

# **TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **November 18, 2021**

**Presiding:** Vice Chair Alex Vice

**Committee Present:** Warren Holzem, Nancy Muller, Paul Waterman, and Alex Vice

**Committee Absent:** Chair Carol Luce

**Staff Present:** Todd Wood, Heidi Muller, and Scott Hess

**Others Present:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Alex Vice called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Operations Report: Scott Hess, First Transit General Manager, said the new circulator was running smoothly. Staffing retention was good and there had been no accidents or injuries.

B. Canby Loop Discussion: Todd Wood, Transit Director, reviewed the data collected regarding the circulator stops for the month of October. There had been 445 riders, which was an average of 30-40 riders per day. The 5:30 a.m. route and Sequoia stops were not being used. The two populations who were not currently being served were the business and Hispanic communities. They had reached out to Bridging Cultures and would send out Facebook ads in Spanish. They were mostly serving shoppers and students. They received a request from Baker Prairie Middle School to change the route so students could get to school on time. He would be looking into adjusting the route to accommodate the request. The run times seemed to be working, and they were mostly on time. They were also meeting up with other service providers.

There was discussion regarding the current schedule, service to the middle school, ridership, and promoting the circulator.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future Expansion: Mr. Wood said they needed to start thinking about where they would like to expand in the future. He discussed using the State Transportation Improvement Fund to expand Dial-A-Ride service to Aurora and evening service to Woodburn.

There was discussion regarding service to Aurora and how far they would go out, possible service to rural Canby starting with Kraxberger Road, expanding service to Woodburn, current Wilsonville service through SMART, building an integrated website for all area providers that connected to each other, replacing the triosk at the Transit Center, adding Saturday service to the circulator, and funding.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion regarding the plan for rerouting due to the quiet zone construction.

Mr. Wood shared his ideas for projects that would help mitigate the increased traffic due to tolling. He would like to expand the Transit Center, add a southerly park and ride, purchase more buses, and expand service. He asked if there were any other ideas.

There was discussion regarding the capacity of the Oregon City and Canby Transit Centers for expansion and possible access to the north side under the railroad tracks in case access was blocked by the train.

**ADJOURN:** Vice Chair Alex Vice adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood