

**CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT
MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

Present

Stephan Friedt, Chair
Steve Harder, Vice Chair
Steven Black
Eric Cornelius
Kriste York
Bruce Sorte, Council Liaison

Staff

Tim Bates, Public Works
Brie Caffey, Public Works

Visitors

Robert Wilson, citizen
Meredith Williams, OSU Transportation Services

Absent

Cassie Huber
John Oliver
Brandon Trelstad

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Introductions	X		
II. Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes			Approved
III. CACOT/Visitor Comments			N/A
IV. Old Business			N/A
V. New Business			N/A
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
VIII. Pending Items			N/A
IX. Adjournment			Adjourned at 9:20 am

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am by Chair Friedt. Introductions were made of Commission members, staff and visitors.

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioners Black and Cornelius, respectively, moved and seconded to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CACOT/Visitor Comments

None.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Information Sharing

Mr. Bates reviewed the written Information Sharing Report. Comments provided in addition to the report included:

Mr. Bates said CTS has agreed to relinquish name “Beaver Bus” and the “Beaver” symbol to OSU for use on its campus shuttle. CTS will begin using a new owl icon for the late night service when service resumes in the fall. The service’s name will be CTS Late Night and the schedule and routes are expected to remain the same.

Mr. Bates reported that City of Philomath is offering free rides aboard the Philomath Connection (PC) to all passengers from May 5th through May 16th as part of the “Get There” campaign. He also said the PC will again sponsor a Summer Youth Transit program, offering kids 18 years old and younger free rides from June 16th through August 29th. Commissioner Black asked if the 99 Express Adair service would be participating in a Summer Youth Transit program. Mr. Bates said he would ask Benton County’s Transit Coordinator and report back.

Mr. Bates said the apps created in the OSU student appathon are in the beta testing phase and should be released through the app store soon. Connexionz, the City’s Vehicle Information System (VIS) contractor, is working to make CTS’s real-time data available publicly, allowing others to use it for development of such apps.

Mr. Bates reported that Connexionz will be on site soon for adjustments and final acceptance testing of the VIS system. Chair Friedt noted that the audio announcements on some buses were still not working correctly as of last week. Mr. Bates said he is aware and modifications have been and are being made.

Chair Friedt acknowledged Mr. Bates for covering First Student’s dispatch and phone duties during a recent power outage which left First Student without power. The Public Works building was operational because of their back-up generator. Mr. Bates said he is working with First Student to ensure that they provide back-up services for any future events, noting that radio contact with the buses is an essential safety component.

Mr. Bates said CTS will once again offer fareless transit service to the Benton County

Fair, scheduled for July 30th to August 2nd. The CTS trolley will be the vehicle used. Route C3 also provides direct service to the Fairgrounds Monday through Saturday as part of its regular service.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

Councilor Sorte said there is still time for Commissioners to offer opinions on the recommendations of the Public Participation Task Force, which includes the proposal to combine CACOT with BPAC and the Downtown Parking Commission. He also reported that there will be a public meeting about the proposed City budget on June 2nd. Councilor Sorte said he believes that the new parking districts will create an increase in transit use but the rides will be shorter, with passengers using transit from parking spaces outside the districts to get to campus. Commissioner Cornelius said he supports the idea of park-and-rides. Ms. Williams said OSU has considered remote parking options and feels that students living on campus who use their vehicles only once or twice a week would be the best candidates for those lots.

Commissioner Harder reported that Dial-A-Bus is currently meeting with the Corvallis School District to discuss providing rides to school for homeless students.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioners Harder and Black, respectively, moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2014, 8:20 am, Madison Avenue Meeting Room