



SALEM CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC TRANSIT COMMITTEE
January 9, 2018
Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325
MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Alderson
Sadie Carney
Ian Davidson
Rebekah Engle
Chris Hoy, Councilor
Cesar Ibarra
Jim Lewis, Councilor
Steve McCoid, Councilor (Chair)
Allan Pollock
Alan Scott
Cy Smith
Joshua Taverne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cristina Marquez-Guerrero
Meg Rowe

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Rodriguez
Julie Warncke

PRESENT

Chris French, Cherriots

1. Call to Order

Councilor Steve McCoid called to order the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. TRANSIT SURVEY RESULTS

- Committee Member Allan Pollock introduced Chris French from Cherriots to the committee. Mr. French reviewed and discussed the 2017 Cherriots Needs Assessment Report (available on the Committee web page) starting on page 39 with Rider and Community Engagement, this information focused on service for Saturdays, Sundays and weekday evenings.
- From the survey results Saturday service was the number one choice, followed with weekday evening service and then Sunday service. Results also broke down start and end times as well as the purpose of the trip.
- Another need that was assessed was route frequency and coverage service, in which riders asked for more frequency on existing routes and to expand coverage in areas that are not currently served by routes.
- Overall Mr. French stated the survey results were what they expected but Sundays were a bit of a surprise.
- Committee Member Pollock said the next step will be to bring the recommendations to the Board in their January meeting and from the series of recommendations the Board will prioritize implementation.

3. CITY-RELATED BARRIERS TO TRANSIT

- The objective to reviewing the City Related Barriers to Transit document is to have a recommendation of action items for City Council by the next meeting.
- The Committee reviewed and discussed each item from the City Related Barriers to Transit document. Prior to the start of the discussion Julie Warncke commented she created a column with preliminary staff input for each issue. Julie made updates to the worksheet as the Committee worked through each issue identified.
- During discussion of Item 1, regarding charges for employee parking, Committee Member Ian Davidson suggested that an alternative approach would be to review parking requirements in the downtown area in general to limit parking if there is an over-abundance. He had provided a link to a video relating to the cost of free parking that will be distributed to committee members prior to the next meeting. Various committee members questioned whether a general review of parking requirements would meet the original objective of Item 1, which was tied directly to City employees as a companion to the recommendation to provide employees with bus passes.
- As the meeting was coming to an end the Committee agreed on stopping after item number 18 and picking up with items 19 – 26 at the the next meeting.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will take place Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Note:

Audio recording of meeting is available on our City of Salem Website under “Meeting Minutes”.