

TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
Thursday November 12, 2009

PRESENT: Rick Sanderson
Jenifer Falls, Huntersville
D Evans, Charlotte
Scott Jernigan, Charlotte
Terry Lansdell, Charlotte
Rob Cornwell, Davidson
Walter Horstman, Charlotte
Kevin Spitzmiller, Charlotte

STAFF: Paul Renaud, Duretta Weicken, Ramond Robinson, Dwayne Pelfrey, Theron Barrino, Don Ivey, Pamela White, Vince Brown, Judy Dellert-OKeef, Gary Lee, Zettie Phillips, Arlanda Rouse, Chuck Juliana

MEETING TIME: 4:00-5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Approval of May Meeting Summary

Chairman Rick Sanderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The October meeting summary was approved as written.

II. Information Items:

A. ADA

Zettie Phillips/Arlanda Rouse

Zettie Phillips and Arlanda Rouse gave a brief overview of the ADA program in relationship to Transit.

Rob Cornwell asked, what happens if the vehicle lift does not work. Larry Kopf asked what the procedure is if a lift does not work. Arlanda stated procedure is if the lift is inoperable and the headway exceeds 30 minutes CATS is required to send out an alternate vehicle.

Dwayne Pelfrey asked what the ADA regulations are if headways are more than 30 minutes. Arlanda stated if headways are longer than 30 minutes, an alternate vehicle is sent out.

Scot Jernigan asked if both spots for wheelchairs are being used on a vehicle what should a rider in need of a spot do. Arlanda stated the rider should wait for the next ride and if that vehicle has both spaces in use, an alternate vehicle is sent out to pick them up.

Terry Lansdell asked to talk about the funding sources for shelters and pads. Larry stated CATS has a shelter program but goals for this program have slowed down considerably due to budget restraints and the half cent sales tax decline. But one guideline for this program is there has to be 75 boarding at the stop before it is considered for a shelter.

B. Chair & Co-Chair Election Discussion

Rick Sanderson

Rick reminded the committee that the Chair & Co-Chair TSAC positions were due for election in December. Rick stated he would like to remain in the Chair position for a full year and stated with the newly elected MTC members it would be good for TSAC to have a representative that was a familiar face and had knowledge of the meetings. Rick went on saying that MTC voted to revise the attendance requirements for TSAC and CTAG, and to permit the appointing authority (whether a town or the City of Charlotte) to dictate the term limits for their appointees and one other approval was that TSAC would add one member. That member would be a vanpool participant, preferably from Mecklenburg County since the City of Charlotte would be the appointing authority. Larry stated CATS is currently trying to get a list of Vanpool users that may be interested in serving on the committee.

Terry made a motion to nominate and vote for the new chair and co-chair at the December meeting. The committee agreed.

III. Action Item:

A. February Service Change

Ramond Robinson gave a review on the proposed February 2010 service change.

Rick asked after constructions will the North Meck village rider go back to the original route. Ramond answered the new layover may result in a better place since there are express buses there for transfers, we will have to wait and see how that turns out.

Terry asked how CATS would measure the changes to Rt. 17 to show there is improvement. Ramond answered with the route performance monitoring system and the passenger per hour if we gain more passengers we will see an increase in the route performance score.

Walter Horstman asked if the 83X schedule is going to change. Ramond stated there will be no change in frequency but the times will change to 3 trips to accommodate peoples work schedules.

The committees then took action, endorsed the February 2010 service changes and to take them to MTC for approval.

IV. Public Comment on agenda items:

There was no public comment.

V. Service Issues

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Terry mentions the East Blvd cross arm problem had been fixed. Terry also asked for a midyear update on route 34 Freedom drive and if there are plans to make bus stop and sidewalk enhancements. Larry stated he would get the information and report. Ramond stated CATS is working with CDOT to upgrade sidewalks and curbs along the route.

Jennifer Falls asked when the new park and ride at Huntersville will be finished and when it is will people be allowed to park on the street. Larry stated he will get an update from development and that CATS prefers there is no parking on the street.

Walt stated he noticed the change to the bus announcement and it was really good.

VI. Chairman's Report

Rick Sanderson

Rick gave report from the October MTC meeting stating MTC approved to move the 27th street station of the BLE to 25th street because there was a Duke Power sub-station at 27th street that would have been costly to move. MTC also set priority on projects to be done with Federal funding. 1. North-East corridor 2. North corridor 3. Streetcar project. The state put forward the Yadkin River Bridge project as opposed to the North Corridor as the submittal for TIGER funds.

Next MTC meeting will be January 27, 2010 with the newly elected MTC members.

VII. Interim Manager of Operations Report

Larry Kopf

Larry reported to the committee that figures for the September sales tax was one million dollars less than last year bringing 3 months of the quarter to 4.4 million dollars lower than last year. CATS' is in hopes that the sales tax will increase before the years end. Due to budget restraints CATS will wait to fill vacant positions that were approved to fill earlier this year. Larry also stated that extra trains would be in service for the Thanksgiving Day parade and that ambassadors would be working to accommodate the crowds. Larry announced CATS' has a new Safety and Security Manager Bryan Leaird and because the Street Car project is in design, CATS' will have public meetings November 17, 19, & 24.

NEXT TSAC MEETING: THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2009 4:00 PM