

# **CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT AGENDA**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 8:20 a.m.  
Madison Avenue Meeting Room  
500 SW Madison Avenue**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
July 14, 2010 (there was no August meeting)
- III. CACOT/VISITOR'S COMMENTS
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. INFORMATION SHARING
- VII. COMMISSION REQUESTS AND REPORTS
- VIII. PENDING ITEMS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 8:20 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 8:20 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room

Commission Members:

Bob Lowry, Chair

Robert E. Wilson

Stephan Friedt, Vice-Chair

Brandon Trelstad

Susan Hyne

ASOSU Representative (to be appointed)

Tom Kincaid

Hal Brauner, Council Liaison

Ray Shimabuku

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**DRAFT**Subject to review &  
approval

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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**

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2010  
TO: CACOT Members  
FROM: Tim Bates, Transit Coordinator  
SUBJECT: Information Sharing Report

**Summer Youth Transit Program/509J Group Pass** - This program ends another successful season on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Corvallis School District's group pass program for students begins September 7<sup>th</sup>, providing a seamless continuation of free rides.

**Fall Festival** - CTS will provide FREE rides on Saturday and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Google Transit** - CTS and PC information is live on Google Transit as of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many, many thanks to volunteers Robert Monasky and our own Commissioner Susan Hyne for their hours of dedicated service toward this project.

**CVA/C1 Return** - These routes resume service on September 7<sup>th</sup>, after a summer hiatus.

**Beaver Bus** - Resumes service on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events** - CTS staff will staff a booth at the following events:

**LBCC Welcome Day**, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Information Booth at LBCC 9:00am - 3:00pm.

**World Car Free Day**, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kickoff Event 7:00am - 9:00am at the DTC and Information Booth at Farmers Market 3:00pm - 7:00pm.

**Sustainability Fair**, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Information Booth 3:00pm - 6:00pm at OSU's Student Sustainability Center

**Where It's @ Beaver Fair**, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Information Booth 12:00pm - 4:00pm at OSU's MU Quad.

**Try Transit Week**, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Kickoff Event 7:00am - 9:00am at the DTC.

**Ridership** - Percentage changes are based on rides per service hour due to the differences in days of service and revised routes effective September 22, 2008.

- **CTS provided 54,310 rides in July, an average of 24 rides/service hour, a 5.80% decrease from July, 2009.** Ridership for July 2009 was 54,381, an average of 25.5 rides/service hour.
- **CTS provided 49,560 rides in August, an average of 23.3 rides/service hour, a 7.22% increase from August, 2009.** Ridership for August 2009 was 45,734, an average of 21.7 rides/service hour.
- **Philomath Connection provided 1,851 rides in July, an average of 12.9 rides/service hour, a 14.6 % increase from July, 2009.** Ridership for July 2009 was 1,683, an average of 11.3 rides/service hour.
- **Philomath Connection provided 1,977 rides in August, an average of 13.8 rides/service hour, a 24.98 % increase from August, 2009.** Ridership for August 2009 was 1,510, an average of 11.1 rides/service hour.

- **Dial A Bus** - 559 riders were provided in July. August ridership figures are not available at this time.

**“Honored Rider” bus passes** - Nine passes were distributed in July, four in August.

**Follow-up on issues presented at the July CACOT meeting.**

- Satellite Transit Centers - No news to report.
- Park & Ride Locations - No news to report.