

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT  
MINUTES  
August 8, 2007**

**Present**

Bob Lowry, Chair  
Lita Verts, Vice-Chair  
George Grosch, City Councilor  
Brandon Trelstad  
Robert E. Wilson

**Staff**

Lisa Namba, Public Works  
Tim Bates, Public Works  
Cindy Hallett, Public Works

**Visitors**

Tiffany Williamson, ASOSU

**Absent**

Scott Carroll  
Stephan Friedt  
Joe Harrod  
Kenyon Solecki, ASOSU

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Introductions	X		
II. Approval of July 11, 2007 Minutes			Approved
III. CACOT/Visitor Comments	NA		
IV. Old Business	NA		
V. New Business			
• Commission Input on Route Revisions	X		
VI. Information Sharing			
• Voith Transmission Update	X		
VII. Adjournment			Adjourned

## CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

### I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:18 a.m.

Introductions of Commission members and staff were made.

### II. Approval of July 11, 2007 Minutes

**Commissioners Trelstad and Wilson, respectively, moved and seconded that the Commission recommend approval of the July 11, 2007 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

### III. CACOT/Visitor Comments

There were none.

### IV. Old Business

There was none.

### V. New Business

#### • Commission Input on Route Revisions

Ms. Namba reported the Route Revision Subcommittee has not met yet to discuss the revisions. The following are staff's ideas on possible route revisions:

- Routes 2, 4, and 7 to Good Samaritan Hospital  
Commissioner Verts expressed desire that the stops for The Regent and The Regency care facilities are accessible and there would be a direct route from these facilities to the hospital without going downtown first.
- Route 1 - On time issues when OSU is in session  
There was a discussion of possibly splitting the dwell time to provide five minutes of dwell time at the Downtown Transit Center and five minutes of dwell time at Hewlett-Packard's stop. This would enable the route to better adhere to time points schedules in the second half of the route. Commissioner Trelstad questioned the possibility of updating or resetting time points. He said getting the bus to campus on time for student classes should be a high priority.
- SW Corvallis Service  
Review the stop at Stoneybrook to compare ridership at this location versus a 49<sup>th</sup> Street stop in the nearby high-density areas. Chair Lowry expressed concern that Routes 3 and 8 have lost ridership due to the route change made in April, 2006.
- Service to Avery Square to link with Linn-Benton Loop service  
This may involve switching departure times of Routes 2 and 4.
- JARC services

Funds have been used to extend service hours on Saturday mornings and afternoons. The subcommittee will look at ways to better serve the JARC target population.

- **Beaver Bus**

Staff has met with Kimberly Konrad of ASOSU to discuss the possibility of revising the route to split the two routes into four.. This would provide more convenient service for riders and would double the service between downtown and OSU. The subcommittee will also look at the possibility of adding Conifer Boulevard to the North run, in much the same way the Route 7 currently travels on its daily service.

Ms. Namba emphasized that in all probability, CTS route revisions will not happen before school starts in September.

## **VI. Information Sharing**

- **Voith Transmission Update**

Mr. Bates and Ms. Namba spoke to Kimberly Dirrett, the Voith Transmission sales representative. She will be the liaison to Laidlaw when there are any transmission issues. She is currently working with Laidlaw to initiate onsite diagnostic testing. This will enable Laidlaw to diagnose and correct transmission failures which historically have created an extended downtime for buses. Kimberly also stated that Voith has a program allowing failed transmissions to be exchanged within ten days. When Laidlaw has parts and equipment in place, she will spend time with them to provide training on the diagnostic process.

- Mr. Bates reported that Walnut Boulevard construction is ahead of schedule, with an expected completion date of the end of August. Southwest 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Jefferson traffic signal work is expected to start on or about August 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Namba expanded on the Country Club Road closure. The section of Country Club Road near Stoneybrook will be included in the closure. The detour will be similar to the path Route 3 traveled before the previous route revisions. It will travel on Country Club Drive., north on 49<sup>th</sup> Street, to Research Way, then back onto Country Club Drive. The old shelters are still in place for use. Discussion on ridership ensued on usage between Dial A Bus, Stoneybrook patrons, Stoneybrook's bus and the high-density areas.
- Ms. Namba and Mr. Bates reviewed ridership figures and on-time performance averages for July. Ms. Namba said staff continues to work on getting wayside signs fixed and putting the real-time format on the City's website.
- Mr. Bates reported on the bus cleanliness. He met with Laidlaw Operations Manager Brian Maxwell to conduct an onsite inspection of buses. Visual inspections and drivers' anecdotal evidence yielded information that cleanliness is much better than previously observed. Mr. Maxwell vowed to keep in close contact with the cleaning staff vis a vis cleanliness issues.
- Staff will meet with the Gillig Bus representative on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive information on 29-foot buses. Chair Lowry asked what other agencies employ these buses and their

evaluation of them. The Gillig Representative will report these findings to staff at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**Commissioners Wilson and Trelstad, respectively, moved and seconded that the Commission approve adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2007, 8:15 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room**