

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 8, 2014, 5:00PM-5:20PM
12001 BUSINESS BLVD. EAGLE RIVER, COMMUNITY CONF. ROOM

PTAB PRESENT:

Patrick Reinhart
Andrew Ooms
Sally Spieker

STAFF:

Sandy Hansen
Christine Sondej

Guests:

Casey Stiman for Sen. Begich
Graciela Paz
Eugene Haberman

Absent:

Carlette Mack
Jed Smith
Kevin Jackson
Tim Sullivan
Jay Dulany

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Andrew Ooms. Patrick arrived at 5:15pm and Sally arrived at 5:20pm.

II. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF, AND GUESTS

Quorum was not met. The meeting continued as informational.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was not approved due to reduced attendance.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for April 10, 2014 were not approved due to lack of quorum.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Work Session on Passenger Conduct

Christine provided notes from the worksession on April 18, 2014. She briefly outlined the discussion regarding increased incidents on board buses and at transit facilities and potential solutions. Christine stated that Lance contacted APD Chief LaBlanc to get involved. Transit will continue to work with Lieutenant Gilliam as a liaison to attend the Traffic and Transit meetings to establish trouble routes that uniformed officers may ride as presence on buses. She stated that ongoing dialog between Public Transit and APD is one step to reduce passenger incidents.

Christine stated that Tim Sullivan asked about research into other agency's policies regarding passenger conduct and solutions. She stated that she contacted John Kern, Capitol Transit's Director in Juneau about the incidents they experience. Christine expressed that he recommended simplifying our 'Code of Conduct' utilizing our marketing to reduce excessive text.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Summer Activities (sub-committee on budget, service & outreach)

Christine stated that there are no PTAB meeting scheduled in June and July and as a result, budgetary gatherings may be preferred sometime in the summer. Additionally, she suggested a sub-committee to continue dialog on bus service and outreach ideas.

Andrew expressed interest in the sub-committee meeting this summer. Christine stated that she will e-mail all PTAB members for interest in the budget, service and outreach or other summer sub-committees.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

a. Service Change Public Comments

Christine stated that the service change for June 2, 2014 is on track with schedules complete taken into account the public comments we received. She provided copies of the service change comments received, the method received and staff responses. Christine verified that 30 minute headways for Route # 15 were adjusted based on public comments.

b. Ridership and Revenue

Christine shared the ridership and projected revenue report through April 2014. She stated that we are down in ridership compared to last year at this time possibly due to the fare increase in January and fuel costs are not as high from last year's prices. She stated that projected revenue increase based on fare changes in January is not meeting the projected estimate however a later evaluation in August will determine if we are inline with estimates in the long run.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

NONE

IX. BOARD COMMENT

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm

Next Meeting Date-

Summer off- no meetings scheduled June and July 2014

Next Tentative Meeting items:

a. PTAB regular meeting: August 14, 2014

b. PTAB regular meeting: September 11, 2014