

RCTB RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD

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MINUTES OF the February 20, 2019, special Board meeting.

PRESENT:

Board: Pickens, Shook, Siegenthaler (by phone), Smith, Troupe

RCTB Absent: Ashcraft, Heminger

Richland Co. Regional Planning Comm. staff: Kathy Adams, Todd Blankenship, Nick Leturgey

First Transit: Chris Terry, Kirk Dand – interim General Manager

Others: TMR staff Frank Robinson

Chairman Holly Troupe called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

EVALUATION OF CURRENT FIXED ROUTE SERVICES

Several possible changes to the current fixed route services were discussed. These included combining routes 5 and 6, and routes 8 and 11, which had been discussed at the meeting on February 13, and the additional possibility of combining routes 7 and 10. Various options for other routes were also discussed. Some route combining scenarios could result in downtime for a driver. A downtown circulator service was presented as a possibility to use the downtime if a driver is going to be paid anyway. Cost savings in some cases were minimal.

There was discussion about starting completely new with route development. This would take time and may require the help of a consultant. In order to operate within reasonable budget assumptions, some route changes are needed sooner than a total evaluation could be completed.

There was discussion about the recently established downtown planning group and the “Mansfield Rising” plan. How does transit fit in with this plan? Jody Perry, from the Chamber of Commerce is leading a sector that is focused on “Living” in downtown Mansfield. It would seem that transit services should be a concern for this group.

There is a need for the public to have the opportunity to comment on possible transit service changes. This should take place prior to a vote to make any changes. Maps and other information can be made available for review at the transit center and Regional Planning, along with other public outreach.

Ed Pickens made a motion to go forward with the public involvement process to solicit input on proposed fixed route service changes. Maura Siegenthaler seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

2019 TMR AND RCTB BUDGET

Several possible TMR budgets were provided according to the various route change scenarios. The concern of local funds needed was discussed. The current advertising contract is in the process of termination. That source should increase in 2019. It was agreed that an increase in

contributions from local governments and agencies should also be expected in 2019. Funding from ODOT remains an unknown. It was also agreed to remove the one bus shelter project that does not have a source of local funding from the draft budget.

Kathy will revised the draft budget (dated 2.7.19) that was provided to the board in the February meeting packet, and distribute prior to the March meeting.

OTHERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items of business from the floor.

There being no further business, Ed Pickens made a motion to adjourn. Vicki Shook seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Mary Heminer, Secretary

The undersigned duly qualified and acting chairman of the Richland County Transit Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes, approved at a legally convened meeting of the Board, of the meeting held on February 20, 2019.

Holly Troupe, Chairman

Date