



The Wichita Transit Advisory Board met in hybrid session.

Present:

Diana Edmiston

Absent:

Ellen Abbey, Shana Chivon Stephens, Mika Pyyhkala, Jason Gregory, and Troy Tabor

Remote:

Dorsha Kirksey

Guest: Michael Vizzacchero & Darin Quioco, TSA/Suzane Jenkins VA/Matt Low UWP/Mike Tann, Raven Alexander, Nate Hinkel City of Wichita/Online Stephen Banks, Alicia Hunter, Tonja Howard, Jay Hinkel & Tia Raamot

1. Opening

Lead Raven Alexander called the regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on June 15, 2022.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

May minutes tabled for another time. No quorum at this meeting

3. Public Comments

None

4. Discussion Items

A. Multimodal Center Update

Paul Gunzelman provided an update regarding the Delano Multimodal Center project. Most current preferred building concept was reviewed and has been presented to District 6 and the Design Council. Sixty percent plan submitted.

B. Veterans Ride Free Program Extension

Nate presented info on the Vets Ride Free Program. One noticeable difference is eliminating transportation as a barrier. Pilot has been going on for two years. VA and Unite Way been a part of the pilot program \$10,000.00 per year. Request a two-year extension with 36 percent growth rate increase. With growth rate increased by 120 percent with stops to the VA hospital.

Speaker Suzane with VA spoke of the fear if program went away or ended. Gave two Vet Stories of how the Vets Ride Free Program helped two vets out. The vet's area able to get to the doctors' appointments, grocery shopping and to their employment. The program has impacted vets across the city.

C. TSA Presentation

Speaker Michael Vizzacchero with TSA working with Transit on safety in security. Regulatory no breakdown 1% should be spent on security. All paid for by the government. Practice vulnerability assessments. How do we make sure things are safe? Need security plan EOP. Security workshops with TSA are ongoing initiative. Security enhancement through assessment. A practice test was run at 3:15am today. It is a no-fault test. Mike should have the results. Continue training by

5. Information Items

A. Marketing Report

Nate Hinkel provided a review of the digital insights, current focus areas and ridership. Ridership higher than usual. A copy has been provided to board members prior to the meeting. Highlights include mask no longer being a requirement but strongly encouraged. Vets Ride Free and Ride summer youth, KPTA annual meeting will be held in August and being hosted in Wichita this year.

Meetings have begun with the Veterans Administration and Untied Way as they are looking to make this a permanent program.

B. Director's Report

No directors report – Forgo for this meeting

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Lead Raven Alexander made motion to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

The next meeting of the board will be held on **July 20, 2022 @10:00 AM.**

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