



**BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2017**

Present

Mary Marsh-King, Chair
Tim Bates, Vice Chair
Tera Stegner
Drew Foster
Steve Harder
Axel Deininger (remote)
Steven Black
Dave Zaback

STF and City/County Staff

Lee Lazaro, STF Coordinator
Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)
Lisa Scherf (City of Corvallis)

Visitors/Presenters

Danny Magana (Rideline Brokerage)
Brenda Mainord (Rideline Brokerage)

Absent

Tom Wogaman
Debie Wyne (Benton County Public Works)

1. Introductions

Chair Mary Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves. Mary also acknowledged that Axel Deininger was present via speakerphone.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the June 27th, 2017 minutes. Steve Black moved to accept the minutes and Drew Foster seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

3. Old Business

a) Coordinated Plan Status – Lee informed the Committee that the Board of Commissioners is scheduled to adopt the plan on August 1st, 2017.

4. New Business

a) Rideline Brokerage – Brenda Mainord and Danny Magana gave a thorough presentation regarding services offered by the Rideline Transportation Brokerage, operated by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. They provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) to eligible Medicaid and Oregon Health Plan clients traveling to covered medical appointments and services. Handouts were distributed, then discussion ensued surrounding specific details for operations and client assistance. They also discussed growth comparison within the Brokerage, from when the Brokerage was first established to the current year. They invited Committee members to contact them anytime if needed for more information.

b) BOC Request for Health Representative on STAC (bylaws Amendment) – Mary Marsh-King said that the Board of Commissioners has expressed the desire for a representative from the health community to be a member of STAC. Lee informed the Committee that this

issue arose during the review of the Coordinated Plan, and the partnering involvement for medical rides, specifically Samaritan Health Services. He indicated that the Board asked that Lee work with County Counsel and the STAC to amend the STAC Bylaws to provide for a Health representative on the STAC, and bring those Bylaws back to the STAC for approval. Chair Marsh-King asked what was needed from the STAC to enable that? Lee indicated that a motion to direct staff to work with County Counsel to amend the Bylaws to provide for a Health representative on the STAC, and to bring the amended Bylaws back to the STAC for approval, would be the appropriate action. Steven Black made a motion to direct staff to amend the Bylaws as indicated, and Steve Harder seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the STAC.

c) Update on HB2017 Transportation Bill – Lee announced the news that the legislature passed the Oregon Transportation Bill for use in road construction, road rebuilding, public transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects. Funds will be generated thru a gas hike beginning in 2018. There will also be additional taxes such as bicycle, increase in car registration fees, new car purchase, and hybrid electric purchases. There will also be a new transit payroll tax for all employers, which will generate significant revenues for public transit in Benton and other Oregon counties, beginning in January 2019. More to follow on this in future meetings.

d) Update on Corvallis Transit Bus Cameras – Tim Bates informed the group that the cameras have been in service for one month. There are 5 cameras per bus on all 15 Corvallis Transit buses. The cameras have already proven to be useful when there are complaints or questions regarding specific individuals, drivers, other passengers, and even determining if proper procedures were followed by the driver when passenger accidents have happened.

e) Informational – Lee Lazaro had several items of which to provide updates on:

1) Save the Date – There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Fairgrounds on the evening of September 21, 2017. Watch for more details and a personal invitation from the Board of Commissioners on this event in the near future.

2) Amtrak Connector Bus Service Update – Mr. Lazaro announced that the service will begin on August 3rd, 2017. Driver training is scheduled for July 27th with Dial-A-Bus, and a reporter from the Gazette Times will attend.

3) Solar Eclipse – Steve Harder confirmed that Dial-A-Bus will be closing on Monday the eclipse day only. Lee Lazaro said that shuttle buses will be provided for the Adair Park campground. Tim Bates said that Corvallis Transit System will have bus service on Sunday, shuttle buses for the Crystal Lake campground to Benton County Fairgrounds/Oregon State University/Corvallis Transit Center.

5. Roundtable: (None)

5. **Conclusion:** Steve Harder made a motion to adjourn and Steven Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 26, 2017, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. It was noted that the August meeting is cancelled.