

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD  
9 AUGUST 2012, 5:30P  
MEETING ROOM, #700, CITY HALL

***PRESENT:***

Sally Spieker (by phone)  
Jay Dulany  
Patrick Reinhart  
Tim Sullivan  
Carol Wren

***STAFF:***

Lance Wilber  
Jamie Acton

***GUESTS:***

Todd Logan

***Absent:***

Justin Kirkelie  
Dianne Blumer  
Jed Smith

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairperson Sally Spieker.

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

After roll call, a quorum was present. Tim Sullivan to Chair the meeting (Sally attending by phone).

***III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Proposed agenda is attached. A motion for approval of the agenda was made. The agenda was approved as submitted.

***IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes for May 10, 2012 were approved as submitted unanimously.

***V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

***a. PTAB'S 2013 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS***

Lance stated that a budget subcommittee of PTAB formed, met, and is ready to present their draft recommendations for the 2013 Public Transportation Operating Budget. After reviewing the attached draft which includes PTAB's five priorities, there was brief conversation/question regarding priorities 1&2. Lance explained that priorities 1&2 are basically the same service, however, priority 2 only serves route 75.

Todd Logan asked about the strategy regarding the priorities stating, "Do you start with presenting a \$4M project?" Sally and Carol responded that based on the conversations with Community Councils there was consistent feedback about increasing service frequency. Patrick

stated, “We have to make the argument for 30 minute headways. We’re biting off a big chunk, but it’s our job.” Tim noted edits to make for priority 3 (see attached).

Carol moved that the five priorities presented be recommended as part of the PTAB 2013 Public Transportation Operating Budget and Patrick seconded.

2013 Public Transportation Operating Budget Recommendations Approved.

#### *VI. NEW BUSINESS*

##### *a. Meeting with Mayor to present PTAB’s budget recommendations*

Meeting scheduled for 11:30a-12p, Wednesday August 22, 2012. Lance confirmed the date/time for the budget recommendation meeting with the Mayor, Muni Manager, Chief of Staff, and CFO.

Sally requested a pre-meeting with the budget subcommittee to prepare for this meeting.

#### *VII. STAFF REPORTS*

##### *a. 2013 Budget Schedule*

Lance informed the board that the Department has submitted its budget to the Muni Manager. Municipality of Anchorage is facing a \$20-22M deficit. PTD proposal includes cuts ranging from minor to draconian- 10% of existing budget. Mayor’s budget is due to the Assembly by October 1, 2012.

Patrick asked if PTD’s reductions include the funding from the State of Alaska? Lance stated, “No.”

##### *b. Ridership Report, January- June 2012*

Year to Date Report is attached. Lance explained, based on the timeframe Jan-June 2011/Jan-June 2012 Ridership is up 3.2%, Revenue Hours are down 2.0%, and Passengers/Timetable Rev. Hours are up 5.6%.

Tim requested a fuel cost report along with the ridership report; Lance agreed to provide a fuel report.

##### *c. Schedule Adjustment, August 13, 2012*

Lance explained PTD’s annual service change is taking place Monday, August 13, 2012- minor changes, nothing significant. Route 75 will now dwell at the VA Hospital. Route 14 is moving to the Downtown TC, Route 102 will be the only route dwelling/boarding/unloading at City Hall.

##### *d. New Fare Boxes*

Lance stated the farebox changeover went smoothly, in-service since June 11, 2012. Drivers and customers seem happy and the new system has been well received. Minor issue was anticipated with UAA students, staff & faculty that are not currently enrolled or employed- issue seems to have worked itself out.

Patrick asked if PTD is seeing a difference in fare recovery? Lance responded that we’ll have a better idea in the coming months, but he is “cautiously optimistic.”

- e. *Future Topics (Transit Conference Oct 23-25, Site Enhancement Report, Fares, Operating Budget Resolution...)*

The plan for the rest of 2012 includes:

- Transit Conference October 23-25 in Anchorage
- Site Enhancement Crew
- Proposed Fare Increase & Resolution

Tim requested a report by the Alaska Railroad Corporation regarding its Commuter Rail efforts and plan to provide public transportation. Lance agreed to contact Bruce Carr to arrange a report.

Carol asked what's happening with coordinating with Eagle River & Mat-Su? Tim commented that it would be good to continue to meet; that services could be enhanced with a push for the Regional Transit Authority but the money is going to have to come from the legislature.

#### *VIII. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS*

- a. Todd Logan stated that he saw a People Mover Facebook post regarding Downtown TC lobby hours, he asked what the final outcome was? Lance stated that the Mayor got involved and the issue was resolved and the lobby hours remained the same.

#### *IX. BOARD COMMENTS*

Tim asked about the lease agreement at the Downtown TC and proposed why doesn't PTD take over the building?

Lance responded by saying, there are several issues with the facility including cleanliness, repairs, and security. There is a new security contract with Olympic Security; APD has prepared a report provided by their undercover efforts and will share with Olympic Security. Cleanliness and repair issues are being address with ACDA, Hal Homer, and the Health Department.

Sally thanked the board for their work this summer and Tim for Chairing the meeting while she phoned in from out of state.

Patrick will not be available for the next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:14p

Next Meeting Date- Thursday, September 13, 2012