

**Salem Area Mass Transit District
Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Courthouse Square - Senator Hearing Room
555 Court St NE, Salem, Oregon 97301**

A. CALL TO ORDER & NOTE OF ATTENDANCE:

Ron Harding called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Harding, Chair; John Hammill, Vice Chair; Marja Byers; Jean Sherbeck; Emily Broussard; Victor Reppeto; Sharon Heuer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sherena Meager-Osteen

STAFF:

Ted Stonecliffe, Transit Planner II; Steve Dickey, Director of Transportation Development; Jolynn Franke, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Development; SueAnn Coffin, Contracted Transportation Manager

SAMTD BOARD LIAISON:

Jerry Thompson, SAMTD Board of Directors; Colleen Busch, SAMTD Board of Directors

PROVIDERS:

Kathy McClaskey, Transit Manager, City of Woodburn; Goran Petrovic, General Manager, MV Transportation

GUESTS:

Arla Miller, ODOT Region 2; Colleen Bradford, Dept. of Human Services; one member of the public who did not leave any information

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the public who uses a wheelchair brought two bus stops that are difficult for him to access to the attention of the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC). One of the stops is on Lancaster Drive in front of the Winema Place building. There is no direct access to Lancaster from the parking lot, causing a person using a wheelchair to have to exit the parking lot on Winema and travel down the sidewalk to Lancaster. While this

is of concern to the STFAC, this property is owned by Chemeketa Community College (CCC), who would need to be contacted regarding the possibility of adding an access way from the parking lot to Lancaster. Ted Stonecliffe encouraged the individual to contact CCC and offered that Cherriots staff could also contact them.

The other stop is on Cherry Avenue near Plymouth Drive. Lack of a crosswalk at this intersection makes it very difficult to access the State offices at this location. Again, while this is of concern to the STFAC it would be under the City of Salem's jurisdiction as to whether a crosswalk could be added at this intersection. Ted encouraged the individual to contact the City of Salem and offered that Cherriots staff could also contact them. Ted also informed the individual of the new Cherriots Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) which will have more of a focus on the ADA accessibility of Cherriots bus stops. The CAC will have its' first meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ron Harding announced the recommendation to the STFAC from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Section 5310(FTA) grant funding. The TAC recommends Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD) Mobility Management Call Center and Partnership Coordination project be funded in the amount of \$80,000; the SAMTD Cherriots Shop and Ride Preventative Maintenance project be funded in the amount of \$32,428; the SAMTD Cherriots Shop and Ride Purchased Service Operation to be funded in the amount of \$104,804; and the Garten Community Employment Transportation for People with Disabilities project to be funded in the amount of \$15,666. This recommendation would fund all applications received at some level.

D. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2018

Marja Byers motioned to approve the March 6, 2018 STFAC meeting minutes as written. Victor Reppeto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously among voting members.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Motion to recommend that the Cherriots Board of Directors award Section 5310(FTA) grants at levels indicated in Exhibit 'A' (to be developed by the STFAC) [Ron Harding] -**

Ron Harding motioned for the STFAC to accept the recommendation from the TAC as written and pass it on the Cherriots Board of Directors. Jean Sherbeck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously among voting members.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Cherriots Regional stops improvement project update [Ted Stonecliffe] -**

New Cherriots bus stop signs and poles are being installed in the rural communities served by Cherriots Regional buses. These new signs are a result of the Cherriots Brand Refresh project that concluded last year.

Other improvements include:

- Two shelters have been relocated to more suitable areas, one in Dallas and one in Independence.
- Cherriots is working with the City of Woodburn and the City of Canby to improve the stop at the Bi-Mart in Woodburn served by all three agencies.
- A new stop pair went into service in Silverton yesterday on First Street. These stops were relocated from the opposite side of the block where the buses would often be waiting up to 4 minutes due to heavy traffic.

2. Provider Updates: None

3. Round Table Topics:

- The issue raised at last month's meeting regarding electric bicycles on the bus bicycle racks is being researched.
- Director Busch shared her appreciation for the opportunity she and other board members and staff had to attend the American Public Transportation Association conference last week in Washington, DC.

She and others took advantage of opportunities to meet with members of the U.S Congress and advocate for public transportation needs.

- Emily Broussard suggested that Cherriots look into the possibility of participating in the Portland Rose Parade.

G. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Recorded by: Jolynn Franke, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Development Division

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018; 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Courthouse Square Building, Senator Hearing Room

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