

**CORVALLIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT  
AGENDA**

**Wednesday; January 15, 2003; 8:00 a.m.  
City Hall Conference Room D  
501 S.W. Madison Avenue**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
  
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 11, 2002
  
- III. CACOT/VISITOR'S COMMENTS (Items not on Agenda)
  
- IV. SCHEDULE/MAP REDESIGN PROJECT
  
- V. 2003 LEGISLATURE - Proposed Mass Transit Assessment Amendment
  
- VI. INFORMATION SHARING
  - A. Ridership Report (Fixed Route, Paratransit & Philomath)
  - B. Intermodal Mall
  - C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - D. Holiday Trolley
  - E. Peak Route Service Revision
  - F. Annual OSU Survey - January 27 - February 8
  - G. ASOSU Group Pass Program
  - H. Linn-Benton Loop Commission - Dec. Meeting Report
  - I. Annual City Survey Results
  - J. Americans With Disabilities Act - Corvallis Paratransit Service Recertification Project
  
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Future Meetings:**

Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D  
Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT  
MINUTES**

December 11, 2002

Members Present

Craig Anderson, Chair  
Scott Carroll  
Janon Rogers  
Lita Verts  
Stewart Wershow, Councilor

Visitors

Stewart Branam  
Greg Bennett, BPAC  
Michelle Rhoads

Absent, Excused

Bob Lowry

Staff

Jim Mitchell, Public Works  
Bernadette Barrett, Public Works

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

| Agenda Item  | Informa-<br>tion Only | Held for<br>Further<br>Review | Recommendations/Action |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Minutes - November 13, 2002                          |                       |                               | Accepted as written    |
| Bus Stop Issues                                      |                       | X                             |                        |
| Tri-County Senior/Disabled<br>Transportation Project | X                     |                               |                        |
| Schedule/Map Redesign Project                        |                       | X                             |                        |
| Ridership Report                                     | X                     |                               |                        |
| Intermodal Mall                                      | X                     |                               |                        |
| Metropolitan Planning<br>Organization - Update       | X                     |                               |                        |
| Holiday Trolley                                      | X                     |                               |                        |
| Winter Newsletter                                    | X                     |                               |                        |
| Peak Route Service Revision                          | X                     |                               |                        |
| Cameras on Board One CTS Bus                         | X                     |                               |                        |

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 11, 2002**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**II. BUS STOP ISSUES**

Stewart Branam appeared before the Commission to discuss a number of issues related to bus stops throughout the community. Mr. Branam is a member of Access Benton County and will soon serve on the City's Bicycle/ Pedestrian Advisory Commission(BPAC). He identified several bus stop locations that are difficult or impossible to access by scooter users, including Fred Meyer, 29<sup>th</sup> and Grant, Hayes/Kings. He also wanted the bus stops to include shelters for people to wait out of the weather, including at 11<sup>th</sup> and Monroe, Grant/29th at Sam's Station, near Schmidt's

Garden Center, and the Corvallis Clinic.

Mr. Branam indicated that there were several new developments in town that are near bus stops but that bus stops were not included as part of the development. He mentioned developments near or on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and an OSU building near the intersection fo 26<sup>th</sup> and Monroe.

Mr. Branam asked the Commission to get involved in making sure that there are processes in place to address these issues to improve transit service to all customers. He understands that the system is now not fool-proof. It was recognized that there is a difference between new development and existing facilities. It was also noted that the City has limitations on what it can and cannot require of a development. Mr. Branam indicated that he has contacted the Planning Department. He also suggested that the City and County sit down to discuss those areas that are served by transit but are outside of the City's jurisdiction, like the new developments along S. W. 53<sup>rd</sup> (assisted living and low-income housing). In response to a question from Chairman Anderson, Mr. Branam indicated that he would be willing to prepare a comprehensive list of stops that are either difficult to access or impossible.

Greg Bennett, a member of BPAC, appeared before the Commission to support Mr. Branam's comments. Mr. Branam had also attend the most recent BPAC meeting and expressed the same concerns. BPAC will be looking at the issues, and he requested CACOT to do the same.

