

Approved

by CACOT
June 9, 2010

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES
May 12, 2010**

Present

Bob Lowry, Chair
Stephan Friedt, Vice-Chair
Susan Hyne
Tom Kincaid
Brandon Trelstad
Robert E. Wilson
Hal Brauner, City Councilor

Staff

Tim Bates, Public Works
Cindy Hallett, Public Works

Visitors

Charlie Tomlinson, Mayor

Absent

Paul Aljets, ASOSU
Ray Shimabuku

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Introductions	X		
II. Approval of April 14, 2010 Minutes			Approved, as amended.
III. CACOT/Visitor Comments	X		
IV. Old Business			Moved updates to Information Sharing Report
V. New Business	NA		
VI. Information Sharing • Written Report	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
VIII. Adjournment			Adjourned at 10:03am

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 a.m.

II. Approval of April 14, 2010 Minutes

Vice-Chair Friedt and Commissioner Kincaid, respectively, moved and seconded the Commission approve the April 14, 2010, minutes.

Commissioner Hyne, not Commissioner Trelstad, seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

III. CACOT/Visitor Comments

Mayor Tomlinson thanked the Commissioners for their service to the City of Corvallis. As a user of Route 6, Mayor Tomlinson said the bus drivers take care of passengers extremely well and are good representatives for Corvallis. Mayor Tomlinson presented Corvallis-Albany Farmers Market wooden tokens to each Commissioner. He said Toyota has chosen Corvallis as a test site for a Prius-style vehicle with plug-in capability. Chair Lowry, on behalf of CACOT, thanked Mayor Tomlinson for his service as Mayor and commitment to the city of Corvallis. Mayor Tomlinson recognized the outstanding work Councilor Brauner has done in his role as Council liaison CACOT.

IV. Old Business

- Possible Park & Ride Locations - Mr. Bates received an e-mail from the manager of Sunset Center stating that he is attempting to contact tenants of the Sunset Center to gauge their interest in allowing a Park & Ride at this location. Mr. Bates requested a minimum of four spaces but would welcome more if available. Chair Lowry suggested moving this agenda item to the Information Sharing Report.
- Possible Satellite Transit Centers - Currently there are maps in shelters with maps of all routes that stop at the shelter. Staff can post additional signage at shelters with possible transfer capability information regarding transfer services.

Commissioner Wilson asked about the relocation of the First Student facility to the former Keith Brown Lumber location on Philomath Boulevard. First Student has a letter of intent with a possible move date of late August or early September.

The Commission agreed to moved the above two items to Information Sharing for succeeding meetings.

V. New Business

There was none.

VI. Information Sharing

Mr. Bates reviewed the Information Sharing Report. Additional information to the report:

- Several weeks ago Bus 740 caught on fire at First Student's facility after it finished its runs. The rear's inside and outside were destroyed. However, the VIS unit is salvageable. Quick thinking drivers moved other buses out of harm's way. Commissioner Trelstad asked about the revenue impact, since this bus was scheduled

to be surplused. First Student provides the insurance coverage that will cover the salvage cost. Mr. Bates will e-mail pictures of the damaged bus to Commissioners.

- PC bus should be on the road soon since there is no VIS to be installed. The current PC bus will be retained as a spare.
- CTS's data has been uploaded to Google Transit and it should be "live" in the next couple of weeks.
- Councilor Brauner reported on the Sustainability Initiatives Funding (SIF) transit fee. Administrative Services Committee voted against the Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy fee and the Urban Forestry Program fee. The proposed fees for Transit, Sidewalk Safety, and Alternative Transportation Modes will be recommended to the full Council during a May 17th Council Meeting. The proposed transit fee dollar amount will be the higher of \$2.75 per residence or the average price of gasoline for the previous year. Revenue from the transit fee would allow for the Transit Fund to no longer rely on an allocation from the City's General Fund, and would allow for a fareless transit system. A tentative effective date for this fee, if implemented is February 1, 2011.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

- After much discussion, it was determined that staff has the ability to query ridership trends during particular times of the day via drivers' count sheets. Although there are no scheduled services reductions for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011), but staff will begin to analyze ridership trends when inputting ridership data. Staff is always open to specific ridership requests from the Commission.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Freidt and Commissioner Trelstad , respectively, moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2010, 8:20a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room