

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Sarah Preskitt

Doug Miller

Peter Hill

CB Brady

PTAB Members Absent

Ric Nelson

Michael Williams

Citizens Present

Wava W.

Jessie Doherty

Melinda Gant

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

Without a quorum, the agenda could not be approved. The meeting continued as an information session.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt stated that the meeting would continue as an information session, as there was no quorum.

Action/Information Items

A. Minutes of the May 12, 2022, Meeting (Action Item)

Without a quorum, the May 12, 2022, minutes could not be approved.

B. FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant – Muldoon Transit Hub (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

C. Transit Center Site Selection Study (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

D. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Ms. Lydia Farless, and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

Public Comments

Wava W. said that AnchorRIDES is not responding to her questions; they refused to communicate about her concerns regarding safety. She stated that she was unable to retrieve AnchorRIDES safety policies and that her interactions with AnchorRIDES drivers were not good.

Melody R. said that she had recently started riding the People Mover bus. She shared that she has had very good experiences with the drivers and that she appreciates the senior discount. She also said that she looks forward to hearing more about the transit center on Muldoon and Debarr.

Member Comments

Mr. Peter Hill expressed his concern about the lack of interior space to rest while using the bus. He was also concerned that the downtown transit center remained closed. He stated that he looked forward to having a heated interior space where he could take a break while in transit during the winter.

Mr. CB Brady agreed with Mr. Hill's statement. He stated that increased ridership is correlated with accessibility and that clean sidewalks are a huge part of this. He was also cornered about the interaction that Ms. Wava had with AnchorRIDES.

Mr. Doug Miller agreed that travel in the winter is a problem. He sympathized with the transit department about the limitations available to address winter sidewalk maintenance. He also said he is glad that the board will be meeting in the summer.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt expressed that she would like to see a driver training item at the next meeting. She wanted to know if the board could support driver training somehow.

Adjournment

Without a quorum, this information session ended at 6:22 p.m.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on August 11, 2022, at 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

For details of the Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting on the municipal website at

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.