

CORVALLIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT

AGENDA

Wednesday; July 7, 1999; 7:50 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room D

501 S. W. Madison Avenue

- I. INTRODUCTIONS

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 2, 1999

- III. CACOT/VISITOR'S COMMENTS (Items not on Agenda)

- IV. TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- V. INFORMATION SHARING
 - A. Ridership Reports (fixed route and paratransit service)
 - B. ASOSU Group Pass Program
 - C. daVinci Days - July 17 and 18
 - D. Benton County Fair - August 3-7
 - E. ADA Paratransit Service
 - F. Service Route Bus
 - G. OSU Ridership Survey
 - H. Regional Transit Study

- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, August 4, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D

Wednesday, September 1, 7:50 a.m., City Hall Conference Rm. D

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES**

June 2, 1999

Members Present

Craig Anderson, Chairman
Joanne Adler
Bill Hoffman
Caron Johnson
Lita Verts
Ed Barlow-Pieterick, Councilor

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works
Bernadette Barrett, Public Works

Visitors

Tom Adler

Absent - Unexcused

Dan Preller
Jessica Pearse, ASOSU Ex officio

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Informa- tion Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
Ridership Report	X		
Commute Week "Try Another Way" May 22-28	X		
Regional Transit Study	X		
Status of Service Route Bus	X		
Kids Summer Pass Program	X		
ADA Paratransit Service	X		
Draft Transit Master Plan/Intermodal Mall	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 3, April 7, and May 5, 1999

The minutes were accepted as presented.

II. INFORMATION SHARING

A. Ridership Report. The monthly fixed route ridership

report was not available because of month ending on Saturday and the Monday holiday. A paratransit ridership for April was provided to the Commission.

B. Commute Week, Get there "Another Way" - May 24-28.

Staff reported that the City had held a transportation fair in Downtown Corvallis on May 19 and at Good Samaritan Hospital on May 21 to providing information on alternative transportation modes and the week's events. Sponsors of the bike commute day observed that fewer people participated in the organized Tuesday activities.

- C. Regional Transit Study.** Lita Verts, a member of the Regional Transit Study Steering Committee, reported on the Committee's most recent meeting. She noted that the charge to the Committee was to determine if there were sufficient grounds for a transportation district. The conclusion is that the region is not ready to support a transit district with taxing authority. The steering committee did accept a flow chart of suggested actions which could take place to improve public transportation in the region. It included adjustments to the Linn-Benton Loop schedule to facilitate timely transfers to the Corvallis Transit System at 5th and Jefferson. The next priority was to expand CTS to Philomath. Staff reported that discussions have taken place with the City of Philomath over the last several years. Updated cost information for a commuter service was provided to a Philomath City Councilor recently. Ms. Barrett has also had discussions with ODOT Public Transit Division staff regarding possible funding for a start-up of service to Philomath, including vehicle availability.

Additional suggestions were to expand the Loop to Good Samaritan Hospital; establish carpools and vanpools in the more rural areas; establish peak transit service between Lebanon, Albany, and Corvallis; establish a park and ride in Tangent; and in the long-term, establish service to Millersburg, Tangent, and Adair Village. The chart also listed funding options. Local options included local property tax, payroll tax, business fees, parking fees, and retail sales tax.

- D. Status of Service Route Bus.** The new service bus is in Portland. The local distributor, Western Bus Sales, did not accept the bus because of the poor condition of the flooring. New flooring has been ordered and will be installed in Portland.

- E. Kids Summer Pass Program.** Staff distributed a copy of a flyer for this year's kids summer pass program. This program has been in existence for a number of years and has increased in popularity each year. Flyers have been distributed throughout the community, including major employers. Commission members had several suggestions for additional distribution locations.
- F. ADA Paratransit Service.** Staff reported that the Dial-A-Bus Manager had indicated that there had been no turndowns for ADA ride requests. Staff will clarify whether or not that includes ADA rides which are requested during the regular Dial-A-Bus hours, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Commission asked that the report include the number of turndowns for ADA eligible clients, including those turndowns occurring throughout the day. Staff will request the information from the ADA paratransit provider, Dial-A-Bus.

Staff also reported that Benton County and Benton County Senior Council representatives were meeting this morning to continue discussions for next year's contract. The parties have extended their existing contract until September 30. The City provided a similar contract extension to Dial-A-Bus in April. Since no response had been received, a letter was sent to the Senior Council President asking for a response by 5 p.m., Friday, June 4. The Commission was reminded that Dial-A-Bus is primarily funded with Benton County Special Transportation Funds. The City provides compensation to Dial-A-Bus for ADA paratransit service provided between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- G. Draft Transit Master Plan/Intermodal Mall.** Staff was asked about the status of these projects. It was noted that other, more immediate projects have taken priority over the continuation of these projects, including implementation of the short-term plan. It was noted that the previous Council had asked for revisions to the draft Transit Master Plan prior to adoption, including incorporation of the intermodal mall project. These projects will most likely not be brought back to CACOT until October because of the transit work plan for the next several months. The concept of the bus wrap has also been held up by other projects.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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