

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT**

MINUTES - As corrected  
 January 9, 1997

Members Present

Bob Lowry, Chairman  
 Joanne Adler  
 Jonathan Cardozo  
 Bill Hoffman  
 Caron Johnson  
 Ed Barlow-Pieterick, Councilor

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works

Visitors

Mary Christian  
 Mary McCoy

Absent

Craig Anderson

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
ADA 1997 Paratransit Plan Update	X		
1997-98 Transit Budget	X		
Transit Master Plan		X	
20-34 Corridor Plan	X		
December Ridership	X		
Downtown Intermodal Mall	X		
Linn-Benton Loop Commission	X		
Transportation Alternatives Analysis	X		

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members, visitors, and staff present introduced themselves.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 12, 1996**

The December meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. VISITOR COMMENTS**

Mary McCoy asked that the Commission consider a recommendation allowing private carriers to provide transit service via handicap accessible van on demand. She suggested that CTS could pay the private operator the difference between his operating cost and the fares. Staff will prepare an estimate of the cost to operate a private van service.

**IV. ADA 1997 PARATRANSIT PLAN UPDATE- PUBLIC HEARING**

No one appeared to testify at the public hearing. The Commission agreed that no recommendation was needed since the City has been in full compliance since last year's update.

**V. 1997-98 TRANSIT BUDGET**

It was noted that existing cash balances will allow CTS to maintain existing services levels during 1997-98 and implement the east-west route addition that is partially funded through an ODOT grant.

**VI. TRANSIT MASTER PLAN**

This item was delayed until the next meeting.

**VII. HIGHWAY 20/34 CORRIDOR PLAN**

During the past year, a strategic plan for the Highway 20/34 corridor has been drafted by the Cascades West Council of Governments(CWCOG) for ODOT. The draft was made available to the Commission for their review. The draft plan outlines information about the corridor transportation systems, reviews transportation performance and impacts, identifies issues, and establishes corridor visions, goals and strategies for the next twenty years. The Commission was asked for comments, suggestions, corrections and additions to the plan. Input will be forwarded to CWCOG for inclusion in the plan.

The Commission made two comments during the meeting. First, they suggested that transit is not in good health as stated by the plan. This can be seen in the struggle of CTS, ATS and the Linn-Benton Loop to maintain service levels in the face of Measure 47. They also suggested that operating funding for transit is critical and this should be highlighted in the plan.

**VIII. INFORMATION SHARING**

- A. Ridership Report - December.** The December ridership established a new, all-time December ridership record of 36,098.
- B. Holiday Trolley - December 4-24.** The 1996 Holiday Trolley

Shoppers Shuttle provided 5,913 rides. Merchants committed to payments of \$4,495 to support this year's trolley shuttle.

- C. Downtown Intermodal Mall.** Staff noted that this project will be considered by the Urban Services Committee in February and then forwarded to the City Council for consideration.
- D. Linn-Benton Loop Commission.** The Loop Commission discussed funding for 1997-98. It appeared that available funding will allow continuation of current service levels. The combined ATS/Loop ticket as well as schedule changes for both systems have been put on hold until the status of the ATS system is known for next year.
- E. Transportation Alternatives Analysis (TAA).** Staff shared that an open house describing the TAA process, schedule and alternatives that will be evaluated was held on January 7.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### Future Meetings:

March 13, 1997; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D

April 10, 1997; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D