Report: David Thorndike, MV General Manager reported that a total of 7,271 rides were given in September 2019 and 8,898 rides in October 2019. Year to date ridership increased 13.73% over the same time period last year. There were no accidents or incidents during this timeframe. Mr. Thorndike made the presentation of the 3rd quarter Katherine McClary award to Heidi Muller. This award is given to the MV Transit employee that exemplifies safety excellence and customer service. The award was established in the name of a young woman who was tragically killed in an accident involving a bus driven by an MV Transit employee.
- B. Bi Monthly Report: Ms. Wehling announced to the Committee that she is retiring on April 3rd, 2020. The next Transit Advisory Committee meeting would be on January 23rd 2020. She would attend the January 23rd meeting and her last Transit Advisory Committee meeting would be on March 26th, 2020.

The annual Holiday Light Tour would be held on December 18th with an Open House in the Willamette Room at the Civic Center from 6pm until 7:30pm.

Ms. Wehling announced that as a pilot CAT will offer a Saturday Shopper Shuttle during the Holiday season from November 30th through January 4th.

There would be no bus service on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On Christmas Eve the final Route 99X bus to Oregon City will leave Canby at 8pm and would be back in Canby by 8:45pm. Historically ridership has been very low on Christmas Eve.

Ms Wehling said the ADA Plan would be updated to include Saturday service and the policy changes made to Dial-A-Ride services. Ms. Wehling's goal was to have the Committee approve the Plan at the January 23rd meeting and have it on the City Council agenda as a resolution during February.

Transit Master Plan update. Ms. Wehling was working on the Scope of Work for the RFP (Request for Proposal). Mr. Smeback had volunteered to be on the review committee once the RFP is published and interested proposals were received.

Ms. Wehling has been working with Canby High School to search for a student who might be interested in serving on the Transit Advisory Committee.

Representation from the Latino Community, a Route 99X rider, a younger person with a disability and/or a student are needed on the committee.

The Rider of the Month for September was Kalen Jensen; October was Josh Jamison.

- C. Oregon Public Transit Conference: Ms. Chapin reported she had a fun and interesting time as a first time attendee. The Transit acronyms were a bit overwhelming; the keynote speakers were enjoyable. Nancy Muller reported that this was also her last conference. She would be retiring in the August/September 2020 timeframe. She learned a lot at the all-day securement workshop. The classes on working with difficult people and passenger sensitivity were of particular interest. Mr. Thorndike reported he obtained a vast amount of knowledge of ADA regulations. He commented on the keynote speaker that miraculously survived being struck by a semi-truck travelling 65 miles an hour on an icy road and the challenges she continues to face daily.
- D. Hope Village Health and Harvest Fair: Ms. Muller reported she made contact with many folks; some were new to the area and wanted information about CAT. Some took Complimentary Paratransit Service applications while others had compliments for Canby Area Transit. It was a very good outreach. Bess (last name not published) won the raffle and received a bus pass, shopping bag and other CAT goodies.

E. Funding update: Ms. Wehling described the differences between STF (Special Transportation Fund) and STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund). STF supports elderly and disabled transportation services. CAT receives \$120,000 annually from this fund. STIF support new services and low-income service improvements. The Oregon Transportation Commission will soon make a decision that will combine the two programs into one.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

The next Transit Advisory Committee meeting would be held on January 23rd 2020.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Nancy Muller