

CORVALLIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT

AGENDA

Thursday; December 12, 1996; 7:50 a.m.
City Manager's Conference Room - Top Floor City Hall
501 S. W. Madison Avenue

- I. INTRODUCTIONS

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 14, 1996

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

- IV. MEASURE 47 - Update

- V. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

- VI. TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

- VI. INFORMATION SHARING
 - A. Ridership Report - November
 - B. Holiday Trolley - December 4 - 24
 - C. Downtown Intermodal Mall

- IV. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS:

January 9, 1997; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference, Room D
February 13, 1997; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D

CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT

MINUTES
 November 14, 1996

Members Present

Bob Lowry, Chairman
 Joanne Adler
 Craig Anderson
 Jonathan Cardozo
 Bill Hoffman
 Caron Johnson
 Mary Christian, Council Liaison

Staff

Bernadette Barrett, Public Works
 Steve Rogers, Public Works

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Informa- tion Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
Transit Master Plan	X		
Ridership - October	X		
Try Transit Week '96	X		
Trolley Dedication	X		
Holiday Trolley - Dec. 4 - 24	X		
Oregon Transportation Conference	X		
Measure 47 Information	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 10 and 24, 1996

The October 10 meeting minutes and the October 24 special meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

II. CACOT COMMENTS (Items Not on Agenda)

Commission member Cardozo asked about a sign on the back of one of the buses. Ms. Barrett will follow up with Laidlaw.

III. TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

The draft of the first three chapters of the Corvallis Transit Master Plan was mailed to Commission members prior to the meeting. The draft was prepared by the City's consultant, Nelson/Nygaard, and has been reviewed by City staff. The first three chapters provide: (1) the background and a description of the Corvallis Transit System (CTS); (2) a peer system analysis, comparing CTS to similar transit systems in 17 comparable cities on the West Coast; and (3) a review of the policies and programs which impact CTS. The Commission discussed some of the findings of the report and requested some additional information, i.e. the impact of extended operating hours on ridership performance and a discussion of designated stops versus the current flag stop system. Staff noted that the flag stop issue would be addressed in later chapters. Chapters 4 and 5 will recommend specific service routes and operating standards. Preliminary drafts of Chapters 4 and 5 have been prepared and reviewed by staff. The draft will be finalized following an onboard survey conducted by the consultant next week. The purpose of the survey is to collect and analyze data on boardings and deboardings by location.

IV. INFORMATION SHARING

- A. Ridership Report - October.** The October ridership established a new all-time, monthly ridership record of 39,647. The yearly total is running 10 percent higher than last year for the same 4-month period.
- B. Try Transit Week '96 - October 7-12.** Staff reported that 8,898 rides were provide during Try Transit Week, which is similar to last year's level of participation. CTS drivers observed new customers during the week.
- C. Trolley Dedication.** The dedication of the new trolley was held November 6 at City Hall and was well attended in spite of the rain. Mayor Berg thanked Senator Hatfield for his many years of service and support of public transportation and, in particular, his efforts to secure funding for the new trolley. She presented him with the bell from the old trolley and a City flag. Ex-mayor Vars also thanked the Senator for his service to our community. Pictures of the dedication were circulated.

- D. Holiday Trolley - December 4-24.** Staff reported that the merchants who have traditionally supported the holiday trolley have confirmed their commitment to support this year's shoppers' shuttle. Free rides will be provided from December 4 through 24.
- E. Oregon Transportation Conference - October 27-30.** Chairman Lowry reported on the Transportation Conference held in Seaside. He noted that there was an emphasis on marketing, the legislative scene, and the transit crisis in Oregon. The conference also held several sessions discussing the connection between bicycles and transit and other alternative modes. Ms. Barrett noted that Chairman Lowry had been recognized for his years of service as a transit advocate. She also noted that Senator Hatfield had received an award as "legislator of the decade". He was not present to personally accept. Grace Crunican, the new Oregon Department of Transportation Director, made a presentation. It was noted that she was previously the Deputy Director of the Federal Transit Administration, and we are fortunate to have her as head of ODOT.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

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