

The Wichita Transit Advisory Board met in regular session.**Present:**

Sanford Alexander, Shannon Bohm, Troy Bruun, Robert Hamilton, Patricia Hileman, Darryl Kelly, Michael Loop, Michael May, Robert Metoyer, Moji Rosson, Janet Wilson

Absent:

LeAnna Beat, Matt Byrum, Jason Gregory, Jeff Preisner, Stan Reeser, Rebecca Robertson, Greg Schneider, Robert Yelverton

1. Opening

The regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on February 20, 2019 in regular session by Chair Moji Rosson.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Rosson presented a motion to the board to approve the minutes for the January 16, 2019 Transit Advisory Board meeting. Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Public Comment

Members of the public were instructed that if they would like to comment they would need to sign up in advance and comments would be limited to five minutes per person.

Hadassah P. requested to address the board regarding the lack of shelters or benches at the bus stop at Palisade and Pawnee. She is thankful for the service in the area, however would like to see that this need is addressed.

4. Discussion Items**a. Ball Field**

Paul Gunzelman from the Planning department presented information regarding the design of the new baseball stadium. He explained that the new stadium would be built to be accessible to all individuals and would hold approximated 10,000 people. The baseball team would hold about 120 events, however, they would like to see over 200 events at the stadium. This would include concerts, football games and camping under the stars. The City would like to gather input from community advisory boards, and the Transit Advisory board is of stakeholders. The overall design of the stadium is more urban, closer to the street. There were questions regarding the drop off points for shuttles to and from games. It was discussed that Texas street would be extended and transitioned into an access road. There would be several possible shuttle locations and or drop off

points.

They are as follows:

- Stadium entrance
- Museums along the river
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Riverbanks/Riverwalk

Parking will be reduced around the stadium. The stadium planners have identified a need of about one parking space for every three attendees. There will likely be premium parking immediately adjacent to the stadium. There is plentiful parking at Century II and other parking facilities east of the river. Another option could be for Individuals to take the bus to the baseball stadium. Mike Tann stated that with the use of game day shuttles and the Q-LINE there should not be a problem moving 6,000 attendees.

b. Transit Accessibility Study

Brett Letkowski with TranSystems Corporation presented to the board regarding the Accessibility study that Wichita Transit is conducting. This study will review our current routes and align the available accessibility to the appropriate routes. It will address who we are severing and identify any accessibility gaps that need to be addressed. The study will take place from February to June, with a completion date in July. We will be gathering public input from this advisory board as well as other community advisory boards. There will be two public open house and Wichita Transit will be conducting an online survey. The board inquired about transportation due to the limited hours of operations on Saturday, if individuals are transit dependent how they would be able to participate. We would review times that would benefit those that are transit dependent on Saturdays. Brett indicated that a Steering Committee is being formed, and any volunteers from the TAB should contact Mike to indicate their willingness to serve.

c. Draft Scooters Pilot Program

Mike Tann presented to the Transit Advisory Board the Scooter Pilot Program information. The scooters program has the potential be a first mile last mile solution. Several scooter companies have reached out to Wichita regarding the introduction of electric scooters to the area. However, there are several issues that would need to be addressed prior to implementing scooters into Wichita. There would be the need for restrictions such as no scooter zones or slow scooter zones. Defining acceptable use for scooters. The use of scooters on Bike paths/Time limits/speed limits. These are all items that will be addressed. There would be some Municipal code changes, fees and apportionment back to the city. Helmets would be required and there would be age limits for riders, they would have to be at least 18 years of age. There will be presentations about the scooter program to the area District Advisory Boards.

5. Information Items

a. Director's Update

Mike Tann provided the board and update regarding the purchase of seven electric buses. He stated that the seven electric buses would be used to replace the Q-Line Trolley's, which were not very fuel efficient. He stated that overall our ridership is up. He would provide additional details later. He stated our new fare boxes should be in place by late spring.

b. Transportation Department Report

Scott Wadle presented information regarding the parking lot use of Block I (Douglas), Macy (215 Main) and SOB (State office Building). He stated that the data regarding the use of Block I continues to be unreliable due to errors with the gate function. The SOB garage continues to be underutilized. However, the Macy garage continues to show an average 90 percent occupancy. If this continues the city should consider a rate increase to offset expenses. The parking garage at City Hall had some fiber ware issues. There are several parking related projects that are currently under way. The Downtown Streets Conceptual Plan held an open house event with more than 120 attendees.

7. Other Business

Finance committee submitted their report regarding their finding about sales tax usage and how it affects Wichita Transit.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.