



**The Wichita Transit Advisory Board Meeting in regular session.**

**Absent:** Ellen Abbey, Jason Gregory, and Mika Pyyhkala

**Remote:** Diana Edmiston, Dorsha Kirksey, and Troy Tabor

**Guest:** Brett Letkowski & Paul Gunzelman City staff; Tonja Howard, Jay Hinkel, Mike Tann, Raven Alexander, Tia Raamot and Sarah Pineda

**Opening**

Lead Raven Alexander called the regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board to order at 10:01 a.m. on September 21, 2022.

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve August minutes by Troy Tabor, seconded by Dorsha Kirksey. Unanimously all in favor.

**2. Public Comments**

None

**3. Discussion Items**

**A. TranSystems Update**

Brett Makalsky gave quick updates on the Multimodal Facility. We meet with Cindy from FTA last week. Last week talked about overall design. Also discussed contingency to present to this group as well. She did confirm grant has been obligated. Her belief is we're where they need to be by September 2023. Way ahead of schedule.

As far as design goes once, we do the engineering and resized the facility to meet our current budget. Then our design went back through and did architectural design to make sure everything meets code. Will be getting ready in fall to present to council.

Next four to six weeks to have our internal kick off meetings. Design teams meeting next week to discuss the 30%-60% design phase. Looking to have 60% concept towards end of the year.

#### **4. Information Items**

##### **A. Marketing Report**

Mike Tann provided a review in Nathaniel Hinkels' absence:

Digital insight, Route 15 detour closed for two years due to Amidon bridge closure. Route 15 free while bridge is under construction.

Smart Cards still in process. August peaked due to school in session. USD increased ridership also choice riders had huge increase.

##### **B. Director's Report**

Mike Tann on the KPTA conference held here in Wichita. It has been the highest in attendance in a long time. Mentioned of an event that occurred last night. Fire event of a CCW bus smoking coming from the top. Investigation was done, no fire. Wichita fire department was called no fire to put out. Bus was not powered on, not charging, not in service since September 15, was sitting in the bay. Had been there over 48 hours. What can cause a bus to that has been sitting in service bay to start smoking. Manufacturer will be coming in tomorrow to do a complete check up as to why it started smoking. Checked the bus and no fire, smoke, or damage to the bus. Staff handled the whole situation very well.

#### **5. Old Business**

None.

#### **6. New Business**

Some discussing with Access Advisory Board about ADA accessible street sign amenities when that becomes a requirement, what are the plans. Going to meet with them to talk about the specifics. We are going to meet with Town East Mall to get an update about when new tenants are moving in. If construction is going on at entrances. Put together a plan to put the buses back on Town East. They are very much for it. Create new synergies with Town East and possibly Town West. Shopping is part of what people use public transportation as well as employment opportunities as well. People who work at malls traditional use public transportation for access to those jobs. As we start to build those routes and extended hours since malls are open till 10:00 pm.

#### **7. Announcements**

Mike meet with WSU for more service on game nights. 202 and 202A run one hour before weekday games and half hour after games. Will utilize the off-campus areas. This will

help ridership. Meetings are being held on campus for the disabled community 21A route deviations from out parking areas with handicap accessibility to buildings on campus. We had a good meeting last week with WSU to get those coordinated. Again, that will help our ridership and relationship with WSU we want to see it continued to grow.

### **Adjournment**

Lead Raven Alexander proposed to adjourn meeting. Motion to adjourn by Troy Tabor, seconded by Dorsha Kirksey. All agree. The meeting adjourned at 10:20am

The next meeting of the board will be held on **October 19, 2022 @10:00 AM.**

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