

Minutes

Lyon County Transit Advisory Committee

06/17/ 2021, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | ZOOM Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA APPROVAL

A meeting of the Lyon County Transit Advisory Committee was held by Zoom meeting caused by COVID-19 and social distancing. The meeting was called to order by Ted. The meeting began without a quorum. As the meeting progressed there was a quorum.

ATTENDEES/NON ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Ted Stamp – chairperson; Chantelle Fogelson, Charlie Sanow, Russ Labat, Jessie Dehn, Cathleen Amick, Shelly Pflaum, Nick Leske, Carmen Hailey, Shannon Dorenkamper

Absent were: Jim Knudson, Molly Peterson, Melinda Estey

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM EACH BOARD MEMBER

Charlie appreciated all Cathleen has done for transportation as Cathleen moves on to a new position with MNDOT. Cathleen mentioned that the community has also helped further transportation. Ted is happy for her and says she will be missed. Chantelle offered congratulations; along with Russ, who also said she will be missed. Jessie also offered congratulations and good luck. Ted talked about the PCA legislation which is in the house and senate bills. Ted is beginning his yearly summer check of intersections and bus stops. Jessie mentioned that the ramps and overlays will be done by the end of July. There was a discussion about scooters. They are a trial through the City Council until the end of December.

BUS SHELTER GRAPHICS SELECTION – RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Nick showed the shelter graphic on the screen. A 3rd graphic was shown. Nick spoke about the discussion from last month. The final choice will go to city council. The logo will go on 3 shelters: 4th and Lyon, South 4th, and Birch. The rep for the graphics said the contrast is good for birds to avoid flying into the shelter. Jessie and Chantelle preferred the 2nd picture; Ted thought smaller letters could possibly be larger. Shelly mentioned someone walking would be able to read the letters without difficulty. Charlie moves to use Option 2, Jessie 2^{nds} the motion, motion carries. This will now go to the city council.

RTCC UPDATE – ENCOURAGING NEWS

RTCC quarterly meeting met yesterday. The resource list was reviewed. A provider survey is being sent out. The survey will be electronic and sent out as a Fillable PDF. RTCC is waiting for the 3rd year contract. It is supposed to be issued July 1. The volunteer legislation definition and tax subtraction have been adopted into bills. Shelly says this sounds encouraging.

STAFF UPDATES

Orders for buses were opened two weeks ago. Nick is putting numbers together for a Lyon county bus. Buses typically take 12-14 months to receive, once ordered.

Hopefully September or October orders for the 5310 buses will open for 2021. The CDC amended the mask mandate. Wearing of masks outside of a transportation hub is no longer required. So far, the mandate has not changed for wearing masks indoors. That target date is September 13. This goes for any type of transportation. Still looking for part time bus and volunteer drivers. Nick mentioned Cathleen will always be looking out for transportation, she will not be far away. Cathleen showed the analysis on the screen. The numbers are about the same as last month. The same amount of funding is in place as pre-covid. The cost per hour is slowly decreasing as ridership improves. In some of the other communities, rides are being denied because the need cannot be met. People are using Community Connections more and more. The miles are up. Nick mentioned mission and vision. This is also being talked about at the other TACs. Ted heard the mission and vision for RTCC and said he really liked it. Cathleen asked Shelly to share the mission and vision for RTCC next month. Sunday July 4th no buses are running. Monday, July 5th the buses will run, but offices are closed. Jessie asked about meeting in person next time. Nick said we can try that. Those who are not comfortable can zoom as well.

Ted closed the meeting at 9:49.

NEXT MEETING Thursday July 15, 9:00 Community Room/Zoom.

If you cannot attend, please send a representative in your place.

Respectfully submitted: Carmen Hailey