

**TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday October 11, 2012.**

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**PRESENT:**

Michael Warner, Charlotte  
Walter Horstman, Matthews  
Christine Bryant, Huntersville  
D. Evans, Charlotte  
Tom Low, Charlotte  
Marvis Holliday, Van Pool  
Jean Veatch, Cornelius  
Chris McKillop, Charlotte

**STAFF:**

Kirk Scott, Shannon Dabney, Judy Dellert-O'Keef, Duretta Weicken, Paulus Ford, Pamela White, John Fitzgibbon, Theron Barrino, Steve Warren, Rocky Paiano, Meghan Makoid,

***Meeting Time 4:00-5:00 PM***

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**I. Call to Order and Approval of the September Meeting Summary**

Interim Chairman D. Evans called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., the September meeting summary was approved as written.

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

No one from the public commented on the agenda

**III. Information Items:**

**A. Station Area Plans for BLE**

Meghan Makoid of CATS Development provided a Transit Station Area Plan update to TSAC. The station plan goal is to develop a policy guide that will provide a framework for future growth and development in the areas surrounding planned BLE stations. The policy guide will include detailed land use and community design recommendations. It will identify public and private investment strategies, and serves to represent a shared vision for the future in

terms of station area development. Meghan explained that meetings began in October to obtain public input in the effort to develop the policy guide. Public meetings will continue in November, with a wrap-up public meeting planned for January. Adoption of the policy guide is slated for the spring of 2013.

Marvis Holliday asked if when planning the parking for the BLE if ample spaces were considered especially since there is current parking issue at UNCC. Meghan stated yes travel patterns and growth were considered as ideas of what the demand would be in those areas in the future.

Walter Horstman asked if there were lessons learned from the South Corridor to consider for the BLE. Meghan state yes, that unlike when the South Corridor was built, the BLE will have actual data to use for land uses and demands as well as three car platforms to accommodate.

## **B. February Service Change**

Pamela White, of CATS, provided TSAC with the proposed service changes for the February 4, 2013 Service Change. Pamela indicated that the February 2013 Service Change would include:

- Schedule adjustments to improve the on-time performance on several bus routes.
- Route adjustment proposals approved as part of the 2013-2017 Countywide Transit Services Plan including; North Mecklenburg Village Riders; 97 Cornelius, 98 McCoy Rd, and the 99 Huntersville. Staff provided detailed information on the proposed adjustment of each route. In addition, a proposal to adjust the 82X Rock Hill Express was talked about in response to a need to relocate the Rock Hill City Hall Park and Ride.

Pamela indicated that public meetings concerning the proposed route adjustments would be held in early or mid-November in order to garner the feedback from passengers and the public.

## **IV. Service Issues**

There were no service issues reported.

## **V. Chairman's Report**

D. Evans reported at the September MTC meeting the committee reviewed the alcohol advertising policy.

## **VI. Manager of Operations Report**

Rocky Paiano reported the following for the CATS' Manger of Operations report:

- Additional bus service will again be provided to the Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> stopping at many of the major hotels and the Charlotte Transportation Center. The buses will make their way out to the racetrack park, and wait for the fans to take them back to Uptown. Fare is \$8.00 round trip.
- MTC acted to tab Jill Swain, mayor of Huntersville, to work with the Charlotte City Council regarding the alcohol ad issue. MTC's position is that the revenue from alcohol advertising is needed in the wake of diminishing revenue from other areas.
- The City is resurrecting the discussion on the CIP, which includes the streetcar. If City Council recommends putting this measure on the ballot, it could be an issue for the November 2013 election season.
- CATS' is working on an agreement with other City departments on responsibilities related to streetcar operations.
- CATS' has reached an agreement with Siemens for 22 new rail cars. the plan is to receive all cars by 2015
- The State is in the lead and has resurrected discussion about the Intermodal Station in the Gateway area sending out bids for a master developer and opened those bids last week. CATS' is expected to have a presence at the Intermodal Facility, perhaps a small version of the existing transit center.
- There will be a major transit funding announcement next Tuesday October 16th at the 9th Street station by local officials and the FTA

Tom Low asked if the 22 new rail cars will be more user friendly. Rocky stated CATS is looking at that and will take any recommendations into consideration but since the cars will be piggy backing a previous contract, the new cars will be similar to our current cars to be able to connect cars together.

Walt asked if when there are three car trains will the middle car be a dummy car. Rocky stated all cars will be powered in the three car situation but the front car will have an operator that controls the movement of the train.

***NEXT TSAC MEETING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2012 4:00 PM***