

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES**

August 9, 2000

Members Present

Craig Anderson, Chairman
Caron Johnson
Bob Lowry
Dan Preller
Lita Verts
Ed Barlow-Pieterick, Councilor

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works
Bernadette Barrett, Public Works

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Informa- tion Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
Minutes - May 10, 2000			Approved
Commissioner Resignation	X		
Corvallis Clinic Bus Stop		X	
Election of Chair/Vice Chair			Craig Anderson elected Chair; Bob Lowry elected Vice Chair
Intermodal Mall Project	X		
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)			Suggestions for possible inclusion
20-Year CTS Anniversary Celebration		X	
Ridership Report	X		
Linn-Benton Loop Commission Meeting	X		
daVinci Days Service Report	X		
Benton County Fair Report	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 10, 2000

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CACOT RESIGNATION

It was noted that Joanne Adler has resigned from the Commission. The Mayor will be seeking a replacement.

III. CORVALLIS CLINIC BUS STOP

Commissioner Lowry noted the possible need for a bus stop pad at the Corvallis Clinic (Asbury Bldg.) west of the entrance. Staff will contact Clinic facilities staff to discuss this location.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Craig Anderson was elected to continue as Chair, and Bob Lowry was elected to continue as Vice Chair for the 2000-01.

V. INTERMODAL MALL PROJECT

Staff reported on the progress of the City's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant process for the intermodal mall project. On July 25 an open house was held to provide information about the project to Corvallis citizens. Significant efforts were made to involve low-income and minority residents and downtown businesses in the public outreach process. Attendance at the open house was low, but response to the mail-out survey resulted in over 100 surveys returned. All but one of the survey respondents were supportive of the project. Staff will provide a copy of the public outreach efforts to Commission members.

The grant and related supporting materials have been submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for their review. Staff is awaiting FTA's response.

VI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Staff reviewed the budget process, noting that the City has an operating budget and a capital improvement project (CIP) budget. The CIP contains a 5-year listing of capital projects. The listing is updated each year. "Capital project" is defined as one that has a life expectancy of 10 years and is an investment in infrastructure of more than \$10,000. It does not include vehicles. Commission members were provided with a copy of the transportation section of the current CIP. The transit projects and transit-related projects were discussed. Staff requested that CACOT members provide input into any additional projects that should be considered for the CIP. Three specific projects were suggested for consideration by Commissioner Lowry: 1) the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 9th and Jefferson to facilitate use of the intersection by transit, 2) improvements to the intersection of 15th and Jefferson, and 3) improvements to the intersection of 14th

and Monroe to improve turnaround conditions for the Linn-Benton Loop bus. The transit operations/maintenance facility will be added to next CIP. It was noted that the City is seeking a Congressional earmark for FTA funding to assist with the development of a transit facility. The facility is needed whether or not the City continues to contract its service or bring the service in house.

VII. CTS 20-YEAR CELEBRATION

Staff noted that the Corvallis Transit System began operation in February 1981 and that a 20-year celebration highlighting the transit system's last 20 years will be planned for February 2001. Staff asked Commission members to make suggestions regarding what they would like to see as part of the celebration. This item will be discussed at the September meeting.

VIII. INFORMATION SHARING

A. Ridership Report (Fixed Route and Paratransit)

The July ridership report was provided to the Commission. It indicated that 34,591 rides were provided in July. This is similar to the last two year's July ridership. The Commission was reminded that combined ridership for July and August should be compared because of the impact the fair shuttle has on ridership. This year's fair was totally within the month of August. The Dial-A-Bus ridership report was provided showing ridership during each month of 1999-00. It was noted that Dial-A-Bus does not have its data base developed yet, so the ridership data may not be completely accurate. Commission members expressed an interest in seeing the Philomath ridership. It will be added to future ridership reports.

B. Linn-Benton Loop Commission - June 8

Commissioner Lowry reported on the most recent Loop Commission meeting. He indicated that Loop ridership is up approximately 10 percent over the previous year. The Loop is looking at the cost of additional runs. The Loop Commission is reviewing a questionnaire for a ridership survey to be conducted in the fall. The Loop has also been reviewing outside advertisements on the bicycle racks. They currently trade outside advertising for radio spots and have inside advertising through a small, start-up company.

Commission members discussed potential advertising opportunities and the advantages and disadvantages of bus advertising. To date, the available information shows that the net amount of revenue that could be gained is minimal and potentially would add to visual pollution. Two commercial advertisers have met with City staff and determined that the market does not warrant their service.

C. daVinci Days Service - July 15 and 16

Staff distributed the ridership summary sheet for the expanded daVinci Days Service. The report shows that 1,776 free rides were provide on Saturday and Sunday during daVinci Days. This represents an 18 percent increase over the 1999 deVinci Days service.

D. Benton County Fair - August 1-5

Staff distributed the ridership summary for this year's free fair shuttle. The summary reflects that 2,956 rides were provided to fair goers. This is a 3 percent increase over last year. Commissioner Johnson observed that daily fair shuttle ridership numbers are consistent with fair attendance, showing that Thursday had low attendance. Tuesday was the busiest day (kids day). It was also noted that other regional events may have affected fair attendance. The Commission was reminded that shuttle costs are equally shared between the City and Benton County.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 13, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D
Wednesday, October 11, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D
Wednesday, November 8, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D