

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT  
MINUTES**

July 7, 1999

Members Present

Craig Anderson, Chairman  
Bill Hoffman  
Caron Johnson  
Dan Preller

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works  
Bernadette Barrett, Public Works

Visitors

Roger McDonald

Absent - Excused

Joanne Adler  
Lita Verts  
Ed Barlow-Pieterick, Councilor

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Informa- tion Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
Transportation Demand Management Plan Implementation	X		
Ridership Report	X		
ASOSU Group Pass Program	X		
daVinci Days - July 17 and 18	X		
Benton County Fair - August 3 - 7	X		
ADA Paratransit Service	X		
Service Route Bus	X		
OSU Ridership Survey		X	
Regional Transit Study		X	
New CTS Web Page	X		
Urban Designation and Formation of Metropolitan Planning Organization	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 2**

The minutes were held for the August meeting.

## II. TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Staff presented a memorandum which describes the actions recommended in the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan and the efforts which have been undertaken to implement portions of the Plan. (See attached.)

In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, City staff formed an employee transportation coordinators group in January. Monthly meetings have been held to provide information on various transportation alternatives and strategies. Speakers from around the state have provided expertise on vanpools, carpools, the State's business energy tax credit and telecommuting. City staff presented information on transit, bicycle, and pedestrian options, as well as various strategies, such as flexible work weeks (4 days/10 hours, etc.) and staggered work hours. Staff will assist employers in developing plans for individual work sites and developing community-wide events, such as "Get There Another Way Week", "Try Transit Week", and transportation fairs at various locations.

### INFORMATION SHARING

- A. **Ridership Report** ☺. Staff presented the monthly, fixed route ridership report. The June monthly total was 34,594, which is 19+ percent higher than last June. The annual total of **418,963** set an all-time, annual ridership record, beating the 1996-97 record. The paratransit ridership for June was not available.
- B. **ASOSU Group Pass Program.** Staff announced that the 1999-00 contract with ASOSU has been signed. The new ASOSU President, Melanie Spraggins, was asked to appoint an ex officio member to CACOT. The appointment is expected this summer.
- C. **daVinci Days - July 17 and 18.** CTS will provide free, expanded service during daVinci Days again this year. Buses will begin at their regular Saturday start time

both Saturday and Sunday (approximately 9:45 a.m.) and continue through their regular weekday ending schedule, approximately 7:25 p.m.

- D. Benton County Fair Shuttle - August 3-7.** As has been done in previous years, CTS will provide a free shuttle service between the fairgrounds, OSU parking lot west of Reser Stadium/Gill Coliseum, and downtown Corvallis. Service will start at 12 noon and run until approximately 11:15 p.m. each day. Half hour service will be provided using the trolley; an additional bus will be added at 5:45 p.m. to accommodate the evening demand. Shuttle costs are shared equally by the CTS and Benton County.
- E. ADA Paratransit Service.** Staff announced that the Benton County Senior Council has signed the 1999-00 contract for Dial-A-Bus to provide the City's paratransit service.
- F. Service Route Bus.** The service route bus was delivered to the City on June 30. Laidlaw staff are in the process of conducting a post-delivery audit of the bus. It should be in service in the near future.
- G. OSU Ridership Survey.** The on-board survey data collected by an OSU class has not been received by the City. Once received, staff will prepare a presentation of the material for CACOT.
- H. Regional Transit Study.** The Steering Committee met on June 25 to receive a draft copy of the study. The study indicates that there is not support for a Linn-Benton transportation district at this time for a variety of reasons. The Steering Committee is recommending a series of incremental steps to improve regional transit until a transportation district appears to be more viable. Steering Committee member Verts and another Committee member will present more detailed information regarding the final report at the August CACOT meeting.
- I. New CTS Web Page.** A new CTS web page with expanded information should be available to the public within the week. It will contain CTS news items, route schedules and maps, fares, programs and services, paratransit service, statistical data, and other information. It will also have links to other Oregon public transit systems and information for other transportation options.

**J. Implication of Urban Designation.** An article had appeared in the July 7 *Gazette-Times* about the U. S. Census Bureau's projection that the City has achieved 50,000 population for purposes of Community Block Grant funding. The article correctly noted that the urban designation for formation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning and transportation funding relies upon the 2000 actual census. To achieve the "urban" designation, an area (not based upon the city limit line) must contain 50,000 people and 1,000 people per square mile in contiguous census blocks. The City has hired a consultant to provide detailed information regarding the transportation implications of the "urban" designation, including transit funding. Additional information will be provided to the Commission when it is available.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

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

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