

CORVALLIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT

AGENDA

Thursday; April 17, 1997; 8:00 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room D

- I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

- III. CORVALLIS TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

- IV. INFORMATION SHARING
 - A. OSU Earth Week - April 21-25
 - B. Oregon Legislature - Update
 - C. 10th Street Traffic Calming Project

- V. ADJOURNMENT

Next meetings:

May 8, 1997; 7:50 a.m., City Hall, Conference Rm. D

June 12, 1997; 7:50 a.m., City Hall, Conference Rm. D

July 10, 1997; 7:50 a.m., City Hall, Conference Rm. D

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Information Sharing -April 10, 1997

Note: *This information is provided in lieu of a verbal report at the April 10, 1997 meeting in an effort to provide adequate time for the draft Transit Master Plan public forum. If you have any specific comments or concerns regarding any of this information, please give me a call (Bernadette, 757-6916).*

- A. Ridership Report - March 1997.** Attached is the regular monthly ridership report. The report shows that 35,807 rides were provided during March. This is another record month, the highest March in CTS's history. Also attached is a copy of CTS's ridership history to date.

- B. OSU Earth Week - April 21-25.** CTS will participate in Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, by providing free rides all day. We also reserved a table at OSU, as we have in previous years. Tables may be outside this year in the quad, depending on weather. As of April 9, no one has volunteered to spend time at the booth handing out materials and answering questions. Please let me know if your schedule would permit you to assist at the booth for an hour or two.

- C. OSU Mom's Weekend - May 3 Trolley Service.** The Downtown Corvallis Association and OSU Mom's Weekend committee have requested trolley service this year. This is a service we provided for many years with the assistance of OSU students. The program was dropped last year because ridership had slowly decreased. We have agreed to offer trolley service from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. In exchange for the service, DCA and OSU will work together with other Corvallis merchants and merchant associations to promote the service and assume some additional responsibilities. The trolley route will be the same as that for the holiday trolley.

- D. OSU Student Orientation.** The Chamber of Commerce and OSU are sponsoring an event on the OSU campus on Friday, September 26 as part of new student orientation week. Transit staff was asked to participate in this activity and to provide trolley tours. Staff met with the planning committee on March 21. The goal of transit's participation is to provide information to OSU students about the group pass program. The exact form of the participation is being developed and may include a booth at the event and possibly narrated trolley tours. The tours could include shopping, recreational, and housing options available to students and served by transit along with an explanation about the group pass program and how it works.

- E. *Gazette-Times* Design An Ad Contest.** Each year for the last three years, Corvallis Transit (CTS) has taken part in a *Gazette-Times* activity with the local schools. Businesses are asked to sponsor a participating classroom at an area high school, middle-school, or grade school to design an advertisement for our business. CTS has sponsored two small ads and worked with a classroom at Highland View Middle School. Specific information and direction are provided. The teacher was also provided with sufficient youth passes to provide a round-trip ticket for each student. A copy of ads selected as our 1997 winners is attached. (Selection was conducted through an impartial jury of Public Works staff.) One ads received a "first place" award. The *Gazette-Times* awards savings bonds. An additional benefit for CTS winners is a Summer Kids Bus Pass.
- F. *Oregon Legislature.*** Commission chairman Lowry, Commission member Johnson, Planning Commissioner Lampton, and Transit Coordinator Barrett attended the Oregon Transportation Day at the State Capitol, March 31. They were joined by representatives from Open Door, The ARC, and Dial-A-Bus. Barrett, Lowry, Johnson, and Lampton met with Senator Cliff Trow early in the day. The entire Corvallis contingent met with Representative Ross following the Governor's press conference. Some members of the group also met with Representative Shetterly (Philomath area) and Representative Montgomery, Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

Public transit supporters from around the state were well represented March 31. As a result of personal visits, calls, letters, etc., the House Transportation Committee has included in the transportation bill a new fee (originally called an "access fee" and now described as a "transportation safety and service fee") of \$2 per household and business. The funds are proposed to be used for senior and disabled transportation, state police, high speed rail, and a flexible fund to address safety issues. The Transportation Committee is holding work sessions this week and anticipates completing their work on the bill by April 11. Two members of the committee are still undecided.