

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT  
MINUTES**

August 14, 2002

Members Present

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

Staff

Bernadette Barrett, Public Works

Visitors

Linda Elder, Dial-A-Bus  
Michelle Rhoads, Benton Co.  
Special Transportation

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

| Agenda Item  | Informa-<br>tion Only | Held for<br>Further<br>Review | Recommendations/Action  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Minutes - June 12, 2002  |                       |                               | Accepted as written   |
| Change of Meeting Time   |                       |                               | The Commission agreed to change their monthly meeting time to 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:50 a.m.  |
| Election of Chair/Vice Chair   |                       |                               | Craig Anderson elected as chair and Bob Lowry elected as Vice Chair   |
| Capital Improvement Program  |                       |                               | Recommendations to continue installation of signals at 35/36 Streets and Harrison and intersection improvements at 35 <sup>th</sup> Street and Philomath Blvd. ASAP |
| Overview of Tri-County Special Transportation Project for Senior/Disabled Transportation | X                     |                               |   |
| Ridership Reports ☺  | X                     |                               |   |
| Intermodal Mall - Status Report  | X                     |                               |   |
| Metropolitan Planning Organization - Update  | X                     |                               |   |
| Summer Newsletter  | X                     |                               |   |
| daVinci Days   | X                     |                               |   |
| Benton County Fair   | X                     |                               |   |
| Fall Festival  | X                     |                               |   |

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 12, 2002**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**II. CHANGE OF MONTHLY MEETING TIME**

A request was made by Chairman Anderson that the monthly

meeting time be changed to 8:00 a.m. to provide for arrival of the Philomath Connection at the downtown terminal. The Commission agreed to change the meeting time to 8:00 a.m. instead of the previous 7:50 a.m.

### **III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Craig Anderson was elected as Chair and Bob Lowry was elected Vice Chair for the next year.

### **IV. BENTON CO. SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION TRI-COUNTY PROJECT**

Benton Co. Special Transportation Coordinator Michelle Rhoads presented information on the tri-county project to identify the transportation needs of elderly and persons with disabilities in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. She provided an overview of the project and noted that a report and recommendations would be available in the near future. The outcome could be the development of a medical/non-medical brokerage to direct seniors and persons with disabilities to the most appropriate transportation to meet their needs. The brokerage would be similar to others established in the state through the cooperation of the Oregon Department of Human Services. CACOT members will receive a notice of upcoming meetings to discuss the report and its recommendations.

### **V. CORVALLIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

The Commission was asked to consider any needed capital improvement projects specifically related to transit or other projects. A copy of the current CIP transit projects was distributed.

**Following discussion, the Commission recommended that two street projects that are in the current CIP be pursued as soon as possible to facilitate transit operations. These include the improvements at the intersection of Highway 20/34 and 35<sup>th</sup> Street and the signalization and intersection improvements at the intersections of 35th/36th and Harrison Blvd.**

### **VI. INFORMATION SHARING**

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

The ridership reports were presented. It was noted that CTS

had delivered more than half a million rides in 2001-02, a new annual ridership record. The month of July also had a new, July monthly ridership record of 41,379. (See attached report.)

The Philomath Connection 2001-02 ridership report was distributed and showed a total of 14,304 for 2001-02. The July ridership showed a new July record of 1,013.

The 2001-02 Dial-A-Bus ridership was also presented. Commission members asked for information regarding weekend ridership. It will be included in future Dial-A-Bus ridership reports.

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

The contractor has begun construction of the intermodal mall on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Monroe. The project was delayed for approximately one month to respond to potential contamination since the site was previously a gas station. The new completion date is targeted for the end of November. CACOT will be kept informed as the project progresses.

#### **C. Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Staff reported that the Coordinating Committee for formation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been meeting to make key decisions regarding the organization. The Coordinating Committee includes elected and staff representatives from the cities of Adair Village, Philomath, and Corvallis, Benton County, ODOT, and the Federal Highway Administration. The decisions include: the transportation planning area boundary, the number of members on the MPO policy committee and number of votes per member, as well as the membership of the technical advisory committee, funding for the planning activities, and the staffing of the MPO. CACOT will be kept informed as the committee meets and makes decisions. The MPO is important to transit operations because of the need to plan for public transportation within the planning area.

#### **D. Summer Newsletter**

Staff distributed copies of the summer CTS newsletter.

#### **E. daVinci Days Transit Service**

The ridership report for the free transit service offered during the daVinci Days weekend was distributed. It was noted that 1,509 rides were provided during the weekend, 25 percent lower than the 1,880 rides provided in 2001.

**F. Benton County Fair Shuttle Service Report**

Staff distributed the ridership report for the Benton County Fair Shuttle. This year's free shuttle service to the fairgrounds provided 3,568 rides, which was 11 percent higher than last year's shuttle ridership of 3,214. This year's fair shuttle was partially sponsored by Evanite Corporation. The remaining costs will be shared equally by Benton County and Corvallis Transit.

**G. Fall Festival**

The Commission was reminded that this year's Fall Festival event is the weekend of September 28 and 29; and as usual, CTS will provide free transit service during the weekend to encourage use of transit and address some of the congestion in the downtown area during this community event.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, September 11, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D  
Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D  
Wednesday, November 13, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D