

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

LeAnna Beat, Shannon Bohm, Darryl Kelly Jr., Dorsha Kirksey, Catherine McMurray, Mika Pyyhkala, and Troy Tabor

**Absent:**

Troy Bruun, Matt Byrum, Jason Gregory, and Moji Rosson

**1. Opening**

The regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board was called to order at 10:01 A.M. on June 17, 2020, in regular session by LeAnna Beat.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Member Bohm proposed a motion to the board to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2020, Transit Advisory Board meeting. The May minutes was second by member McMurray. Minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Public Comment**

Andrew C. is a member of Guiding Paws ICT. Andrew wanted to bring up some concerns that he had with the transit system. He noticed that the bus shelter located at 23rd St. and Maize Rd., in front of the Target store, had no windows. Additionally, Andrew wanted to inform the board that braille signage is needed at 23<sup>rd</sup> St and Maize Rd. as well as W 13th St and Tyler Rd.

**4. Discussion Items****A. Bike/Pedestrian Crash Presentation**

Guest speaker Amanda A., with KU School of Medicine, provided a Bike/Pedestrian Crash presentation to the Transit Advisory Board. Studies revealed that more people are walking and cycling. These forms of exercise are encouraged to prevent diseases and better health. Additionally, the study provided some key points, such as:

- Low-income households are more likely to be involved in accidents
- Over 1,818 pedestrian/cyclist crashes were reported in 2008-2018 and has continued to increase
- There is an average of 165 pedestrian/cyclist crashes reported each year

- In the Wichita area, 37% of the crashes occurred in the Downtown area on seven specific roadways.

(Several crashes occurred on Broadway St., Seneca St., Harry St., 21<sup>st</sup> St., 13<sup>th</sup> St., Douglas Ave., and Central Ave.)

- The average age range for pedestrian/cyclist crashes is 34-41 years of age
- It is safer for bicyclist to ride in the streets vs. any other area unless the city code prohibits.
- New motor vehicle technology is growing and providing individuals with options to help limit factors to a crash and help make driving safer. (E.g.: Vehicle back-up cameras and blind spot sensors)

Bicyclists and pedestrians have found inexpensive and convenient ways to travel around the city. It remains difficult to determine one specific cause for an accident from the crash study; there are still numerous factors. The community is encouraged to team up with local groups and become familiar with available material. These two things will help decrease the amount of pedestrian and bicyclist crashes.

The board requested that they obtain a copy of Amanda's presentation so that each member will have the opportunity to review the information. A special meeting will then be arranged, at a later time, to go over the information. This special meeting will allow the board to address questions or concerns that they have regarding the material.

## 5. Information Items

### A. Marketing Report

Nate Hinkel presented to the board the current focus points as followings:

- Mobile ticketing app interface and functionality design
- Veterans ride free partnership with the Veteran Affairs and United Way- Official launch date is TBD

The draft of the brochure is ready, currently working on the webpage, and purchasing smaller ads/billboards)

- FTA Safety Management System (Required to Adopt before the end of the year)
- 20 Ride Pass Promotion (Now through August 18, 2020)-Passes does not expire, and details about the pass is available on the transit webpage
- Free Ride Saturdays Promotion (Now through June 27, 2020)-Ridership has increased over the promotion time

In addition, Nate gave updates on past and upcoming community involvements.

- Social Media Town Hall to discuss City Budget (June 23, 2020 from 2-3PM)

Note: The public can submit feedback on their priorities for the City funds by going to the following website:

<https://wichitastaff.budgetsimulator.com/budget>

(The budget simulator is available until June 30, 2020)

## **B. Transportation Report**

Scott Wadle presented the transportation report to the board members. Key points that were presented to the board is as follows:

- COVID-19 has impacted usage of the parking garages. The occupancy numbers are increasing, but not near where they were before
- Old Town- It has been requested for staff members to contact property owners near proposed landscaping projects. The landscaping projects are scheduled for after the completion of the resurfacing projects

Note: The resurfacing projects for the Old Town area has started

- Douglas Lots- Many business owners are requesting that permits be allowed during the construction. The permits would grant parking to exceed the allotted 2-hour parking that is in place
- 215 S. Market Street Garage- The garage doors have been down due to the low activity. Gates may get raised once a certain threshold is reached for parking activity
- Triangle Lot (The lot next to Century II) - There's several working concerns with this parking lot. It has been quite challenging for parking ambassadors to determine every use for the parking spaces
- Parking Enforcement-The parking ambassador was furloughed from March-May 2020. The parking ambassador has since returned to work
- Zagster/Spin- The scooter company has ceased operation in the Wichita area due to COVID-19. Currently, other options are being researched
- VeoRide-The scooter company had initially ceased operations due to COVID-19. In May 2020, the VeoRide operations has resume operation

### On-hold Transportation Items

- Mobile Payment Pilot
- Parking and Multimodal Plan
- Broadway Safety Corridor
- Downtown Streets Conceptual Plan
- East Douglas Avenue Corridor

**6. Other Business**

**A. Transit Advisory Board Vacancies**

Chair LeAnna proposed a motion to fill the Transit Advisory Board vacancies. Member Catherine seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved to fill the vacancies.

**B. COVID-19 Grant**

Chair LeAnna wanted board members to start brainstorming of related ideas to help utilize the COVID-19 dollars. Members wanted to get a better understanding of what is considered eligible expenses under the grant requirements.

**7. Announcements**

None.

**8. Meeting adjourned shortly at 11:19 A.M.**