

Approved

September 8, 2010
by CACOT

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES
July 14, 2010**

Present

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

Staff

Tim Bates, Public Works
Cindy Hallett, Public Works

Visitors

Annette Mills, Corvallis Sustainability
Coalition

Absent

Paul Aljets, ASOSU
Ray Shimabuku

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Introductions	X		
II. Approval of June 9, 2010 Minutes			Approved
III. CACOT/Visitor Comments • Annette Mills, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition-World Car Free Day	X		
IV. Old Business			Councilor Brauner provided an update on the SIF proposal.
V. New Business			Motion passed to provide free rides on CTS and PC on World Car Free Day, Sept. 22nd, if the budget can support it.
VI. Information Sharing • Written Report	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
VIII. Pending Items	NA		
IX. Adjournment			Adjourned at 9:20 am

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

II. Approval of June 9, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Hyne and Vice-Chair Friedt, respectively, moved and seconded the Commission approve the June 9, 2010, minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. CACOT/Visitor Comments

Annette Mills, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition - World Car Free Day - Ms. Mills presented information about World Car Free Day, scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd. She envisions that this event will build on other alternative transportation events such as the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's Bike Commute Challenge. Corvallis Transit System (CTS) will host a kickoff event at the Downtown Transit Center on the 22nd from 7:00 am - 9:00 am. CTS will also host a booth at Farmers Market from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Mayor Tomlinson will proclaim the 22nd to be World Car Free Day in Corvallis.

This item was further discussed under "New Business".

IV. Old Business

Councilor Brauner said the five Sustainability Initiatives Funding (SIF) fees will be discussed at a City Council work session scheduled for July 22. A recommendation on the SIF fees is expected at the second Council meeting of August. Councilor Brauner thanked Commissioner Hyne for providing useful information to Council ahead of the work session. If any of the fees were approved, a public referendum could be called within 90 days if enough signatures were gathered. Community members have 30 days to take out a petition and the number of needed signatures is equal to 10% of number of votes in the most recent mayoral election. Vice-Chair Friedt would like to publicize the results of the transit SIF fee at World Car Free Day.

V. New Business

There was discussion on the feasibility of providing free rides on CTS and the Philomath Connection during Car Free Day. The Commission was unanimously in favor of providing free rides if staff determined that the transit budget would allow for it. Mr. Bates said he would determine if the transit budget would be able to absorb the lost farebox revenue.

Vice-Chair Friedt and Commissioner Trelstad, respectively, moved and seconded that CTS and the Philomath Connection provide free rides on World Car Free Day, September 22nd, if staff determines that it is within the transit budget to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information Sharing

Chair Lowry visited the Ben Franklin Transit in the Tri-Cities area, a service area which

extends over 30 square miles. Trans Plus is a demand response, curb-to-curb service that operates on a shared ride system. It operates nightly 7:00 pm - 2:00 am and on Sundays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm to accommodate the numerous late shift employees. Riders call for same day service, on a first come/first served basis. The service charges \$3 per ride and the transit agency cannot keep up with the ridership demand. Additional service can't be added at this time because of the high cost per ride.

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

- First Student - Is expected to move to its new location at the previous Keith Brown site on Philomath Blvd. by September, 2010.
- Corvallis School District's Transit Group Pass Program - An amendment to the IGA between the City and the School District has been signed, extending Route CVA service and the school district's Transit Group Pass Program for students through June, 2011.
- Google Transit - CTS's maps, schedules and fares will be viewable on Google Transit very soon. A volunteer is working with staff on the final details.
- The Moose Building Demolition- The southernmost shelters, next to the Moose Building, will be temporarily out of service while demolition continues. It is expected that the demolition will be complete in several weeks.
- Cindy Hallett's position - Commissioner Hyne requested an update on the status of Ms. Hallett's position as staff person for CACOT. Ms. Hallett's last day as Senior Administrative Specialist for Transit is August 13th. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Hallett for her "excellent service" to the Commission.
- "99 Express" service to Adair and Monroe - Benton County's rural intercity transit service is scheduled to begin in September. Benton County's Special Transportation Coordinator Sharon Fipps will appear at the August meeting to discuss the service.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

There were none.

VIII. Pending Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2010, 8:20a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room