



**SUNSET EMPIRE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
SENIOR AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 13, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Teleconference**

1. CALL TO ORDER-

Chair, Sue Nauman called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL –

Committee Members participating by teleconference: Helen Altheide, Judy Coulombe, Eric Barton and Chair Suzanne Nauman.

Attending: Tami Carlson, Paratransit Coordinator, Jay Flint, Executive Director for SETD and NWRC, Rae Goforth, SETD Board, Lis Pietila, Mobility and Marketing Coordinator and Mary Parker, Executive Assistant.

Public attending: Cameron Brister

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Proposed Route Changes-

SETD Executive Director Jay Flint explained that the SETD Board has approved the proposed route change process that began on September 12, 2011. This process included the public announcement of the proposed route changes, a rider survey, a 30 day public comment period that included accepting comments by email, phone, regular mail and public comment at a Special Public Hearing on October 5th that was attended by about 15 people and 5 people spoke. Today's order of the business and as is outlined in the route change plan, this committee will review and discuss the proposed route changes, the comments collected and provide a recommendation to the SETD Board for the board meeting on October 27th. The board will listen to your recommendations, review all information collected and make a decision on the proposed route changes.

Chair Sue Nauman asked if anyone was going to respond to the lady that could not get to her morning class at the college on time. Executive Director Flint said that our

route changes will be helping with this problem because our busses will be running on time.

Lis Pietila presented an overview of the proposed route changes for Route 10, Route 101 and Route 30. If approved, the proposed changes will take place November 1, 2011.

Route 10 Proposed Changes:

The Route 10 Bus will no longer stop at Aquatics Center. The Bus will go from the Liberty Theater, to 16th Street, take a right, go to Exchange street, take a left. Continue down Exchange Street until it reaches the Hospital (East) bus stop at 20th and Exchange.

Time changes involving the last loop of the Route 10 AM and PM bus. The AM bus will now arrive at Fred Meyer at 1:05 PM on its last loop and reach Warrenton Mini Mart at 1:10 PM. The PM bus will now arrive at Fred Meyer at 7:00 PM on its last loop and reach Warrenton Mini Mart at 7:05 PM.

Route 101 Proposed Changes:

The Route 101, on its 5th loop, will now leave the Transit Center at 3:15 PM instead of 3:00 PM. Route 101's 6th loop will leave the Transit Center at 6:00 PM.

Route 101 5th loop will now be a 3 hour loop and the 6th loop will now be a 2 hour loop. This means that route 101 during its 5th loop will be a fixed route and stop at all the listed stops. The 6th loop will now be a 2 hour express loop. We hope this will allow the bus in the afternoon to "catch up" on the 5th loop to improve its arrival times.

Proposed New Route - Route 30:

The proposed Route 30 route would run Monday thru Friday - twice a day. Stops include: Warrenton Mini Mart, Hammond 4-way, Fred Meyer, Astoria Smoke Shop, Transit Center, Safeway(Eastbound), Hunt's Market, Camp 9 Westport, Knappa Market, Hunt's Market, Safeway(Westbound), Transit Center, KFC, Fred Meyer, Warrenton Mini Mart, Hammond 4-way, Warrenton Mini Mart

Executive Director Flint explained that Route 30 is the result of a 2 year intercity grant that is managed through Columbia County. SETD is a sub-recipient of the grant and is providing the commuter route service from Warrenton to Westport. This is a good start to restoring service on highway 30 and as we hope to make it permanent.

Discussion:

Chair Sue Nauman asked when the service would start. Executive Director Flint said on November 1st.

Eric Barton asked how Warrenton would be affected by the Route 30 schedule. Lis said the Route 30 offers 4 more routes through Warrenton and Hammond 5 days a week.

Executive Director Flint announced that the Cannon Beach Shuttle would be running on the weekends through the winter. There is discussion the Cannon Beach Weekend Shuttle also adding a route to Seaside on Saturday and Sunday as well.

Erick asked if the SETD board had seen the route change survey yet. Executive Director Flint said they had not but they will be receiving a summary of this information in the Board Packet prior to the next Board Meeting. Rae Goforth said she had given Tami the name of a prospective committee member but also reminded the committee that they need to be thinking about other possible committee members. The committee currently has 3 vacancies.

Public Comment: None

Motion:

Eric Barton motioned for the Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to accept the proposed bus route changes as presented.

Helen Altheide seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Executive Director Flint reminded the committee that he really appreciated the work the committee has done and that the committee is important to SETD. He said that we will make sure that any major changes to our system will go through the committee for approval prior to it going to the board. He thanked the committee for being available for the teleconference and said he was looking forward to meeting each of them at the November meeting.

Judy Coloumbe welcomed Jay and wished him the best and said she was anxious to meet him at the next meeting.

4. NEXT MEETING:

November 9, 2011 at the Sunset Empire Transit Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Recording Secretary

Mary Parker