

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 20, 2016
10 am – Noon
Next Stop Center – Eugene Station
1099 Olive Street – Eugene, Oregon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Linoz	Stefan Kwiatkowski
Bill Morganti	Aline Goddard
Eleanor Mulder	Scott Whetham
Paul Blaylock	Ed Necker (<i>Ex Officio</i>)

STAFF:

Susan Hekimoglu	John Ahlen
Kris Lyon	
Cosette Rees	

OTHERS:

Richard Belcher (SMS)	Hoover Chambliss
David Braunschweiger (SMS)	April Wick
Dave Sedgwick (SMS)	Salish Davis
Josh Haring	

I. Call to Order

Ms. Saville called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Introductions, Announcements, Agenda Review

Those present introduced themselves.

Ms. Rees announced that this was Susan Hekimoglu's last Accessible Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting; she planned to retire the end of September. The ATC members expressed their gratitude for Ms. Hekimoglu and commended her work and dedication to the committee.

Mr. Kwiatkowski reported that the LTD customer service center's east door push button was turned off on the weekends. He was concerned about accessibility into the service center.

Mr. Morganti requested front facing seats on the LTD buses have a bar. He said the bar provided a place to hang a cane.

III. Audience Participation

There was no one present who wished to speak.

IV. Action: Minutes Approval: August 16, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Morganti, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski, moved to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Saville abstained from voting.

V. Action: FY16-17 Membership Roster

MOTION: Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mr. Morganti moved to approve the membership roster for 2016-2017. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action: Election of Officers

MOTION: Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mr. Morganti moved to appoint Pete Barron as Chair and Anne Saville as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Program Updates

- a. Lane Transit District - Cosette Rees. Ms. Rees introduced Aurora "A.J." Jackson, the general manager of LTD and Jeanie, the LTD board liaison. She reported that Ed Necker was an LTD board member and Jeanie would be supporting Mr. Necker and the rest of the board members in the work of the LTD ATC committee.

She directed the LTD ATC members to the updates on the West Eugene EmX project on page 8 of the agenda packet, a copy of which was provided.

Ms. Rees reminded the committee that the fall service changes took affect; 14,000 hours of service were added.

The annual route review was beginning. LTD was reviewing potential changes for February and long term, at changes to be made next fall. Staff planned to solicit feedback on the service provided currently.

The Drive Less Connect Challenge was planned to begin in October. It was a statewide challenge that encouraged people to use alternative modes of transportation throughout their daily lives. More information could be found via the LTD website.

Ms. Rees stated that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) planned to release information about the discretionary grant process and available funds in October. LTD planned to make submit a grant proposal the State of Oregon for to fund programs such as Pearl Buck, White Bird, and Connections. She said ODOT had a budget shortfall and this could possible affect the amount of funds available for the discretionary grants. Ms. Rees suggested that the LTD ATC identify a discretionary grant sub-committee to meet frequently and report to the LTD ATC monthly. Ms. Linoz asked if agency recipients were needed to report on performance for the discretionary grant applications. She asked if the process would be more streamlined this time. In response, Ms. Rees said the process would be more streamlined. This year LTD planned to gather information about every agency as part of the agency application. Agencies also had the opportunity to provide more information during the evaluation process.

- b. RideSource Call Center Advisory Committee (RSCC) - Kris Lyon. Ms. Lyon reported no new updates. A RSCC meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the LTD administrative offices. She would provide an update at the next LTD ATC meeting.
- c. RideSource Call Center - Richard Belcher. Mr. Blecher reported no new updates.
- d. RideSource ADA paratransit - David Braunschweiger. Mr. Braunschweiger reported that service hours had been extended for RideSource to reflect LTD service; dispatch hours were offered in the evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Mr. Braunschweiger reported that the Pearl Buck preschool program was going well during the new school year.

He Said RideSource hired three new drivers and they were currently in training.

- e. South Lane Wheels (Cottage Grove) - Ruth Linoz. Ms. Linoz reported that South Lane Wheels was experiencing staffing changes. One driver planned to retire, and one supervisor planned to leave. South Lane Wheels was developing internal candidates to fill those positions.
- f. Florence Rhody Express - Josh Haring. Mr. Haring reported that Rhody Express would not be losing a driver as they had previously thought.

Mr. Haring reported that Rhody Express used an online CPR training to renew driver CPR certifications.

Mr. Haring expressed interest in serving on the discretionary grant sub-committee but was unsure of his availability.

- g. Oakridge / Diamond Express - Aline Goddard. Ms. Goddard reported that Diamond express added a fourth trip providing service to Westfir.

Ms. Goddard stated that Diamond Express experienced delays in their schedule due to ODOT's resealing and repaving of Highway 58. ODOT reported that paving should be done by the end of September and the guardrail and striping work would begin in October.

Ms. Goddard said the Diamond Express bus had recently required service and was unable to run. Ms. Hekimoglu reported that LTD was approached by ODOT with funds to replace the Diamond Express bus. LTD accepted the offer and planned to replace the bus.

- h. White Bird Clinic - Salish Davis. Ms. Davis reported that White Bird renewed their contract. Previously, White Bird provided two rides per person per month, and now they provided up to four rides per month.

Ms. Davis started working with Cahoots, a program through White Bird that provided mobile mental health crisis support. She would be able to provide reports to the LTD ATC on Cahoots.

Mr. Hoover asked about the current status of Trillium reimbursement based on the acquisition by a different company. In response, Ms. Lyon said LTD renewed a contract with Trillium through the end of the fiscal year 2017. Currently, LTD was examining utilization to

ensure trips taken were appropriate service for the customer's needs. Trillium was examining different ways to help on the medical side; for example consolidating trips to the pharmacy. Ms. Jackson added that Trillium agreed to reimburse LTD for actual cost incurred per trip.

- i. Alternative Work Concepts - Scott Whetham. Mr. Whetham reported that the fall bid was currently in its second day. He said the fall tended to have bigger changes than winter, spring, and summer. He said some of the changes were due to people coming in to different bays at the Eugene stations and people with significant cognitive disabilities may get disoriented.
- j. LCOG Senior & Disability Services (S&DS) - Rachel Jacobson. Ms. Jacobson was not in attendance.
- k. LILA - Tim Shearer. Mr. Shearer was not in attendance.
- l. Full Access - April Wick. Ms. Wick was excited to be a member on the LTD ATC. September was "Look Me in the Eye" month. Ms. Wick's goal as the new Executive Director of Full Access was to bring in new partners. An event to raise awareness for the campaign was planned for September 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at five different corners in Eugene and Springfield. A commercial for the campaign would be filmed during the event.
- m. Other –Mr. Blaylock reported that Red Apple was adding a store in store in Creswell.

VIII. Adjourn- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016

Ms. Saville adjourned the LTD ATC meeting at 11:19 a.m.

(Recorded by Emily Mathis)