Mr. Bennett also spoke to the issue of the proposed City/County building project and the possibility of a parking garage on the site. He feels that such a publicly-financed facility is a disincentive for people to use alternative modes such as bicycling or transit. He suggested that CACOT monitor the City Hall Block process. Commission member Lita Verts indicated that she is a member of the steering committee and that the consultants had recommended a parking garage even though the Kittelson report indicated that the demand does not exist that would warrant a parking structure. She described the report's findings.

Additional comments concerned the consolidation of County offices in the downtown area, public subsidies for downtown employee parking, customer and downtown employee parking preferences, and the Oregon Constitution that does not allow

the use of gas taxes for transit or other alternative transportation options.

Transit staff will prepare a written response to the bus stop issues and make a presentation at future BPAC and CACOT meetings.

### **III. TRI-COUNTY SENIOR/DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATE**

Michelle Rhoads, the Benton County Special Transportation Coordinator, appeared before the Commission to present the executive summary of the Tri-County Special Transportation Project report. The project area includes Linn, Lincoln, and Benton Counties. The highlights of the report indicate that approximately 12 percent of the senior/disabled population in the tri-county area have unmet transportation needs. Recommendations included in the report call for: increased education efforts to assure that this population and their caregivers are aware of the existing transportation services; increased medical transportation between the counties; and increased fixed-route bus service.

The report has been presented to the Special Transportation Committees in each county and then will be forwarded to the County Commissioners of each county. The County Commissioners will determine whether or not to continue the next phase of the project, which is to look at options for implementing the recommendations. The second phase may include a technical advisory committee.

The next meeting of the project's steering committee is December 20, 10 a.m., in the Benton County Commissioners meeting room. In response to a question, it was noted that the \$250,000 project has been funded by a 90-percent ODOT grant, with the local match being paid for by Special Transportation Funds from the three counties.

### **IV. SCHEDULE/MAP REDESIGN PROJECT**

Staff presented the Commission with a proposed format for the revised schedule and map design. The Commission agreed with the suggested format. Staff will continue to work on the contents and other elements of the document.

### **V. INFORMATION SHARING**

#### **A. Ridership Reports (fixed, paratransit, Philomath)**

The ridership reports were presented. CTS provided 42,955

rides in November 2002. This is lower than last year's November monthly ridership of 45,863. It was speculated that the decrease continues to be related to the revised start and end times at Corvallis High School and Cheldelin Middle School.

The Philomath ridership for November was 1,276, compared to last year's November ridership of 1,143.

The Dial-A-Bus report was presented. Two additional columns were added to the report regarding Americans With Disabilities rides. These statistics were added to evaluate the provider's performance and consistency in reporting.

#### **B. Intermodal Mall - Status Report**

The intermodal mall project is progressing. The light fixtures have been installed. The last remaining element is the bus shelters and a few minor additions to the building. Transit staff is working on the details relating to the commercial section of the building.

Staff is also working with Representative Darlene Hooley's office to determine a time for a "grand opening" of the federally-funded facility. The event will most likely be held in January.

#### **C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Staff reported that the intergovernmental agreement for the MPO was being presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission at their December 11 meeting. Assuming it is accepted by the Commission and approved by the various governing bodies of the participating agencies, it will go to Governor Kitzhaber this month for approval and designation of the MPO. Once the MPO has been designated, the various agencies will appoint their representatives to the MPO policy board.

#### **D. Holiday Trolley 2002**

The holiday trolley schedule was distributed. It was noted that Creative Crafts and Frame Shop and The French Door are participating this year. Commission members were encouraged to take a minute to thank each of the sponsors for their contributions.

#### **E. Winter Newsletter**

The Winter Newsletter was distributed. The newsletter contains information about the holiday trolley, the intermodal mall, the 2003 OSU Survey, the new schedule/map format, and the location of public restrooms near the intermodal mall.

#### **F. Peak Route Service Revision**

Staff reported that the peak route revision has been determined and the new map/schedule is being printed. Notice of the revised route will be provided through the media. Additionally, the apartment complex managers have agreed to distribute the schedule/map to their residents.

#### **G. Cameras On Board CTS Bus**

The Gazette-Times (GT) has interviewed GE Interlogix (Interlogix) staff and transit staff regarding their installation of security cameras on one of the CTS buses at no cost. The article will appear in the business section of the GT in the near future.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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