The Wichita Transit Advisory Board met in regular session.

Present:
Ellen Abbey, LeAnna Beat, Matt Byrum, Diana Edmiston, Jason Gregory, Darryl Kelly Jr., Dorsha Kirksey, Catherine McMurray, Mika Pyyhkala, and Shana Chivon Stephens

Absent:
Shannon Bohm, and Troy Tabor

1. **Call to Order**
The regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on May 19, 2021 in regular session by Chair LeAnna Beat.

The new board member Diana Edmiston was introduced to the Transit Advisory Board. Member Edmiston was appointed by Council Member Curello. She will fill the District III seat.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
Member Kelly proposed a motion to the board to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2021, Transit Advisory Board meeting. The minutes were seconded by Member Kirksey. Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. **Public Comments**
Mr. A. Crane showed sincere appreciation to the transit staff for placing a bench and sidewalk for employees near 21st and Maize Road. In addition, Andrew suggested that transit staff notify him of updates with the Delano Multimodal Center.

Director Tann advised Mr. A. Crane that the design contract for the Delano Multimodal Center was awarded on May 11, 2021. The project is in the early phases, but the advisory board and community will be notified of all public engagements. In addition, transit staff will research the functionality of the enroute announcement system.
4. **Discussion Items**

   A. **Election of Board Officers**

   Board members had the opportunity to nominate a new chairperson and vice-chair for the 2021-2022 term. Board members submitted their nominations via the virtual chat tool.

   The board nominated to keep the officers the same:

   Chairperson - LeAnna Beat

   Vice-Chairperson - Catherine McMurray

   Seven board members unanimously approved the following:

   Chairperson - LeAnna Beat

   Vice-Chairperson - Catherine McMurray

5. **Information Items**

   A. **Marketing Report**

   A copy of the marketing report was emailed to the board with the current focus points:

   - Wind Surge Parking and Transportation Information
     City staff has completed a brochure, maps, videos, and other resources for stadium parking.

   - Transit fleet electrification promotion with Evergy
     Wichita Transit has partnered with Evergy to help them create videos to implement electric vehicles for Transportation.

     A video was created to promote the Veterans Ride Free program by United Way on May 21, 2021.

   - Preparation for the Q-Line return to service on May 29th, 2021
     Advertisements will be visible on social media, downtown businesses, and other internal channels. Additional marketing will be available with financial support.
• Ticket Vending Machine and Mobile Ticketing testing, preparation for promotion
Ticket Vending is available at the Transit Center during hours of operations. Promotions will start once the functionality of the system is adequate.

• Ridership Summary
Fixed-route bus ridership increased in April to 63,309 rides. WSU Routes ridership accounted for over 6,000 rides in April.

B. Director’s Report
Director Tann informed the board members of the Director’s report.

• WT operation update
The current number of available bus operators puts a strain on the service that is provided today. Additional bus operators are needed to meet the level of service requirements that are advertised. As employment increases, Wichita Transit will consider options to expand the transportation service.
Board members are encouraged to share on social media open Wichita Transit positions.
Wichita Transit paratransit service is back to pre-covid levels with 270 plus trips. The fixed-route service has also had an uptick in ridership.
Transportation normalcy hopefully will return by the end of 2021.

• Secretary of Transportation Visit on April 21, 2021
The Secretary of Transportation was very interested in the new facility and electrification.

• The Kansas Public Transit Association (KPTA)
The annual KPTA gathering will be held August - September 2022 in Wichita, KS. This will be a great way to interact with other transit agencies, advisory board members, and vendors. More details will be provided at a later date.

• Mask Mandates
Mask will still be required on buses, at the Transit Center, and in federal buildings until mid-September.

• Delano Multimodal Center
The design contract was approved and awarded to TranSystems by City Council on May 11, 2021. Updates will be provided monthly.
• Evergy
Wichita Transit has been switch over to the Kansas City Electrification team for any upcoming projects.

• Triennial Review
Every four years, the Federal Transit Administration examines the performance and adherence to FTA requirements and policies. Wichita Transit will complete the 2016-2019 review period next month.

• Bike Share and Scooters
Bike and Scooter ridership has significantly increased.
Now that the pilot program has ended, a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued to deploy scooters permanently in the Wichita Area.

• Recognition
On May 18, 2021, Raven Alexander and the paratransit staff were recognized by Envision. The paratransit team works diligently to coordinate applications for Envision clients and consumers. Envision expressed sincere appreciation to Wichita Transit for providing excellent service.

6. Old Business
• Outreach to Appointed Body

7. New Business
None.

8. Announcements
• Dedication Ceremony for the Redbud Trail (K96 to 159th Street E)
The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 10 AM. Details will be provided to the board at a later date.

• Phil vs Mayor Challenge #9
On May 22, 2021 at noon, Phil and Mayor Whipple will have a five mile bicycle race from the Wichita Transit Administration Office through the downtown Wichita area. The challenge is organized by Bike Shae ICT, Bike Walk Wichita, Wichita Transit, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.
9. **Adjournment**

Member Abbey proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Member Kelly. The meeting adjourned shortly at 11:21 AM.

The next meeting of the board will be held on **June 16, 2021 @10:00 AM**.