

Regional Transit System Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Avery, Frank J.		X
Black, Thomas (Chair)	X	
Blount, Kali		X
Breeze, William (Vice-Chair)	X	
Kozakoff, Stephen		X
Miller, Martha	X	
Nelson, Richard	X	
Scott, Barbara	X	
<i>Vacant (Student Seat)</i>		

RTS staff in attendance

Jesus Gomez, Krys Ochia, Millie Crawford, Tom Idoyaga, Roy Darnold, Steve Mayes, Patti Wiggs, and Rosalyn Jones.

Call to Order

Chair Black called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The CAB adopted the Agenda and approved the July 25, 2018 Minutes by consensus.

Staff Updates

ADA Update – ADA Transit Services Coordinator Mildred Crawford provided a verbal update to the Board and went over the ADA summary. Ms. Earnesha Jackson from MV Transportation also gave a verbal update on the paratransit service. Ms. Crawford shared a copy of the new ADA guide recently published and agreed to send copies to Mr. Nelson to share with his students at UF.

Customer Service Update – Customer Service Advocate Patti Wiggs provided a verbal update on current activities and initiatives and went over the Customer Service Summary.

Marketing Update – Marketing & Communications Specialist Tom Idoyaga provided a verbal update on current Marketing activities and initiatives including kiosks and website updates. We have several job fairs and public outreach events coming up that RTS will be participating in over the next several months. Tom asked about the board's interest in naming several of the new projects proposed to start in the near future.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller, second by Mr. Breeze that the board recommend to the City Commission that the Autonomous vehicle service be called the Autobus, the Eastside connect service be called the Microbus, and the Tri-County express service be called the Expresso. Motion passed by consensus.

Planning Update – Planning Manager Krys Ochia went over the route ranking sheet and there was a brief discussion about the Later Gator routes. Citizen Mary Morganthaler asked that the Later Gator buses be assigned a designated bay at Rosa Parks to make it easier for passengers to board them. Staff agreed to look into this and report back to the board.

Transit Director's Report – Transit Director Jesus Gomez and Operations Manager Roy Darnold provided an update on current staffing levels and initiatives. Director Gomez went over his list of updates including the Microbus project, the FTA grant for a new electric bus, TDP major upgrades, the pedestrian detection update, the voice annunciation project, Automated Passenger Counters (APC) project, farebox updates, the upcoming City Commission and General Policy Committee items, the new FY budget, and the new ATU Agreement.

Discussion Items

FY19 Chair and Vice-Chair Elections – Mr. Black was re-elected as the Chair for FY19, and Mr. Breeze was re-elected as the Vice-Chair for FY19.

Planning Manager Krys Ochia discussed the Transit Development Plan (TDP) major update scheduled to go to the City Commission in the near future.

A motion was made by Mr. Breeze, second by Ms. Miller that the board approve the TDP update to the City Commission as presented by staff. Approved by consensus.

Tri-County Park & Ride Service Proposal – A presentation was provided by the Planning Manager Krys Ochia discussing the proposed Park & Ride Service tentatively scheduled to start in the Spring. Chair Black requested that an update be provided to the board approximately 90 days after the service starts.

A motion was made by Mr. Breeze, second by Ms. Miller that the board endorsed the proposed Phase I Tri-County Park & Ride Service to the City Commission as presented by staff. Approved by consensus.

Member Comments

Ms. Scott asked if there was an alert system when service is interrupted on the weekend. Staff stated that notifications are normally posted on Transloc even after hours, but will look into improving communications and procedures after hours and on the weekends.

Mr. Breeze asked that staff contact the CEO at the Gainesville Regional Airport to explore possible partnerships on services.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Morganthaler thanked the board for allowing her to participate in the meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Black adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:08 PM.

**** These Minutes provide a summary of actions taken at the meeting; a recording of the meeting can be provided upon request.***