

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES**

December 13, 2000

Members Present

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

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works

Absent - Unexcused

Dan Preller

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

| Agenda Item | Informa- tion Only | Held for Further Review | Recommendations/Action |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Minutes - November 8, 2000 | | | Approved |
| Transit Service Expansion | | | Recommendation to City Council |
| 20-Year Celebration | | X | January CACOT meeting |
| Ridership Report | X | | |
| Holiday Trolley | X | | |
| CTS Winter Newsletter | X | | |
| Council Boards & Commissions Meeting | X | | |
| Funding presentation by Senator Smith | X | | |

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 8, 2000

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. TRANSIT SERVICE EXPANSION

During the November Commission meeting, staff presented information regarding transit demand and its effect on on-time service. It was noted that Routes 1, 5, 6, and A are experiencing standing-room only during AM and PM peaks. Staff suggested that the Commission consider recommending to City Council the addition of peak service. The Commission discussed the options, but deferred any action until the December meeting.

In December, the Commission was given additional information including annual costs of various options as follows:

- Add one bus to serve two new routes \$171,100
- Add peak service in two areas, AM & PM \$ 49,900
- Add AM peak service in two areas \$ 20,000

Also provided was detailed information regarding rides per hour of operation by route and by cycle. This information indicates heavy ridership on Route 6 and Route 1 South during the morning commute.

The Commission was sensitive to an expansion that required a significant increase in expenditures. However, the Commission felt that the impacts of ridership demands on some routes during some hours could be improved through the use of limited peak service. The Commission also recognized that the issues should be dealt with soon. As a result, the Commission unanimously recommended that City Council be asked to immediately implement a transit service expansion and to consider funding the expansion from Council Reserves. They agreed that the expansion would include the following:

- Two ½-hour runs on Route 6 (South Corvallis) departing downtown at approximately 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM, Monday through Friday.
- One ½-hour run on a modified Route 1 (Northwest Corvallis) departing downtown at approximately 7:00 AM.
- That the cost of the peak service would not exceed \$10,000 for the balance of FY 00-01.

III. 20-YEAR CELEBRATION

Staff reported that OSU Athletics was approached to fund the shrink-wrapping of one bus. Although there was some interest, OSU is unable to fund this activity at this time. The Commission suggested that other organizations be approached.

IV. INFORMATION SHARING

A. Ridership Report (Fixed-Route and Philomath) ☺

The November ridership report was provided to the Commission. A new, all-time November ridership record of **44,469** was established. This represents a 13-percent increase over last November and a 36-percent increase over the 1998 November ridership.

In November the Philomath Connection served 1,170 riders.

The Philomath system has slightly modified its routes, and a new route map has been printed.

B. Holiday Trolley

The trolley will operate every day between December 13 and 30 from noon until 5:55 PM, excluding Christmas Day.

C. CTS Winter Newsletter

The winter edition of the newsletter has been published and distributed on the busses. It notes the upcoming annual OSU ridership survey, ridership gains, holiday trolley schedule, potential for savings when using passes, and the availability of public restrooms at the Library and City Hall.

D. City Council/Boards & Commissions Meeting

Craig Anderson reported on the above-noted meeting held November 29th. He observed that the Council have a high interest in transit and transit issues.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 10, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D
Wednesday, February 14, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D
Wednesday, March 14, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D