

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

Sanford Alexander, LeAnna Beat, Troy Bruun, Matt Byrum, Robert Hamilton, Patricia Hileman, Darryl Kelly, Michael Loop, Rebecca Robertson, Moji Rosson, Greg Schneider, Janet Wilson

Absent:

Shannon Bohm, Jason Gregory, Michael May, Jeff Preisner, Robert Yelverton

1. Opening

The regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on April 17, 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 March 20, 2019 Transit Advisory Board meeting. Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Adjustment to Agenda

Chair Rosson requested a slight amendment to the printed agenda due to Administrative Professionals day. Mike Tann, Transit Director would present his report to the board prior to leaving to serve at the Admin's day event with the city.

4. Public Comment

Members of the public were informed 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.

Andrew Crane spoke to the board regarding the inaccessibility regarding the MyStop app to the blind and visually impaired. He also wanted to extend an invitation to the board regarding an upcoming NFB (National Federation for the Blind) board meeting on May 10th, 2019 as there are several individuals who would like to voice their opinion.

Hadassah Proccer shared the need for a shelter at Palisade and Pawnee. She also wanted to know if someone from Transit or WAMPO could come out and speak to Greenway Manor residents. Mike Tann addressed this issue directly as Engineering is aware and they just need to see the ridership use for that area. He also stated he would be willing to speak with the Greenway manor residents.

Craig Perbeck addressed the board regarding the lack of accessible parking at the new stadium. He also wanted to know about how are ADA paratransit appeals done, he also inquired about who the ADA expert for the City. There was also an issue of buses not pulling into the correct stall that they are numbered to the board.

Andrew Crane wanted to know if we would be brought to the board regarding braille schedules and maps. Craig wanted to know what the status of the accessibility study. Scott stated that the Accessibility plan is not an ADA plan, but will focus on accessibility at the stops – including sidewalks, street configurations, and crossings. He indicated that the project is currently in the assessments and existing conditions phase.

5. Discussion Items

None.

6. Information Items

a. Transportation Department report

Sam Daly with Token Transit is one of the founding members of this company. They currently support 75 transit agencies around the country. Several attendees and board members has used this service in other transit systems. What Token transit does is brings this technology to smaller agencies, such as Oklahoma City, OK, Lincoln, Nebraska and Little Rock, Arkansas. They are not just focused on transit payments but they also process payments for bike shares or paratransit. Sam stated that there isn't necessary the need to purchase additional equipment, customers can purchase their fare directly from the myStop apps.

In Oklahoma City they rolled out the token transit when they rolled out their new street care. In Oklahoma City they also process payments for the bike share program there. In Modesto, California they have an app similar to the MyStop app where transit customers can purchase bus passes in existing bus planners. Attendees were encouraged to download the app entitled Token Transit from the Apple store or Google Play.

Sam Daly conducted an overview of the steps of purchasing a pass and how the pass would be used. There were several questions regarding how they would integrate with the current app MyStop and is it accessible to blind or visually impaired. The application works similarly to Expedia and Priceline with airline tickets. Regarding the accessibility of the App, they have experience in this area because they work closely with communities (Reno, NV and Ogden, UT) that service this population and they are open to the feedback they receive. This app is available to use in 75 cities nationally and passes can be sent remotely.

b. Ball Park Event Parking Options

Scott Wadle introduced Jeff Wolf from the Car Park, before his presentation. Scott

emphasized that this presentation was in response to some questions that were raised regarding parking and the new ball field. Jeff is the owner of the Car Park, the company that assists in running various City parking lots. Jeff has worked with various baseball stadiums regarding parking systems and transportation systems. The trend in ball parks is they are moving into the urban areas because the existence of bars and other amenities that are in close proximity.

The first thing that we look at is the number of parking spaces available in the area surrounding the ball park. They use the system of 3 spaces per person attending. This determines the peak for parking demand, next it is important to determine supply in the area surrounding the ball park. The current supply in Wichita is about 5,000 parking spaces within a 1600 square feet. This essentially equates to walking around the mall.

Large events could present a challenge however, with coordination of the transportation department moving people could happen seamlessly, a good example would be the Garth Brooks concert. The Car Park uses social media to distribute information to the general public. There are several parking lots that are concentrated off Douglas and downtown area that are City owned. They are options that would also connect to the Q-Line and buses. This presentation does not endorse an idea or suggest that this is the solution to the parking and or transportation needs for the ball park. This presentation only provides options to address questions raised regarding parking at the ballpark.

c. Transportation Department Report

Scott Wadle provided a brief overview of the Transportation report due to time constraints. The City is working with the Car Park to ensure we are getting the correct data. There are several ongoing projects they include the following:

- Garages were swept and scrubbed – removing salt from the facilities to preserve their condition.
- Parking meters are on hold until the parking plan is endorsed – this requires City Council action.
- Parking Plan has a committee meeting scheduled for April 23rd to discuss finances.
- Broadway Safety corridor there is a public engagement plan scheduled for June.
- Downtown Streets Conceptual Plan- Douglas Design evolved from the Downtown Streets Conceptual Plan, charrette participants indicated a general consensus for a 3-lane configuration based on a goal of improving the economic vibrancy of the corridor.
- Enforcement – Current ambassador is retiring this summer. Staff have permission to fill the one open position so that they are trained by the existing Ambassador.

d. Marketing Report

New Fare boxes were installed and April 29th. Current focus includes marketing for Micro transit with Transloc. The SayYes will look a little different this year we are waiting on how other departments are wanting to participate. We are also review designs for the new

bus wraps, specifically the Q-Line. Upcoming events include the following:

- April 26th, Riverfest Trolley Trivia for April Final Friday
- 9th Street Shelter Design – working with artist to highlight art being painted on shelter

Past events were included on the handout and can be reviewed at member's leisure.

e. Director's Update

Mike Tann, Wichita Transit Director, wanted to highlight there will be several key presentations made to the Transit Advisory Board. He stated that there will be a mobile ticketing app RFP sent out for this service. We have this presentation to educate the board regarding this service.

Fixed Route ridership is up 3%, we are happy to explain ridership in detail as the number of service days fluctuate from month to month and from year to year. In 2018 there were 22 service days in March, in March 2019 there was 21 service days. USD 259 and WSU ridership were highlighted in the ridership report. WSU ridership was almost 3,000 rides. A board member highlighted that USD259 was complimented for their service; and WSUTech also echoed these sentiments. Q-Line Ridership was also up from last year with one less service day.

The other presentations will address parking in Wichita and how transit could be part of the solution for downtown Wichita. Wichita transit will be rolling out a Pilot program in June to address some of the needs of our citizens. Board member from District One stated that Brandon Johnson had all of the District One appointees to share info and she stated that if there was an ambassador program she would definitely participate. Mike stated that if there were additional questions or comments they could be directed toward Scott Wadle or members could email or call him directly.

7. Other Business

Trish Hileman board member just wanted to mention that when we are making plans regarding transportation project that we should keep in mind the surrounding community that will be affected.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.