

Approved

By CACOT
July 11, 2012

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES
June 13, 2012**

Present

Stephan Friedt, Chair
Susan Hyne, Vice-Chair
Robert Monasky
Robert E. Wilson
Mike Beilstein, Council Liaison
Terry Wright

Absent

Evan Sorce
Brandon Trelstad
Kriste York

Staff

Tim Bates, Public Works
Brie Caffey, Public Works

Visitors

Lisa Namba, Public Works
Sharon Fipps, Benton County
Bruce Moser, Public Works

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Introductions	X		
II. Approval of April 11, 2012 Minutes			Approved
III. CACOT/Visitor Comments	X		
IV. Old Business			N/A
V. New Business • Vote for Replacement Vice-Chair			Commissioner Trelstad was elected Vice-Chair
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
VIII. Pending Items			N/A
IX. Adjournment			Adjourned at 9:13 am

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am by Chair Friedt. Introductions were made of Commission members, staff and visitors.

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wilson and Vice-Chair Hyne, respectively, moved and seconded to approve the April 11, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CACOT/Visitor Comments

Bruce Moser introduced himself as the Corvallis Public Works Street Maintenance Supervisor. He and Mr. Bates mentioned upcoming summer street projects that will affect CTS routes including work on Jefferson St. starting next Monday, work on Harrison Blvd scheduled for early August, and work on Monroe Ave. from 26th St. to 16th St. Mr. Moser said he understands the benefits of nighttime street work to maintaining transit operations and said he will survey the neighborhood residents and business owners on Monroe Ave. to get their input about this possibility.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Chair Freidt noted that Vice-Chair Hyne is stepping down from CACOT at the end of her term. He acknowledged Susan's years of service and dedication to transportation in Corvallis. Vice-Chair Hyne said that she will continue volunteering with the Google Transit effort.

Chair Freidt nominated Commissioner Trelstad for the position of Vice-Chair and noted that, while Commissioner Trelstad was not in attendance at the meeting, he was aware of and has agreed to serve if elected. **Chair Freidt and Commissioner Wilson, respectively, moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Commissioner Trelstad as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Information Sharing

Mr. Bates reviewed the Information Sharing Report. Comments he provided in addition to the report included:

Mr. Bates said that in addition to the "Get Going" summer youth program which includes prize giveaways, the Philomath Connection is offering free rides to youth ages 6-17 years old until September 7th.

Mrs. Caffey noted that CTS ridership hit a new milestone in May 2012, topping one million rides for this fiscal year. The CTS fiscal year-to-date ridership at the end of May was 1,041,606 rides.

Sharon Fipps, Benton County's Special and Rural Transportation Fund Program Coordinator, reported that she is working with the Hatfield Marine Science Center and the employees at NOAA and Oregon Fish and Wildlife to coordinate a direct route between Corvallis and South Beach, just south of Newport. She said there are approximately 600 people working at the NOAA facility and many are interested in riding; however the current routes don't work with their schedule. A considerable schedule revision of the Coast-to-Valley Express may be needed; however, the increase in ridership may justify the revision.

Mrs. Caffey reported that the Simme-Seat on Goodnight Ave. across from Deborah Place has been installed. Five of the six Simme-Seats are now installed; the sixth is awaiting approval of a traffic order which is due to go to the City Council on June 18th.

Staff reviewed the service enhancement recommendations with the Commission.

Commissioner Hyne noted that bus congestion at the DTC may be an issue with the 10-minute dwell if buses run late, especially when there are commuter buses running too. Mr. Bates acknowledged it is an issue that staff will consider. Commissioner Hyne asked if the full \$90,000 would be available for service enhancements and Ms. Namba confirmed that it would be, noting the City Council has approved the enhancement budget. She noted that the \$70 per service hour staff used to calculate available hours for expansion is a conservative estimate.

Commissioners Wilson and Wright, respectively, moved and seconded for CACOT to meet near June 27th to finalize the enhancement recommendations.

VII. Commissioner Requests and Reports

Commissioner Hyne commended the work of the south Corvallis community members who recently power washed and re-stained the wood of the neighborhood-built Route 6 bus shelter at SE Ryan & Alexander.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioners Wilson and Monasky, respectively, moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 am.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Special Meeting on or about June 27, 2012; time/place TBA
July 11, 2012, 8:20 am, Madison Avenue Meeting Room**