

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

Sanford Alexander, LeAnna Beat, Troy Bruun, Jason Gregory, Patricia Hileman, Darryl Kelly, Michael Loop, Michael May, Rebecca Robertson, Moji Rosson

Absent:

Shannon Bohm, Matt Byrum, Robert Hamilton, Michael May, Jeff Preisner, Greg Schneider, Janet Wilson, Robert Yelverton

1. Opening

The regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on May 15, 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 April 17, 2019 Transit Advisory Board meeting. Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Discussion Items

None.

5. Information Items**a. Parking Plan Update**

Scott Wadle gave a brief introduction regarding the City of Wichita reviewing parking and the multimodal plan as it relates to parking. Jeremiah Simpson with Walker Consultants presented information regarding the Parking Plan for Wichita. The plan is to present a parking plan recommendations to the City Council. The Transit Advisory Board will be a part of the Parking Advisory Board and the plan objectives include Downtown and Delano. The project master plan was reviewed for downtown and surrounding areas. The Steering Committee and its members and the Tech Committee member with City and Car Park representatives. We are planning a July Date before council. Members of the Transit Advisory board inquired about how accessibility parking would be enforced and specifically ADA spaces. It was explained at the meeting of the committee plans would be adopted, included in these would be the design of key pads and wheel chair accessibility would be taken into consideration. Concerning the Wichita Plan have we looked at how things overlap with the county? We are primarily focused on downtown with the increase

of development. The county hotspot right now is the Court House there are entire blocks completely full with no parking available this would be addressed in later on in the plans. City has programs and it needs to be more regulated, this would consist of a sharing of roles and will be addressed over time. The opportunity for public input in the process is was documented. There was a webpage related to the plan. Some of the draft recommendations are as follows:

- The parking program should be self-sustaining
- Special Revenue Funds
- Should include T-Striping/Maintenance
- Should include the consolidation of Parking/Mobility Manager
- Reinvestment into Parking Maintenance and repairs - \$150/space is recommended for Wichita's size
- Enforcement Strategies/Technology
- Credit card reader/Pilot Mobile Paying
- Camera System
- License recognition
- Residential Permit Parking (Ball Park District)

There has also been several suggestions that private parking enforcement be discontinued and increase fund performance for the parking fund to cover the immediate expense. The average median rate - \$.75 - \$2.00 per hour is in line with other locations the size of Wichita, and there is a recommendation that our rates should fall in line with our peers.

b. Marketing Report

Nate Hinkel presented the Marketing report to the board. He provided the following updates:

- Fixed Route changes effective May 25th
- Summer Youth program update – our own free summer rides program
- Marketing for TransLock micro transit pilot project – will be conducted in a small test area and we will review for ADA accessibility. Additional information will be presented to the board in June, this program is similar to Uber/Lyft.
- Radio spots with four iHeart Radio stations beginning May 20th.
- Working on trade agreement with KMUW and Intrust Bank Area
- Full Page ad in the WSU Visitors guide – released Summer 2019

c. Transportation Department Report

Scott Wadle provided a brief overview of the Transportation report due to time constraints. Security continues to be addressed in the parking garages. There was a recommendation made by the Steering Committee to remove loading zone however, this

is being debated. The following parking updates were provided:

- Block 1 continues to have equipment issues, with the system popping on and off-line. Car Park is working with Amano staff and this is the \$6,000 ticket dispenser. This will be replaced as we have a spare.
- Occupancy at the 215 S Market Garage continues to be near the 85% best practice, may warrant a price increase to shift demand to other lots.
- Extra capacity exists at all the lots.

There are several ongoing projects in process. The highlights include:

- 215 S Market Street Garage – working with contractors to receive estimated for security enhancements. Public Works and Utilities have indicated a willingness to manage the project.
- State Office Building Garage – May 13th, 2019 staff met with developer of the Hilton Garden Inn, connected by skywalk to State Office Building Garage. Staff from The Carpark will be working Amano to identify upgrades/cost to allow hotel guests to use the garage. Additionally, hotel will start with 120 spaces, per agreement with the city. The City will propose the pricing at a follow up meeting.
- City Hall – New equipment contract is under review by the contractor and city staff will schedule an internal coordination meeting with senior staff to discuss logistics prior to approval by City Council.

d. Director's Update

Mike Tann, Wichita Transit Director, provided some general transit updates. Transit currently has several openings for bus operators. The starting pay for bus operators is \$14.13 per hour. There are restrictions for how many hours part-time drivers are allowed to work. August 4th, 2019 we are expecting four brand new Proterra buses, these buses will serve as replacement for our Trolleys. Tann wanted to let the Transit Advisory Board know that there were a very significant change made on Route 11. The bus will now service the zoo, has a decrease in frequency to once an hour service and will be free to ride through the summer. The Bikeshare is having a promotion because of its one year of service to Wichita. The promotion allows for an Annual pass if purchased in May, the code is Birthday2018 and it allows for one hour free. Lastly, we received approval for our School Supplemental service from the FTA with the assistance of Jay Hinkel.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Announcements

Moji Rosson informed the board that Janet Wilson our Board member suffered a stroke and our thoughts and prayers are with her.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.